

# 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.

At the Edenvale Christmas concert Paul sang a solo *"I'm your Child"*.  
*I'm your child and you are my God. I thank you, Father, for your loving care.*  
*I'm your child and you are my God. You've made me special and you're always there.*

Applying Paul's words in the LITTLE EDEN context, I saw how **"I'm your child"** might be interpreted as he, with his profound disabilities, remains dependant on us who should treat him as a child; and must create the loving and caring environment for him and his friends.

**"I thank you for your loving care"**. This is a blessed place. So often when I have taken visitors around our Homes, they have remarked that those working here have to have something special; this is not a job for anyone or everyone. It requires effort and an acceptance that Paul and his friends are real people. The work, the relationships .....



..... are ongoing. It is a responsibility. As Domitilla Hyams has said regularly, *'we are the hands'*. I believe that like the poor, the disabled will always be with us. This work can only be carried out with the help of the community at large. The donors, the Government, the staff, the volunteers, all participate in some way. Many of the children in the concert exhibited happiness and contentment, made all the more obvious when there was greater audience participation. There were some in the audience who were overwhelmed.

**You've made me special and you're always there.**



Paul was able to touch the people who experienced his song – I did not know he had it in him! If I had not experienced it, I would have missed something very special.

We thank all those who commit to praying regularly for the Society's needs and the intentions placed at Our Lady's altar – especially those who make the regular trip to the chapel.

We wish you a Blessed Christmas and all the best for 2010.  
 P J Mannix

## 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.