



The Calabash Project

Through my efforts to “Save the Calabash”

I feel blessed to have made the acquaintance of Valerie and Deon Klopper, Calabash farmers in Nguni South Africa. By purchasing their gourds for pipe making, I have brought modest hope to their small village.

Beyond my small economic impact

I have begun re-creating a market for their gourds and gourd crafts. The Calabash or *Kalbas* was once the cash crop of their village serving the pipe making industry for over twenty years. They hope to capitalize on this new energy and interest, not for their own gain, but for the good of their: elderly, "handicapped," and poor.

“Disabled people very impressed with US quality wheelchairs”

Valerie and Deon are hoping their efforts will help many people by bringing to them: income, a sense of purpose, medical supplies, and more importantly, hope. By purchasing a Calabash Project pin, magnet, or other Calabash pipe, I can send to them additional South African Rand (ZAR) with my next order.

“At the end of July we are starting a calabash-project with the community of Morgenson, hoping to help some of the disabled and elderly. The calabash-project will cater for about 60 people for a start and because everything is still done by hand , even more people can be employed.

The project is going to start from point A so there is quite a lot of things we are going to need- like a computer- someone will have to be trained. Small crafting tools, safety clothes etc., but we will reach our goals someday or another...”

Pins: \$5.00

Magnets: \$5.00

Pipe: \$100-150

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