



First fruits

Work has started on our first school gardens near Cape Town and near Pretoria. After a lot of research and even visits by friends of Thatu on holiday in South Africa, we've linked up with SEED, an environmental educational organisation. SEED is providing us with terrific reports and even taught us a new word: 'ubuntu'. It means "humanity to others", and they sign their reports 'Yours ubuntu'fully'. So thank you for all your support in 2005 and we wish you a fulfilling 2006.

Yours ubuntu'fully

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From SEED comes Flats fruit

The Cape Flats is a tough, harsh environment. It's right by Cape Town, and is an overcrowded, barren, windswept area of infertile sand dunes. Most of the tens of thousands of people living there are very poor and don't get enough to eat. As a result, the children cannot benefit fully from the education they value so highly. Add to that the illness and anguish caused by HIV infection and you could think it was a place of utter despair. But it isn't.



An embryo food garden on the Cape Flats

We've teamed up with SEED (Schools Environmental Education and Development) and enabled three Cape Flat schools to join nine already involved in

SEED's programme to establish living classrooms that educate pupils and – literally – deliver much-needed vegetables, herbs and fruit!

SEED has demanding standards and shows a marvellous level of commitment. It has already successfully introduced food garden programmes in schools in the Cape Flats. It teaches organic methods that maximise the use of all available natural resources and almost everything, including plastic carrier bags and water, is recycled.

Two of our supporters have already visited the project, met the staff and given us reports and photographs. Ramon, responsible for 'our' schools has impressed the visitors with his enthusiasm and expertise. And each month he sends us



Ramon of SEED

detailed accounts of progress in each school.

Progress further north

And there's more good news. We are about to sign a one-year contract to help establish another food garden near Pretoria. Volunteers have already started clearing the site. Our funds (some of it pledged by an insurance company) will pay for a year's support from a specialist adviser.

A role for you

So once again WE NEED YOU.

We need:

- more people to give their time [no matter how little] or expertise to Thatu
- advice and suggestions about contacting possible corporate or other donors
- regular donations – even £3 a month.

Our website www.thatu.org gives more ideas.

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