



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2025

Dear Prayer Partners



2025 has left the starting blocks and the buzz word seems to be thrive—so we trust that we will be able to testify to that as the year goes on. Personally I am looking at gratitude, trying to be more conscious of the little things I am grateful for on a daily basis. Like living and working in this special place. What a privilege it was to see the owls on our morning walk.

We are thankful to report that all our accommodation was occupied over December and into the first two weeks of January. Most of our guests in December were regulars, so there were many familiar faces to be seen. The children had all grown over the past year, but they still enjoyed riding the bicycles around the property when not going to the beach or visiting family.

December is also wedding season and we had our share of weddings during that time. Most brides have some wedding nerves, unfortunately for one bride this was exacerbated when a Shoprite truck driver missed his turn off and tried to do a U-turn at our gate. Unfortunately the truck got stuck in the soft sand, blocking the Volmoed gate for about 4 hours, which meant the caterers, bride and wedding guests couldn't get to the venue. We managed to get the caterers to the church by dropping them and all their equipment and food at the gate to be ferried to the chapel from inside. We are grateful to all who assisted with regulating traffic and a special shout out to our neighbour, Jadri, who helped create an alternative route in and out of Volmoed. This was a great help, not only for our bride and her party, but also one of our other guests who had an important appointment elsewhere.



Thankfully all was back to normal by the time all the raffle prizes for our Christmas Carol Picnic fundraiser needed to be transported to St Peter's Church in Hermanus. The generosity of the donors for these prizes was heart warming and we thank them for supporting Volmoed in this way. The picnic was a success and a good time was had by all.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank those who contribute to our 50 Fund. The names of the winners of the lucky draw can be found on page two. If you are interested in participating in this fundraiser please feel free to contact the office—admin@volmoed.co.za or Wilma—safriawilma@gmail.com for more details.

As we get back into the rhythm of 'normal' life we are excited to have the Alien clearers back. They did a sterling job last year, so we trust that they will thrive and not the aliens!

Esther

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 6 years ago we contended with a runaway fire so we pray for all affected by the fires in Los Angeles.
- Closer to home we pray for Molly who had a fall and broke her hip, she has had surgery and there have been complications after the surgery.
- Pray for Andries Hendriks our grounds manager who has been struggling with ill health, which has affected his mobility.
- Our Chaplain, Wilma, is also scheduled for hip surgery sometime in the coming months.
- The blocked entrance in December served to highlight the problem of an alternate exit. The need for a bridge across the river has been discussed as the weir can no longer be used due to the change in the river after the floods. Pray with us for the right people to assist us in the planning and executing of this project, as well as the financing thereof.
- As schools have started again we pray for the teachers, children and parents as they start a new school year.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY VISITORS

9-11 January	Trinity Church Wall Street in New York
17th	Helderberg Uitreik
30 Jan—1 Feb	VYLTP leaders meeting
3 –5 February	Beloved Community (Part of the VYLTP training)
7-9	YWAM
15th	George Whitefield College
23—28th	Icon Writing Course

WINNERS OF THE 50 FUND DRAW

Don Shay- Free weekend for two
at Volmoed

Karen Diesel - R2000.00

Jane Damant - R1000.00

