Hi,

could possibly create another VE from scratch based on debian-4.0-i386-minimal.tar.gz add an ip to it and try to start it?

(vzctl create VE_ID --ostemplate debian-4.0-i386-minimal; vzctl set VE_ID --ipadd x.x.x.x --save; vzctl set VE_ID --nameserver x.x.x.x --save; vzctl start VE_ID).