



**Golder Trust  
for Orphans**



## SNAPSHOT

**Name of the Project:**  
Mission Station of Carlos Vilanculos

**Type of Project:**  
Grant Equity Project

**Location:**  
Mozambique

**Number of Orphans Being Supported:**  
60+

### Overview

Carlos Vilanculos was born in 1960 on his family's farm in Mozambique. Carlos endured the long war in Mozambique and at the age of 33 left his country to work at a Mission station in South Africa. In the year 2000 he decided to go back to Mozambique to help his own people.

He regained his family's property of 8 hectares in the Massinga district of Mozambique. The property is situated 20 kilometers between the small towns of Nhachenque and Mavanza.

It was on this property that Carlos started a small mission. He immediately dug a well to help local villagers get access to clean water. He also cleared a large area on the farm on which to grow crops to supply food to the local community.



He has started teaching reading and writing to adults in the community and started a service of supplying medical aid to members of the community who were terminally ill with HIV/AIDS.

Some of the terminal AIDS patients in the community started asking Carlos to take care of their children when they passed away. He currently has 6 orphans living with him, and is supplying food and clothing to 60 more children who live in the community.



To support his orphans, Carlos started a vegetable garden as a source of food which he watered from the well. He also planted a field of pineapples to sell in order to be self-sustaining. New projects envisioned are the building of facilities to house pigs and chickens. As there is a big need for fresh meat in the district, the selling of live stock could also be a funds generating project.

With financial support from the Golder Trust for Orphans, Carlos will be able to develop his vegetable garden, develop an irrigation system, build basic greenhouse facilities and eventually sell produce at the local market to generate funds to keep his orphans healthy and happy.



### Where to Find More Information

Carlos does not have the resources at this time to have a web site.

If you have a question about this project, please send an email to [GolderTrustforOrphans@golder.com](mailto:GolderTrustforOrphans@golder.com).