

Ubomi Obutsha Centre

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Food Garden

As many of you probably know. . . the past two years have been very dry ones in Port Elizabeth & our food garden was very badly affected. At the beginning of this year we only had 4 of 16 plots planted & were struggling to keep even those from dying off. Keeping the motivation of those working in the garden up has also been difficult. Those who work in the garden typically have their issues, habits & addictions, some of their own making & some as a result of their circumstances, & without something positive in their lives it is very difficult to keep them from slipping back.

The really special thing about our food garden is that, in addition to providing extra food, it also creates a wonderful opportunity for some of our beneficiary adults to be a part of something productive & about which they can be proud. I often think this aspect even outweighs the impact of the food produced! It has been amazing to see the changes in peoples lives, their homes & their children just because they were able to be a part of something that could give them a sense of pride!

Many of the current community volunteers in the Centre first came to Ubomi looking for help & began working in the garden. Now, they are the ones co-ordinating, leading & caring for the desperately vulnerable children in the community!

One thing Jesus always did was to restore people's dignity even before addressing the shortcomings in their lives . . . for this reason, & despite all it's problems & it's "behind-the-scenes" nature, the Food Garden is one of our greatest success stories!!

Good news . . . It's been raining again! We have been planting & the first good harvests in the past two years are being reaped!

- Mark

General Information

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