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# The Rosa Vera Fund

JUNE 2006 DONOR UPDATE

## Ademar Alan Flores Negrete



Ademar with his  
grandmother, Maria



Ademar is an 11 year old boy with the diagnosis of **epilepsy**. His story is tragic in that his mother developed ‘eclampsia’ (severe hypertension and seizures) during pregnancy, and died from a stroke shortly after Ademar’s birth. Because of his mother’s condition, Ademar’s birth was problematic and his brain likely suffered from a lack of oxygen during his prolonged delivery, resulting in seizures that began in infancy. He is under the care of his very loving grandmother.

When I met Ademar in 2005, he was having seizures almost every day. Arrangements were made for evaluation by a neurologist.. He was started on anti-seizure medications, after which his seizures have been almost completely eliminated.

Ademar is considered to be a quiet, passive boy amongst strangers. However, among his family, he is thought of as obedient, helpful and always fun to be with. My interview with the grandmother was difficult to complete due to her constant weeping... **she would like for me to express her sincere gratitude to you, the donors.** She says that you have “made life so much better for Ademar”.

### **RVF YEAR II UPDATE: JUNE, 06 (Month 3)**

# of individuals/families contributing:	26
Funds raised in RVF Year 1 thus far:	\$3445

**Family Economic Situation:** After the death of Ademar’s mother and abandonment by his father, his grandmother (Maria, 60 y.o.) assumed full responsibility for him and his brother (Carlos, 12 y.o.). Also living at home are a great uncle, an uncle, and two older cousins. The economic situation is very tenuous, as the entire household depends primarily on the income of the uncle and his wife who works as a domestic servant in Spain and occasionally sends money. The grandmother also works washing clothes, but this income is very limited (<\$5/wk). The house has only two rooms (10x12 each), constructed of a cement floor with brick walls and a thatched roof. Latrine only; + running/potable water; + electricity. Diet is limited to mostly inexpensive carbohydrates.

**Family Social Situation:** This is a loving, appreciative family who have a realistic approach towards Ademar’s needs. They are compliant with the medication regimen and many doctor visits. Ademar has unfortunately never attended school.

**RVF Contribution:** 100% of initial evaluation (\$50). Thereafter, 50-75% of all costs for daily anti-seizure medications (~\$5/wk.) & evaluation by neurologist/lab work every 4-6 months (\$8 per visit)

**Family Contribution:** 25-50% of all costs depending on ability

**GOAL: 60 Donors**

**GOAL: \$12,287**

