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## 105,000 Trees Planted In Kenya/Uganda:

Plant-It 2000 recently funded the planting of 105,000 indigenous trees in locations in Kenya and Uganda. Twelve or more towns will participate with 350 families involved; resulting in approximately 300 trees planted per family.

There is a great need for trees in these areas. Massive deforestation occurred during the colonial period due to the need for building railroads. This tree-planting project will produce a lot more food on a lot less land. It will also assist in restoring underground water aquifers. Hunger will lessen, food production will rise and drought will decrease. One way in which trees increase food is through 'intercropping' where rows of trees interspersed between sections of crops actually improve the soil and water allowing the harvest to be much larger and healthier. This tree-planting project will affect and improve the lives of these families on a daily basis.



*Above: "Papa John" of Save Life Mission intercropping with Leucaena seedlings.*

## Spotlight: Janus Capital Corporation

Janus Capital Corporation has partnered with the Plant-It 2000 Foundation in planting an indigenous tree for each of their employees. Eight hundred seventy six indigenous trees will be planted in Snowmass, Colorado USA during the late Spring of 1997 as the focus of the Town of Snowmass's Third Annual Arbor Day Celebration which provides adults and children an opportunity for community reforestation.

Our partnership was created and administered by Ms. Tamara J. Decker, Marketing Event Specialist of Janus Capital Corporation. Its benefits not only provide environmental replenishment for the town of Snowmass but also promote environmental education and responsibility to students and adults alike.

*Left: Last year, tree seedlings were planted in parts of Snowmass, Colorado in order to reestablish the native plant community.*



## The Homelessness Effect of Deforestation:

What does deforestation have to do with homelessness? The link is well documented. Over 40 million acres of forests each year are lost with only 10% of that amount restored back to being forests and the remaining 90% becoming desert land. This equals 100,000 acres of forest every day turning into desert!

Deserts can only support very small numbers of people which results in several thousand families being forced daily from their lands due to the environmental destruction of deforestation. Many of these families flock to shanties in major urban centers such as Manila, Mexico City and Bangkok and live out their lives in poverty and despair.

Plant-It 2000 is changing this pattern of desertification leading to homelessness by planting, maintaining and protecting indigenous trees worldwide. It is our goal to continue to raise the quality of life in as many countries as we can.

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## Native American Ceremony And Plant-It 2000:

One of the things we do is build ties among community groups through tree-planting events. Mrs. Patty Burrell (Washington Coordinator) and Mrs. Mary Caudle (Florida Coordinator) have initiated projects with Native Americans in commu-



*Above: Members of the Muckleshoot Tribe*

nity tree-planting. Mrs. Burrell planted trees with the Muckleshoot Tribe in Kent, Washington and Mrs. Caudle planted trees with the Cox-Osceola Seminole Indians on the Cox-Osceola Seminole reservation in Florida. Plant-It 2000 is fortunate to have the opportunity to learn from and plant trees with our Native American tree-planting partners!



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