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This work is of Sr. Marinelle, a lecturer in Carmel Higher Secondary School and a member of Carmel Convent community at Nuvem. She has transformed a patch of dry waste land to a fruitful vegetable garden. The old patch before transformation looked like this:



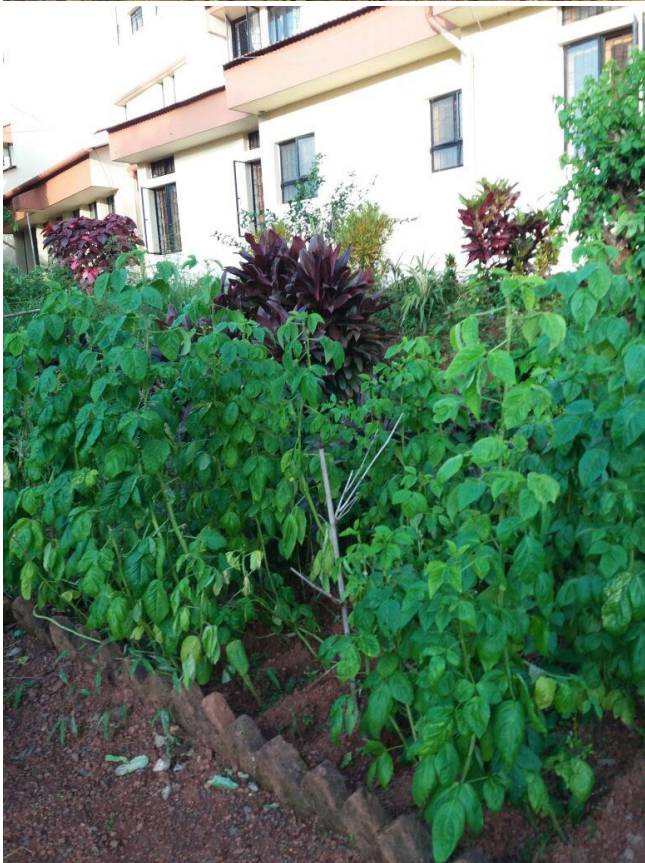


And these are the pictures of how it looks today. Sr. Marinelle's write-up is given below the pics:



















‘Carmel’ means vineyard, a garden, a delectable sight, blooming with fruits, vegetables and flowers full of life and vitality. I had a vision that I should have a beautiful garden with fresh fruit and vegetables and flowers; where I spend my leisure time with the Lord tending garden and enjoying the bower of its enclosures. I hop and jump from one patch of vegetables to another, feeling the fresh air touch my skin, the feel of the wetness of the soil, the look of the creepy earthworm wriggling by, the multicoloured butterflies, insects, so tiny and delicate. To listen to the singing of the birds that pass by.

This was my dream which came to fruition when I created this patch of garden which involved a lot of hard work. I sought help from the gardener who readily helped me to keep the soil ready.

It was heartening to see tiny little shoots push their way through the soil. As days went by they grew in strength and texture, bringing out new shoots and leaves one

after another. Soon came the fruit-bearing flowers in various and shapes that brought forth fruit abundantly! So here is my little patch of heaven...

Sr. Marinelle A.C.