



MAY 2024

Dear Prayer Partners,

As I am sitting at my computer looking out the window I see Serghay, who has just been promoted to Operation Manager, helping Vuyani sort out a sickly sounding lawnmower. I cannot help thinking what a good team we have keeping Volmoed shipshape. Especially the grounds and maintenance staff who sometimes face unexpected challenges. The housekeeping staff also do an excellent job in keeping the houses spick and span.

At present the grounds staff are busy working hard at cleaning and replanting flowerbeds around the houses. In the picture is a newly cleaned and replanted flowerbed on the side of Old Farm House.



Bradley

At the beginning of February we said good bye to Mongezi, who has found another job. Bradley was appointed to apprentice with Serghay. It is not the first time he has worked on Volmoed as he has assisted Deon in the past, as a casual worker, when we were clearing alien trees.

I have also been reflecting on the past month and while perusing the calendar I am aware of how many old Volmoed friends came through our gates in April. It was so good to catch up with them. We also had some new people and groups coming through. The ladies from

Shofar Gardens, on a first visit, spent an enjoyable weekend here. Below find feedback from one of the ladies attending.

*Venue- super cool setup, so beautiful, safe and peaceful. I want a prayer hut 🙏 also not too far from town which was great. Originally thought it was pricey but would pay every cent again. But most of all, I'm so grateful for how the Lord spoke. Thank you for creating the space. My quiet times have been so dry. I know God's there but just felt so disconnected. On Friday night I had a chat with someone challenging me on my perspective towards something that broke open a gap for God to speak to me and minister to me through every devotional and scripture. I've been missing me. And the combination of everything this weekend has resulted in a rested, filled soul. Full of love and joy that I haven't felt in a long time.*



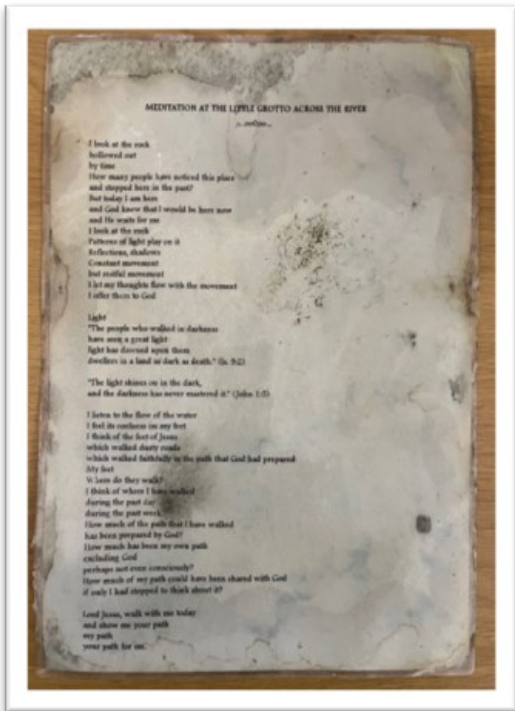
Esther

Dear Volmoed family

I was having a tough time the other day and a friend said to me, "make yourself some coffee and take 7min to spend with the Father. It sounds like what you need."

Isn't it great to have people in our lives that care enough to tell us these things! I hope that Volmoed is just that place where people can "spend 7 minutes with the Father"

After we had another Level 9 weather warning, I'm thankful that it turned out to be nothing like the previous one! The fact that we didn't have to contend with the wind again, made it all easier. Of course the fact that we only had half the rain was better too. 😊



Though the bottom road flooded again, we were able to clear it this week and not only 3 months later. We are involved a lot with Environmental affairs at the moment, help with alien removal applications, and continuous clearing after the storm last year and the water damage to roads and fields. Please pray with us to find help in the way of ideas, permissions, advice and funds to channel the water towards the river and away from the road.

Something good always happens to make us smile again, the meditation that used to be at the Grotto was found. It's moldy and dirty but it's alive!

We also shared in Br Josias' First profession, another special occasion as we have come to know these moments.

I would like to share with you the last paragraph of the meditation:

**Lord Jesus, walk with me today  
and show me your path  
my path  
Your path for me.**

*Mathilda*

### MAY VISITORS

3-5 Jubilee

13-15 YWAM

16-19 Indiana Center

Individuals coming on retreat or just to enjoy Volmoed.