

Jan 2021 REPORT: Volmoed Staff Support during Covid-19

As 2021 begins, Volmoed Retreat Center continues to operate in the challenging times of Covid-19. We had hoped to transition to more normal operations but this was not to be.

The second wave of Covid-19 in South Africa has brought a virulent new variant of the virus to the country. We were placed back on lockdown level 3 before Christmas and this has once again affected our income stream, as expected income decreased due to cancellations of group bookings and slow individual bookings.



The Volmoed staff continue to work at reduced 60% salaries and 3 days/week. It is a struggle and sacrifice for them, but they remain a dedicated team.

Thanks to the donations, Volmoed was able to help staff with particular needs. Two staff had deaths in their families and their transport home for the funerals was paid. Another had a son's wedding and was given money to provide a small celebration. Staff phones were topped up with airtime and data.

When unemployment funds ended, staff were provided with a small end of year bonus. The staff support fund also provided extra vegetables and maize so staff could feed their families.

The staff are extremely grateful for all the support. This was all made possible through the generous donations of many via the Global Giving website. A big thank you to all the donors, especially on Giving Tuesday, when we raised \$772.35.

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