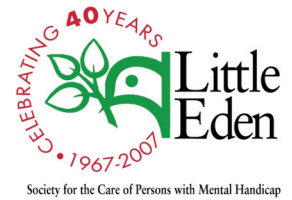


Harvesters of Jesus



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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.

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord” ~ Lamentations 3:22-23

A New Year...a new beginning. A fresh start to a familiar life. If you think about it, the beginning of a year actually means that God has granted us more time on earth to fulfill our life's purpose.

I lost a friend to cancer over the Festive Season. He was a young man of 32 years and one of the most wonderful people I have ever had the privilege of knowing. Even at the end, he remained positive and thankful to God for the life he was able to lead. During his 3-month stay in hospital, he touched the lives of several staff members. His life was a testimony to the goodness of God and through him, many have come to know God personally. I believe his purpose was fulfilled.

Perhaps last year was not a good year for you or your family...for whatever reason. But God gives us His mercy to start afresh – every single day of our lives. *That* is grace in abundance! Having said that: none of us know how much time we have on this earth. Therefore, we should live each day as if it was going to be our last.

If I have to single out one sentiment in my heart at this time, it is thankfulness. Thankfulness to God, for giving me a brand new year with endless possibilities and opportunities. But most importantly: for making His Grace freely available to me every day of my life.

I believe that this scripture also applies to LITTLE EDEN. God has given His mercy and goodness to the Society, every day for the past 40 years and continues to do so now. You and I can become vessels that allow God to work through us to bless this wonderful organisation. By doing so, you might even find *your* life's purpose?

How am I going to show my thankfulness for each new day that God gives me?

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.