



APRIL 2024

Dear Prayer Partners,

This prayer letter straddles the Easter Weekend, so we trust that you and your family have had a safe and blessed Easter.

Here, as everywhere else, we see the signs of the changing season. The early mornings are cooler and the wispy clouds tinged with pink announcing the coming sunrise appear later. The days can still be hot so we have to be on the look out for snakes.

Serghay had to capture a boomslang at the priory recently and both Mathilda and I have spotted baby puffadders while walking around. For our friends in the Northern hemisphere, I am sure you are enjoying the signs of Spring and the promise of warmer weather.

What a pleasure it was to welcome Karla Mundy and Song Roots back after a long absence due to COVID. The sound of their singing could be heard whenever we were in the vicinity of the Chapel. On Thursday the 21st I could enjoy their singing coming from the meeting room.

This month we look forward to welcoming the Marquette Students back after their long absence as well. On the topic of welcoming people back—we are glad that Lucas was able to resume his duties again. He was off for quite a while due to a finger that wouldn't heal after an accident while chopping wood with the wood splitter. So we appreciate your continued prayers for our staffs safety.

Esther



APRIL VISITORS

1-3 VYLTP will be hosting a number of Palestinian Christians

5-7 Marquette Students

19-21 Shofar Gardens

24-26 Gracefields Church

26 –28 Mercy Vineyard's Freedom Prayer Team

As usual we have individuals throughout the month.

As Mathilda mentions, John celebrated 85th birthday in March with a special service in his honour.

For his birthday, he suggested that if anyone would like to give him a present, he would prefer that a donation be made to the newly established Volmoed Legacy Fund.

The banking details:

Acc name: Personal Trust Nominees

Nedbank acc: 100 932 3423

Branch code: 198765

Swift code: NEDSAJJ

Ref: Volmoed Fund with name and surname

Proof of payment to: lmccann@ptrust.co.za

Dear Volmoed Family

What a blessing of a month it has been with NO loadshedding interfering on Volmoed!! I feel being grateful is almost not enough? There is no rushing around to switch everything off before the power goes and no need to restart everything once it comes back on again. I was rushing to get some work done a week or so ago and when I finished and left, I quickly stopped at the Plaaskombuis and realised it was loadshedding. What a blessing having solar power, not only for us in the office but also for our guests. Once again we give grateful thanks (probably not for the last time) for the initial donation that made this all possible! We are still trusting for the last R150 thousand which needs to be paid by the end of April.



We celebrated John's 85th Birthday. What a celebration it was, with friends visiting from far and wide. It was lovely to see Lionel Louw (patron) and Henry Gibson (retired trustee) again.

Also in the Chapel, we celebrated Br Edwin's First Profession. He is taking on the religious name of Aelrid and will in future be Br Aelrid. It is always special sharing in these moments.



The digger loader also came to visit twice. We were able to recover the footbridge over the river that was still buried under heaps of sand and plant material. Slowly but surely we are making progress, trying to make something of what the flood left behind.



Its second visit was to help fix the road from St Benedicts up to Well-spring. The guys did a great job, and the road is smooth once again .

With the month ending on Easter, we wish you all a blessed time with family and friends.

Mathilda