



**Golder Trust  
for Orphans**



## SNAPSHOT

**Name of the Project:**

Mission Station of Carlos Vilanculos

**Type of Project:**

Investment Grant Project

**Location:**

Mozambique

**Number of Orphans Being Supported:**

200+

### 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.



*Children in Carlos' village singing thanks.*



*Carlos Vilanculos.*

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 180 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.

### How We Helped this Project

In 2008 and 2009, the Golder Trust for Orphans provided Carlos with \$7,000 USD to build the first of three chicken houses on his property. Investments in Carlos' chicken project continued into early 2010. In 2010 and 2011, we are exploring investments in solar panels that will give Carlos a more reliable power supply, as well as investments in a piggery that will expand his ability to sell meat to the local market. Proceeds from both the chicken sales and pig sales will continue to provide food, school uniforms and school supplies to over 180 local children.

### Where to Find More Information

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Recent Photos from Mission Station of Carlos Vilanculos:



*Clockwise from top left: One of the children who receives food and school supplies from Carlos, Chicks in the chicken house, Local boys benefiting from Carlos' help, One of the three chicken houses.*

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