

## **S.T.A.N.D. Beyond Walls - Proposed plan of action**

Currently our activities are focused on training teachers, Non Profit Organizations, drop in centre workers, pastors and general church members in FOUNDATIONS FOR FARMING.

Such a training lasts for two days and includes the following:  
Introduction, Vision, Basics of soil, Myths of traditional farming practices, Sustainability, Foundations for farming, Vegetables, Practical, Composting, Basic Management, Nutrition Basics.

Foundations for farming is a message, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and not just another method of farming. Through our experience we have come to see that the method alone doesn't solve the poverty mentality of Africa. We believe that only an Internal transformation will lead to an external transformation which brings sustainability. Only Jesus can bring such a change as Good farmers also go to Hell. We have seen that many have come to salvation through the trainings. We therefore do not split the training from the message as the training is futile without the message.

In our experience such a training alone is not sufficient as much information is given over a short period of time. We've seen people trying to implement the method but mixing it with old practices and saying it doesn't work. We have consequently given trainings and then helped them implement a garden so that no confusion remains, we then check up on them at regular intervals to ensure proper execution.

In our Meeting with Ronel Dixon – she explained the need you see for sustainability in your projects – we would love to help in this regard. Foundations for farming in Zimbabwe is currently developing a curriculum for primary schools – from grade 5 upwards, we are awaiting feedback from them on their progress and availability of the program.

If necessary we would like to develop a system whereby children can too learn these skills and gain the values of the Kingdom of God. This will obviously take time, but we have the connections and resources at our disposal to do so in the future.

In our meeting with Ronel Dixon we discussed certain possible paths we could take..

We propose that we give teachers/ drop in centre workers/ trainers

- the full 4 day training – 2 days Theory and Demonstration , 2 days Practical workplace Experience - so that they can have the core understanding I believe is necessary to give through the message to the children they wish to teach. There are no shortcuts to reaching sustainability, so lets do it properly. We teach them to utilize what they have available to use. Hoes, manure, grass for ground cover etc
- A Well Watered Garden (Pilot Garden ) should then be established – a pilot or model garden should be established in a central area – this will take a further 2 days - maize, sorghum, sweet potatoes and all vegetables can be included according to seasons.

- Once trained we can then look at the next step – maybe a flipchart with pictures for them and a wordless book with the same pictures for the children. ( we have such resources for older ages but for the younger ages grade 5 upwards still to be developed ) Maybe what we have is sufficient.
- A supervisor must be identified for each area who can report back to us to ensure proper implementation - consequently further training and discipleship should be done with such a supervisor ( preferably one of those teachers/workers who are walking in relationship with RaG )
- The Children can then be taught and the Garden can then be their responsibility children can be divided into different groups with different responsibilities e.g. Planting, weeding, watering, seedlings etc. so that they can all be skilled in all areas.as they rotate to accomplish a goal together( all are winners)
- We can then look at getting sponsors for rewards (prizes) for the children and their achievements. We believe God rewards Faithfulness with what we have in our hands. Matthew 25

We look forward to further discussions so we can slot in with what you are already doing to further the kingdom of God.

Kind Regards

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#### Trainings

##### 4 Day Training

2 day comprehensive training

Theory and Demonstration (we will provide the learning material and handouts)

2 Day Practical workplace Experience

Physical labour – full setup and implementation of a Well Watered Garden as per Foundations for Farming standards

R650.00 per delegate for 2 days Theory and Demonstration

R250.00 per delegate for 2 days Practical workplace experience

R900.00 per delegate for 4 day training

#### Meals at training

Please organize a sponsor for these meals for all trainees and trainers

Training requirements

Hall or classroom

Toilets

Tables and chairs for each delegate

A piece of land for demonstration and Garden establishment purposes

Cow/ Chicken manure or compost

Water

Other requirements besides training cost

Transport to and from place of training to be paid in full

Accommodation and Meals to be covered in full

Transport to be provided from place of accommodation to training venue and back as required.