

## Project Update: June 2010

In the first update, I reported on completion of the fencing to secure the Jardin Miriam Makeba, the expansion of the tree and plant nursery, and the beginning of the work with farmers to promote alternatives to slash and burn agriculture.

Since then, the work has progressed in the following ways. One of the gazebos has been constructed, and the second gazebo and the toilet are more than half way to completion. We have also found that the Jardin is becoming known and popular in Dalaba so we are optimistic about its ability to be self-sustaining and to generate income for continuing the nursery (which in turn supplies tree seedlings for reforestation). So far, we haven't charged admission because we're asking visitors to the garden to help us with the manual labor. But when the manual labor is done, we'll start charging admission fees.

For fighting bush fires, we have purchased the motorized water pump, a 100 m hose, hedge clippers, boots and gloves. In regard to community educational materials, we have purchased the moto. Because the school year was shortened this year due to the presidential election campaign, we decided to postpone the education in the schools until October 2010, when schools reopen, although we plan to involve selected teachers and students in the reforestation work in July 2010.

The promotion of alternatives to slash and burn agriculture continues.

