

# Green Olive Tree Ministries

## Student Biographies



### Welina

Six year old Welina is one of the few students living with both biological parents. Both illiterate parents work on their small plot of land on a high hill overlooking the town of Pombos. Welina and her sister attend the school's second grade. The four room house they live in is home for seven of her brothers and sisters, as well as for a few of her nieces and nephews.

GOTM has been involved with the family since Welina was born. During periods of drought, the family struggles to have adequate food for their large family. Older brothers and sisters were in the school during its first year in operation. Welina as an infant had serious and painful skin allergies and infections which the mission helped treat. She has fully recovered from those difficulties and is now only painfully shy!

### José Carlos

José is 7 years old and unwanted by his mother. The family of six, which includes a step-father, lives in a very poor and unclean house of two rooms. Discipline in the home consists of beatings, very foul language and threats to send the kids to the state-run orphanage.

The misery of his home life takes its toll on José's school life as well. Since his attention span is poor, his academic progress is slow. His disrespect for authority has often been disruptive to the others in his class. His interest level in class varies from day to day and is at least somewhat related to the late hours he keeps in his undisciplined home. GOTM has a glimpse of hope for him as his disruptions are less frequent than they were when he first joined the school. He had often lost his food points for bad behaviour, been sent home early or separated from the other students for periods of time. This punishment, together with kindness and love, seems to slowly be breaking through his hard shell. His older brother has been studying with us for three years and has made great strides. He is a good student with a heart open to the things of the Lord. The school is hoping the same for José Carlos.



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Please keep Welina and José Carlos in your prayers and consider financially supporting other needy children like them.

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