

## ☺☺TAKING FARMING SERIOUS☺☺



*Above- both sides of the farm*

Although I am one of those farmers who work by mouth, but this is the first ever that I have come close to a farm and feel and be part of it! I never knew in my life that one day I would be passionate about farming. Farming is something that has always been in the very far distance to me and had never liked it. Now I realise that it takes something to move you into something -if at all there is such a phrase. Yes, it has taken these children to move me into farming. At first I thought it would be a very small and casual thing but now as I am looking at it I see it is a bang. I love what I see!

The crop is looking healthy and gives me such a motivation. A few weeks back, we were worried that the crop would dry up because the rain had not fallen for more than two weeks after the application of basal fertilisers. But we thank God that the rain has come and resuscitated the crop. It is looking so beautiful and it is my prayer that the rains will continue in this manner.

Now we have started planting soy seed, this is another excitement and I cannot wait to see it growing. As we talk about these crops I am becoming a farmer for real, we have started constructing the shelters for livestock and that is another exciting area and you can see that this is diversification at its best.



*Above: The soy field being planted*

Wherever the Lord leads me with these children, I will follow. The past year had not been easy in making sure that my children have food to restore their health. That is why this year I want to go into

a full-fledged farmer by mouth though! On the other hand being a talking farmer, we have managed to create jobs for people in the villages near the farm which I am very proud of. Local builders and farmers are now working in this place.



*Above: Construction in progress*

Next time I go there I will not be in white shoes and shirt but in a work suit and welly boots.



*This is Thembi- Hope and Trust for the children!*

