

# 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.

Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. - *The Holy Bible, Mark 10:14*

It is obvious that God has a special fondness for children. If I had to guess, I would say that it's probably because of their innocence, their vulnerability as well as their pure faith.

I like to think that God has a "Special Protection Unit" for children. When I was little, my parents told me that there were angels to protect me wherever I went. I remember being so proud that *I* had my very own guardian angel! As I grew up, I never stopped believing in the existence of angels, but the awe and wonder of it, as I experienced it in my childhood, faded as I was introduced to 'real life'.

I am, however, reminded time and again of God's special protection of all children but especially also of the youngsters at LITTLE EDEN. His *Guardian Angels* have taken on human form: our wonderful staff who look after the children 24-hours of every day - lovingly and with endless patience; the many generous donors that believe in our cause and ensure the continuation of the care of the children; our volunteers that spend time with our children because they believe that these precious people matter...the list goes on.

Not too long ago, I asked Daniella, a resident at Elvira Rota Village, why she believes in God. Her answer? "Jesus is alive. It's easy!" Even in adulthood, these precious people remain like little children and their faith sometimes astounds me!



Thank *you* for being one of God's *Guardian Angels*. Thank you for every prayer that goes out for and on behalf of LITTLE EDEN ... for every gesture of kindness you have shown our beloved children. Your presence in their lives makes a difference.

May God bless you.

Hanneli Esterhuysen

## 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.*