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### A silver lining in the dark clouds?

Despite the dire economic news across the globe, we actually have some good news to tell you.

Thatu's new partner MMAEP (Midlands Meander Association Education Project) will begin intensive support for two schools in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands in South Africa. They will help them to develop viable and sustainable food gardens.

The KZN Midlands area is well known to travellers for its many creative craftspeople, but it is also an area of extreme poverty, high unemployment,

HIV/AIDS and long-standing political antagonisms which have recently erupted in violence.

The MMAEP volunteers have been working in poorly resourced rural schools in the area to increase awareness of the environment and help raise the standard of teaching in schools. Many of the pupils are orphaned, abused and may even head households at a young age.

When the new school year starts in January 2009, Thatu will fund MMAEP volunteers to work with permaculture experts to help teachers and learners in two schools to develop their food gardens. They will be teaching about soil, compost, water, plant and garden protection, nutritional herbs – and integrating these and other topics into the curriculum. Once the groundwork is set teachers and learners will create and develop the gardens. The volunteers will then start to involve other schools.

## Christmas is Coming



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**Personalised e-Cards:** One way to help the environment and save money is to send clients and friends personalised e-cards rather than mailing traditional cards.

A Thatu Trustee, Margaret Hill, a distinguished artist, has designed two cards specially for us which we will personalise for you. We will put whatever greeting you would like on them in return for a contribution to Thatu from you. We are suggesting £1 per card you send out [certainly cheaper than buying traditional cards and mailing them], but it is up to you to decide what to give us.

Go to [the Thatu website](http://the.thatu.website) and click on e-cards on the home page to find out how to give us your requirements.

Gifts on [the Thatu website](http://the.thatu.website) shop

**VIRTUAL GIFTS** – You'll find novel ideas for presents on our website under SHOP. We don't have goats as gifts, but we do have garden tools and fertiliser. We also send greetings to the recipient.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** A workshop for disabled people in Cape Town has made us a wonderful selection of beaded Christmas Tree decorations. Brighten your tree with angels and stars from South Africa.

**Donations from South African residents:** you can make these direct into our South African bank account, but do please let us know so that we can acknowledge your generosity. Thatu's SA bank is ABSA Account name: Thatu Acct no 40 7190 0845. Branch code 63.03.05

Finally, why not translate your support into **regular giving**? From as little as £3 per month you can give our fundraising a solid foundation by setting up a standing order and giving us a secure income. See *How You Can Help* at [www.thatu.org](http://www.thatu.org)

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