

# 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.

## **Music plays an important role in our lives – even when we are not aware of it.**

Sometimes, a catchy tune can cheer you up unexpectedly or another might make you feel nostalgic. I rediscovered the power of music recently when I had the privilege of sitting in on a couple of music therapy sessions at both Homes – what an amazing experience!

What struck me about the experience was twofold. For all of the children in that therapy session, a simple movement such as lifting an arm or producing a sound, seemed like a tremendous effort and in fact, a very tiring one at that. I constantly found myself wanting to breath or gesture on their behalf.

However, the smiles and sheer enjoyment on all the little faces soon told me that for them, it was an expression of themselves. For some, an opportunity to vocalise unuttered thoughts. I could not help but wipe away some tears while silently sitting, just listening to the beautiful sounds filling the room, looking beyond the disabled bodies and instead, recognising in each of them a flawless and innocent spirit.

Psalm 150:6 reads: **"Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!"** This is not a request but rather an order to *all* of creation to always sing God's praises. Our children, in spite of their disabilities, are able to praise God with their voices and instruments in *their* way.

*"Praise Him with tambourines and dancing; praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes. Praise Him with loud cymbals; praise him with crashing cymbals"* – Psalm 150:4-5.

## **Next time you are in church or just singing to yourself, think about God's goodness and sing from your heart!**

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.

