

## News from the Durban Parish

Following the lengthy preparatory process in the Durban Parish, the extra-ordinary general meeting on 11 September decided overwhelmingly in favour of the joint administration and utilization of our worship services and premises: from the 1<sup>st</sup> of Advent 2011 all services are held at 9am, 17-19 Renshaw Road, while the premises at Gordon Road will be rented out. We thank God for guiding us during this process; may God continue to lead us on the joint way forward.

There is still a German traditional service on the last Sunday of each month, after a joint fellowship tea/coffee. For those, that value the German language, but have little or no contact to the church, invitations go out once a month to an afternoon of "Kaffeerunde-Gottesdienst" (coffee fellowship and worship) at 3pm in the church hall.

For more information, please contact Pastor Georg Meyer (083-318-6538)

### *Vulingqondo is growing, expanding and reaching out*

The Refugee and Migrant Ministry of the Durban Parish was registered as a NGO in June 2010. Vulingqondo ("open your mind"), its main educational program comprises of a Literacy Centre for Adults (English, French, Zulu & German) and Pre-school children (3-6 year olds). After the renovation of the sub-basement rooms (under the stage of the hall), 27 children have enrolled, which has made it necessary to have 2 people on duty for the children all the time, apart from the teachers and volunteers in the adult program, as well as a full time cook & cleaner.



The organic vegetable garden (outside the hall, along Manor Gardens) is looking at its best right now. Michael Sabela, our caretaker, has worked hard to keep it going and we are now enjoying nice fresh vegetables in the soup every day. The children love to take a walk amongst the veggies, learning some valuable lessons about nature. They all grew their own bean in a yogurt tub and took it home. They were thrilled with their very own plant.

We want to thank everyone who has helped make Vulingqondo the success it is. There are a number of regular donors who have been supporting a teacher and/or sponsoring a child. No matter what you do for a child it makes a difference in that child's life.

For more information, please contact the Vulingqondo Manager & Pre-School Teacher, Sandra McLaren (083-463-7330)