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Calvino Cesar Lima Fortes Born 17/1/1997

Calvino comes from a locality called Alto Mira, on Santo Antao Island in the Republic of Cape Verde.

Calvino lives together with his mother Clarisse and his 2 brothers Kelvin (born 29/9/1990) and Edson (born 12/01/2002) in his grand parents house. His father no longer lives with the family. The house has 2 rooms and little space for their domestic animals - a pig, a goat and a donkey. Their basic food is very poor since it is based on rice and "cachupa", a typical dish made from maize and beans. Calvino started at school when he was seven. At school he learns Portuguese (the official language of Cape Verde) and the Creole dialect that is traditional for Santo Antao. He is also being thought math, geography and some history. As all boys he is very happy doing sports, especially playing football. He is now also old enough now to fetch water from the public water holes and to take care of his little brother.

The money Calvino and his family receives via Boernefonden, from Favouritz, ensures that he can continue going to school, helping him to receive a better education than the average child from his island. At school he also leans some farming skills to ensure a better nourishment and most importantly getting knowledge on how to develop a stronger health for them all.

It is the wish of Favouritz to continue supporting Calvino and his family for many more projects in the future. One upcoming project is to assist them in building a new roof for their house to improve their living conditions - another is to give them money for more animals at home.

We of course also send Calvino stickers, balls, postcards, t-shirts and other things that can add some fun to his daily life - making him smile...

We hope you will help us preparing him for a better future