

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...a small word with great expectations.

Seeing as it's been a while since I've spent time with the residents, I recently decided to drop in to say "hallo".

Their reaction when seeing someone they know - even after some time - always amazes me. They call you by name and their joy is sincere. As I was talking to one particular child and looking into his big brown eyes, I found something there that left me feeling humble and very privileged...

I am convinced that if the children of LITTLE EDEN could verbalise their thoughts, they would not have the word "if" in their vocabulary. "If" means conditional love. Love that depends on what is received from the person the love is given to, for example: I will love you if ... This love asks for something in return - it has a condition!

Our children know only how to love unconditionally. They have no expectations of receiving in turn. However, love responds to love. The goodness of the many people who provide, care and pray for them is experienced by the children daily.

I've always thought that unconditional love can only truly be perceived in the spiritual sense and perhaps it's true. Even though it was an ordinary Tuesday morning, I know beyond doubt that I was in the presence of Love.

We live in times where love for others is a scarce sentiment. How wonderful to know that it can still be experienced in its purest form right here at LITTLE EDEN!

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.

