



**Willie Newhoudt (support/resource person)** was the New World Foundation's first official staff member. At present, Willie is involved in the New World Foundation as support/resource person. He is also responsible for the induction and general care of the volunteers that join New World Foundation through the church or SASTS.

Willie was involved with outreach work in the Cape Flats even before the New World Foundation came into being. In the late 70s and early 80s he joined Jan de Waal (NWF's director) at the Wynberg Dutch Reformed Mission Church. Together they reached out to the farm workers in Constantia and to the people living in the Cape Flats (Steenberg, Vrygrond, Lavender Hill, Retreat). The idea was to see to the spiritual needs of the farm workers and Cape Flats residents. Willie soon realised that

*those spiritual needs included social needs as there were many family problems and neglected children. By handing out soup in the communities, Willie got to know a lot of people and at some stage was asked to take over the Cafda crèche – destroyed by gang violence in 1980. When the place became too small the crèche was moved to the Uniting Reformed Church in Lavender Hill. The number of children grew from 27 to 60 to 160. This was the start of New World Foundation.*

*In addition to his involvement with the NWF, Willie has been the pastor of the Uniting Reformed Church, Lavender Hill congregation for the last fourteen years, which has strong links with the NWF.*