

## RAISING UP FOUNDATIONS OF GENERATIONS (ISAIAH 58)...

# FUTURE CHRIST-FOLLOWING LEADERS ... THROUGH EDUCATION AND LOVE.

Fabito-

He sets us in families.



Melusha~ He trades our sorrow for gladness.

Taste and see His works!

**Jerry**~He shepherds us with His skillful hand.



"Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, *faithful* God."

~Psalm 31:5

### **Estrela da Manha and Hlauleka Primary School Background**

In 2007, Sybil began to see a need for not only Christ-following Mozambican leaders but also for Christ-following and educated Mozambican leaders. With God, she began to envision a school where both the most vulnerable and the most wealthy of children in Chokwe could come learn and be educated together starting at a preschool age. Sybil saw these "diamonds in the dirt" being picked up and empowered to learn and grow physically, academically, emotionally and spiritually; through the development of a school. Over the last seven years, there is much testimony of God's faithfulness in this vision occurring. This preschool, Estrela da Manha, (Morning Star) first began in a church with seven children in 2008. Then in 2009, the first building was built. Since 2008, there have been six graduations of five year olds who started preschool at age three and graduated with a solid foundation for grade one. In 2012, the local government not only gave permission but greatly encouraged the opening of a primary private Christian school to start on the same property. Last year in 2013 grade one began and in January 2014 grade two was added. This year there are 130 students in the preschool and 61 students in the growing primary school. Not only is the school providing empowerment through education, it has also become a safe and thriving place for thirty-one orphans or more vulnerable children. Family members of Ebby, a young boy with physical disabilities, said recently, "Why don't we try Mana Sybil's place?" He is now attending and has someone working with him one on one on a regular basis.



#### **Clevton and Musa**



# If you have desire and are able to contribute financially...

The cost of the future school building is \$180,000 US dollars.

If 1,000 people give \$180, the cost of the building would be covered. If 100 people give \$1,800 (or \$180/month for ten months); the cost would be covered.:)

We would like to ask you to please consider sowing into this vision with *any* amount.

If you would like to donate, online donations can be made through sybilskids.org with your credit card. You may click "new school" to see more pictures and donate or simply click "donate now." You will receive a tax receipt by email at the time of your donation. You may also make checks out to Sybil's Kids, Inc. and mail it to Sybil's Kids, Inc., c/o Angela Godel, 200 Engert Road, Knoxville, TN 37922 USA. Sybil's Kids, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) taxexempt organization. Receipts for donations from people living in the USA will be mailed after January 1, 2015 for income tax purposes. You may contact Angela, accountant, with questions, at angela@godel.com or 865-690-1272 (US number).

### Vision for the future

Our desire and plan is for there to be an additional consecutive grade each new school year through at least grade seven at Hlauleka Christian Primary School. Hlauleka means "be different because I AM different." The Mozambican government has already granted permission for this. As we have seen the positive impact of the wholistic approach of not only education but also love and care, we desire our students to stay with us instead of return to the

government school. The team has met with local architects and it will be a two story building, with two classrooms and an office on top and three classrooms on the bottom. One of our first graders



encouraged us recently by announcing, "I asked my father to please give the director money for our new school building."

We are hopeful the building will be started in the next several months and be completed by January 2016. We thank God for the ways He has provided and blessed this ministry and continue to trust His faithfulness and provision.

### A few testimonies. (All pictured above)

Fabito who at the age of seven was an orphan and shepherd for someone's cows is now a shining ten year old in the second grade. He lives with and is cared for by Mana Ramina, one of the preschool teachers, and he is flourishing in his new family.

Melusha did not talk and was very traumatized. She is now using her gifts cooking and being a helper at school. She recently volunteered to pray in English, in front of everyone.

Jerry, another Prince, goes to the government school but comes everyday to our second grade as well. In this last year and a half, he has grown into an incredible leader AND a reader who loves Jesus. Cleyton, another second grader, is praying to Jesus even though his family background believes only the church leader can pray to God.