

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.

“If you see a friend without a smile; give him one of yours.” ~ *Unknown*

During a visit to Elvira Rota Village a while ago, I was touched in particular by the way that the staff members showed their love, care and concern for the residents.

I asked the Music Therapist to share some of her special experiences with the residents in their sessions together. She told me that a couple of residents had been feeling a little sad over the Festive Season, as they saw some of their friends going home to family and they had to stay behind as they have no one to go home to.

She decided to write and teach them a song that is about being happy *right now*, knowing that they are loved by the staff and their friends around them. Soon all the sadness was forgotten!

In a subsequent music therapy session, each resident got the chance to mention one person who makes them feel special and loved. Almost all of the residents named a staff member with whom they have a special bond...what a beautiful moment!

Someone once said that “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, : kingdom come". Mary, comfort of the afflicted, pray for us.

