

COMPASS GOOD FOUNDATIONS FOR GOOD FRUIT (GF4GF) CENTRE, SOMERSET EAST

Tollie's African Safaris is a loyal supporter of COMPASS GF4GF Centre, Somerset East. The centres are small multipurpose training farms that operate in rural-agricultural areas. We have been praying for the past seven years to open a centre in Somerset East and for the right people to run the centre. Last year Julius and Kirna contacted us to say they got a calling to open a centre in Somerset East and they are able and willing. The centre opened this year with the first students. There are still a lot of obstacles and funds needed but the Centre is open and on the go and we trust that it will grow and go from strength to strength.

THE PROBLEM

Youth and the agricultural sector are under tremendous threat in South Africa. Many young people are an economic burden due to lack of education and employment opportunities. Even youth who have an education find themselves unemployable. Poor work ethic and lack of experience are just some of the reasons given. Furthermore, the average age of a South African farmer is 62 years of age (Agri SA) which exposes a dangerous age gap and an imminent threat to the agricultural sector, especially to food security. This problem affects everyone from rural communities to those in the hearts of cities. There is an urgent need to develop a new generation of productive, responsible farmers and young leaders for the sake of sustainability and the future of South Africa.

OUR SOLUTION

GF4GF Centres are offering long-term sustainable solutions to the crisis of leadership in rural-agricultural communities. This is done by implementing a unique strategy that brings together agriculture and young local leaders. GF4GF Centres do not merely focus on skills development but also focus on developing the person behind the skill. High-intensive training is done for 1 year with a select group of young people, after they have completed matric or tertiary education (this is the Good Year project). Training is done at a GF4GF centre. These centres are all located in rural-agricultural communities and many centres run their own agricultural projects. By cultivating young leaders from rural-agricultural communities, some critical challenges of these communities are addressed.

OUR APPROACH

We follow a holistic approach towards the development of human potential as well as towards the development of the agricultural sector. GF4GF Centres establish a safe and supportive environment where skills are transferred, lives are changed, leaders are raised up and value is added to the agricultural sector.

Our Vision Cultivate young leaders to positively impact rural-agricultural communities **Our Mission** Lay good foundations to produce good fruit.

Thanks to all our past hunters who have contributed money, clothing, supplies, meat, food etc and to those who will do so in future. If you would like to contribute towards the COMPASS GF4GF CENTRE or if you would like to sponsor a child, please get in touch with us.

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