



**We want to share
with you what we've
been doing with**

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FOOD
MUSIC**

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**Vegetable
Gardens
With
Children**

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**Chinna
Mudaliar Chavadi**



People food music with the collaboration of the children from China Mudaliar Chavadi has been a wonderful experience.

We have recognised the value of Solitude as a resource centre. Hands on experience in the fields and kitchen but also as a place where we can bring people together with food and music.

For real change to come about a very different approach is needed. It is not techniques and talks but rather action with laughter and celebration that can create a shift in how we related to where our food comes from.

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At the end of November 2015 a group of children approached us from Chinna Mudaliar Chavadi, a village near Auroville asking us to teach them how to start a vegetable garden.

They came to Solitude Farm and we took them through our circle garden workshop .

The following week we went to their village and made with them their first vegetable garden.

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They had been given a small strip of waste land that had been used as a toilet and a rubbish dump.



They cleaned up all the plastic.

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First step, preparing
the vegetable beds.

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First bed Ready!

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Planting spinach
cuttings

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Mulching with waste
roofing material.

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Planting Seeds.

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Discussing the Vision.
How are we going
to take care of these
gardens?



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Early morning
Watering.

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More Planting.

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Care, Water and a few months later...

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Watching the plants
grow

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Tapioca, Pumpkins,
Ash gourd, Corn,
Cherry Tomatoes,
Spinaches, Banana,
Ram Phal, Capsicum,
Sour Sop, Egg Plant,
Ladies Finger,
Cluster Beans, Radish,
Turkey Berry & more!



Happy Birthday
Krishna!

Birthday Cake
Surprise!

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“the kids wake me up every morning ‘Hey Manju come to the garden’ ” says Manju, the driving force.

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Loads of Spinach.

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Radish for the Sambar.

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Daily life at the
garden.



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Cleaning the veg

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Chopping the Veg

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Cooking a community meal

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Visiting
Solitude Farm.

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Working at
Solitude Farm Nursery

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Cooking at Solitude Organic Farm Cafe

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Chinna Mudaliyaar
Chavadi garden
team lunch.

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Chinna Mudaliyaar
Chavadi garden
team celebration at
Solitude organic
farm cafe.

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Dancing!
Celebration creates
community.

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What Next?

We are in the process of organising a permaculture festival in China Mudaliar Chavadi, bringing a celebration of the gardens to the local community.

The next step is more of the same. Regular visits and activities in Chinna Mudaliar Chavadi and at Solitude Farm with the children. Exploring how they can become educators/facilitators for similar projects in neighbouring villages.

We will be sending out another report like this for our work with the Town Hall public spaces permaculture gardens and other projects that we are involved in.

Here are a list of projects we are currently engaged in :

- Permaculture festival in Chinna Mudaliyar Chavadi.
- Launch of Tamil Fruit & Veg basket service @ Auroville.
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- Emergence EP launch/ Permaculture festival @ Solitude Farm
- Public space permaculture gardens @ Town Hall, Auroville.
- Cooking workshops @ Solitude Organic Farm Café
- Permaculture Workshops @ Solitude Farm

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A group of people, including a man in a white shirt and dark pants, a woman in a white shirt and blue patterned skirt, and two children, are standing in a field of green plants. A large banana leaf is visible in the foreground on the left. The background shows more greenery and a dirt path.

**Many thanks
for your support and
patience in receiving this report.**

The new EP is on it's way!

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