



Vera family showing
borders of land purchase
5/05

The Rosa Vera Fund

FEBRUARY 2006 DONOR UPDATE

The Vera Family Mausoleum



Rosa's rented grave



Vera family with structurally
complete mausoleum
1/06

After her death in May, 2003, Rosa Vera's body was placed in a mausoleum in Montero's principal cemetery. Unknown to us then, Rosa's family pays monthly rent for her *and* her two siblings (that died as infants) because they can't afford their own structure.

Upon hearing this, a donor to the RVF requested that her family's donation be used to remedy this situation if possible. Following discussion with the Vera family, we learned that Rosa's parents did in fact have enormous anxiety over their lack of a family burial plot. They also do not feel comfortable practicing their traditional Quechua rituals in the principal cemetery. An agreement was made and work on the Vera mausoleum began in a rural, primarily Quechua cemetery. The three children's remains will be moved in 2007 according to local law and tradition.

RVF DONOR/CONTRIBUTION UPDATE: FEBRUARY, 06

- # of individuals/families contributing: 47
- Funds raised in RVF Year 1 thus far: \$11,431.09

Family Economic Situation: Marginal but stable. Parents sell brooms in the town market. Family also runs a tiny 'general store' from their home. Parents live with their 4 surviving daughters (18, 12, 9, 6) in a three room, concrete floor brick home. + outside latrine; + running water; + electricity. Diet is nutritious.

Family Social Situation: Stable; mother speaks Quechua only. Father and 9 year old daughter with significant medical problems.

RVF Contribution: (in US\$)

Land/permits:	35	
Truckload of sand:	25	
4000 bricks:	135	
18 bags of cement:	97	
5 iron bars:	22	
9 square meters tile:	20	
Labor:	187	Total: \$521

Family Contribution: Oversee construction; finishing touches.