

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.

“Do not be sad for the joy of the Lord is your strength”~ Nehemia 8:10

Amidst all the year end celebrations, the Festive Season remains a sad time of the year for many. Instead of celebrating this special time with family and loved ones, they are reminded of their seemingly empty lives.

Joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit; however, often we allow our joy to be stolen by people or circumstances. Instead of trusting God, forgiving others and subsequently living joyfully and in peace, our minds can easily become focused on what we don't have or what someone else has done to us.

God commands us to be happy and filled with joy. We are encouraged by Philippians 4:13 which reads: "I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me."

What better reason to be joyful than knowing that God sent His only Son to this earth so that you and I may have eternal life! And as bearers of the Light in this dark world, we are responsible to share God's joy with those around us.

The thing about joy is that you can't spread it without spilling a few drops on yourself! To me, our children at LITTLE EDEN are God's perfect example of how to live joyfully in all circumstances. Being with them is always an uplifting experience!

Let us live our lives in such a way that others may see that we live by the ultimate example, God, who gave us the greatest gift of all and who desires for us to be joyful and happy – in all circumstances!

How will *you* spread the joy this Christmas?

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.