



Global Giving VYLTP Report April 2023

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR GENEROUS DONORS!

This first quarter of this year has been full and busy and eventful.

In February, students from Mennonite Eastern University in the USA spent a week staying with local families in Zwelihle, and engaged with young people from our youth leadership program at Volmoed during the days.



The drumming project continues, as a partnership of VYLTP with Drumba. In January and February, Bevil from Drumba trained ten young people in leading drum circles, and they graduated in March.



VYLTP and Drumba are now working out how to partner together, with Drumba providing the marketing for gigs and events for our young trained drummers to play at so that we can focus on our leadership training. In early May we are starting the next phase, which involves training the young people to actually make the drums. This is exciting.

On Human Rights Day in March, there was a great VYLTP event in Hermanus, where a mural of Archbishop Tutu that had been painted by a local artist and one of our young artists, was unveiled. Our drummers were there for this exciting event.





At the end of March, VYLTP added a new weekly program, simply called Thursday Program, as the young leaders come to Volmoed on Thursdays, engage in learning programs with local and visiting speakers, enjoy the nature and beauty of Volmoed and get to know each other across racial, cultural, and language differences. This will now take the place of our former ten week residential program. We are working out how to cover the same content, based on the five themes of Volmoed: Beloved

Community; Creation and Creativity;

Healing and Wholeness; Peace & Justice; Reconciliation; as well as teaching leadership skills and other tools needed to be leaders in church and faith groups and in society. This is a very exciting development and in the end will cost much less than the residential program.



Our Taizé Youth Day in April was attended by about forty-five young people, from the local communities and from Khayelitsha and the Western Cape. We were glad to have a large group from one of the local communities that has not yet attended these days, and this made the racial demographics more diverse, which we hope will lead to deepened friendships across cultures.



For the first time ever, we added drumming to the music mix! Our newly trained drummers, under the direction of Bevil from Drumba organization, gave us a new and beautiful experience. The music and meditative singing, time for reflection alone and in small groups, a walk to the waterfall, networking, and workshops on drumming workshop that was very popular, Gender Based Violence, and Africa, make this a wonderful day for the young leaders.

As the year continues, we are excited to see how all these new emerging projects develop. As always, thank you for your ongoing support throughout the year. We are hugely grateful.

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WE APPRECIATE YOU!**

