

Heidi Berger Reflection, Bolivia 2001

One special time was speaking to one of the bricklayers. He's a small man who shows kindness in his eyes, but has the physical strength of ten men. He told me that he was volunteering his time to Andean Rural Healthcare because it is important for his children and the community to work together to improve their health and community. He told me that he has sent his son to La Paz to get a good education. His son is studying to be a veterinarian.

I asked him if his son is coming back to Ambana since so many people stay in La Paz because they can have a better life there. He said that his son is coming back because they realize that the only way the community's life will improve is if they educate themselves in areas of work like treating animals, and then come back to their home.

It is obvious that this man understands the meaning of community, and has passed on this important value to his children.