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Dear Prayer Partners,

There are many triggers that revive memories that have impacted our lives in one way or another and this is especially true when some dies. At the end of January we received the news that John Cupido had passed away. I have heard many stories about John & Betty's stay in Faith, though I don't recollect meeting them during that time. So I took a walk 'down memory lane' browsing through all the early Volmoed History books. Three of the pictures in the accompanying collage come from there. The recent picture of John was kindly provided by his family.

One aspect of John's legacy on Volmoed is 'cast in stone' or should I say bricks. The Service Building (kitchen/dining room), Vyeboom Up and Down and Keurboom are all testimonies of his labour while he and Betty stayed on Volmoed from 1990—1993. As the top left hand picture shows, not

only did he build brick and mortar houses but he and Betty also built spiritual principles into the people of the valley with their weekly Bible Studies, where worship and fellowship took place.

John returned to help build the Thanksgiving Chapel in 2000—in Serghay, our Maintenance Manager's words, 'the master builder'. Serghay came to help build the Chapel as a young man and learnt much from John. Our condolences go to the family even as we remember a life well lived.

On Volmoed we held memorial services for Wim Pelders and Clive Manson who both were part of the Volmoed family. Wim was our bookkeeper, Penny's, husband and often visited Volmoed. He and Penny regularly attended Volmoed movie nights, before Hermanus got a movie theatre when the Mall opened. Clyde regularly attended our Thursday services until his health no longer allowed it. Please keep these families in your prayers.



Wim's memorial



Clyde's memorial

We are saying goodbye to the alien clearing team for the time being. They should be back with us in May/June. They have done an amazing job in the time that they have been working on Volmoed, for which we are thankful.



We are happy to report that Molly is back home and getting around with the help of her daughter Janice and a carer Xenolene. This was in time for her to settle in at home before her 80th birthday celebrations with family and friends here on Volmoed. Happy Birthday Molly!

Charlotte Pedersen and her husband Alan returned to Volmoed, for a week, during which time Charlotte taught and guided eight participants in the process of writing an icon. Two had participated last year while the others embarked on a totally new experience. The collage shows some of the process and the end results of the week long course.



Esther

### **MARCH VISITORS**

1st Youth Taize Day  
3-7 Tutu Foundation  
9-13 Soul of Leadership  
16-22 Karla Mundy  
29 –29 Katleho Mohale

We are saying goodbye to Anna Gardiner after 18 years of service.

We will miss her ready smile and infectious laughter, her willingness to help and her beautiful singing voice.

We wish her well in her new job.

