

# Harvesters of Jesus

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The Association of the Harvesters of Jesus was established in order to provide the regular daily spiritual needs of the Little Eden Society. It is firmly believed that without such support, Little Eden would wither.

## **Life and death is in the power of the tongue...**

A friend recently confided in me, that someone close to her had made some hurtful remarks that had saddened her for weeks.

Suddenly I was aware of an awful thing called gossip, disguised as something seemingly harmless and I was forced to think about this a little more. How often do you hear someone (yourself included) say: "I know this is gossiping, but ..."

The tongue is such a small body part! Why is it so difficult then to control it? Words once spoken can never be taken back and their impact lasts forever. Especially in our day and age as people seem to get angry quickly and words of hatred and unkindness are the order of the day.

On the other hand, words can also encourage and ensure growth. It has been said before, that LITTLE EDEN is an oasis. To me, this expression became more meaningful when I started to listen to what is being said daily at LITTLE EDEN : the Lord's Prayer in the morning with the children and staff; words of encouragement during physio- or occupational therapy; cheering and celebrating each achievement of our children and never forgetting to sing *Happy Birthday* to a resident.

Do we realise our words say more about us than we may have intended? Can we practise to control our tongue and use it only for God's glory.

That is my challenge to you.

Hanneli van Rensburg

## **Daily prayer for the needs of LITTLE EDEN**

Jesus Great Harvester who desires the salvation of all mankind, accept the offering of my life and work in assisting You to help garner the fields for the harvest. Teach me compassion, understanding and love for those most in need. Bless our Association; strengthen the bonds of love and charity amongst us, so that with hearts united we may say "Thy kingdom come". Mary, comfort of the afflicted, pray for us.

