

# FARMING GIFT CATALOGUE 2009

**Why give animals, bees or fruit trees?** - By supplying livestock or trees, training, and veterinary/agricultural support it is possible to break the cycle of poverty as well as providing nutrition. It can be an unusual birthday or Christmas gift replacing soaps, socks or handkerchiefs. It will certainly change a family's life for the better.

- ◆ **Cows** – (£370 each) - 20 litres of milk a day provides nutrition, and together with selling the surplus, the bull calves are used for meat and are a source of income for school fees, etc. The manure helps grow more vegetables in the kitchen garden.



- ◆ **Sheep** – (£20 each) - To provide wool, milk, meat and offspring for sale. The manure can be used to improve crops from the kitchen garden.

- ◆ **Goats** – (£25 each or for a milk goat £150) - To provide milk (5 litres per day) or meat as well as offspring for sale and manure for the garden.



- ◆ **Pigs** – (£40 each) - can provide a poor family with a reliable income as meat, as well as provide manure to improve barren soil and increase food production.



- ◆ **Poultry** – Chickens or Turkeys (£4 each) - Easy to care for and chickens provide eggs and chicks to sell and manure for the garden. (a flock of 12 chickens + 8 turkeys = £80)



- ◆ **Bees** – (£45 per hive) - Honey provides a good source of income to improve family nutrition and education. The hives are made to a local design and need relatively little maintenance. The new beekeepers are also taught traditional skills to capture wild hives and bring them home to improve their own hives. The bees gather nectar and pollen from the surrounding flowers.



- ◆ **Fruit tree saplings** (avocado, mango, paw paw) – (10 for £5) - Fruit growing can rescue families from poverty by providing reliable income. Apart from being given the fruit trees families are taught how to graft new saplings from original rootstock and nurture the young trees. Varieties are diversified and the produce can fetch a good price at the market. Trees also provide shade and capture carbon dioxide thereby helping the atmosphere.



- ◆ **Training** – (£150) - Good training helps turn dreams into practical reality. Knowing how to care for different varieties and breeds, learning animal husbandry and providing suitable locally grown food means that livestock prosper. Becoming a beekeeper or establishing a fruit orchard is often a totally new skill which when learned can be very rewarding as well as providing a good income. Training is essential if the projects are to become self-sustaining and the example often benefits other villages in the neighbourhood.
- ◆ **A Whole Farmyard** – (£2500 each) - A whole farmyard (1 cow, 2 pairs goats, 3 pigs, 4 flocks of poultry, 5 bee hives, 600 fruit tree saplings, 6 days training) can make a difference and can transform a community with many people learning new skills and benefiting from improved income which will provide food, housing, education and improve local facilities such as water supplies and sewage systems.

***Can you help with providing any of these?***