



May, 2005: 5 months old

THE ROSA VERA FUND

JANUARY 2006 DONOR UPDATE

The Case of Erick Soliz Cayalo

*If you can't feed a hundred
people, then just feed one.*

Mother Teresa



January, 2006: 1 year old

Erick is a one year-old that initially presented to me at 5 months of age for vomiting and diarrhea. Although this episode was a simple resolving gastroenteritis, routine physical examination revealed a loud, harsh heart murmur.

Consultation with a cardiologist at the hospital in Montero was facilitated (\$3). An echocardiogram was obtained in the nearby city of Santa Cruz (\$35+transportation costs), which showed that Erick has a common congenital heart defect called a "ventricular septal defect". As growth and time will often correct this defect in the heart's ventricular wall by the age of four, we will be monitoring Erick's murmur with the oversight of his cardiologist.

In addition, during Erick's check-up with me this past January, it was noted that his weight and height curves are marginal. Therefore, Erick has been enrolled in the Rural Andean Health Committee's Underweight Child Program. As part of this program, Erick will be weighed every two weeks and will be

checked and treated for intestinal parasites every three months (costs covered by national children's insurance). His mother will receive extensive home nutrition counseling by community health aides. Additional interventions will be taken as necessary.

Family Economic Situation: Critical. Father with insecure employment. Parents live with 3 children in a single room, dirt floor hut. Outside latrine. + running water. Family diet is often deficient in protein.

Family Social Situation: Stable; concerned and loving parents.

RVF Contribution: \$38 initially, then \$3 every 6 months for cardiologist follow-up; support for community health aide

Family Contribution: All transportation costs (\$2-4/ trip)

RVF DONOR/ CONTRIBUTION UPDATE: JANUARY, 06

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| • # of individuals/families contributing: | 44 |
| • Funds raised in RVF Year 1 thus far: | \$10,911.09 |

