

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 tribulations of Mary, changed the world



“Behold, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel – which, when translated, means, God is with us”, – Matthew 1:23

As Christmas time approaches and we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we must remember the plight of Mary who at this time 2022 years ago, was

pregnant with the Son of God through the Immaculate Conception. It must have been a difficult time as this was not of her choosing and she must have been afraid of what was to come while preparing herself, with the help of Joseph, to begin the long and difficult journey to Bethlehem.

It could not have been easy at all, yet she knew she had to do it. The Bible details her journey and we know that she gave birth to our Lord and Saviour through whom we are saved. We go on to celebrate this day every year worldwide, but do we think of that difficult journey that Mary took?

She knew that her son would have a greater purpose and that what she was embarking on was greater than her. The words from the Christmas song *Little Donkey* really express the reality of Mary and Joseph’s journey, through the cold winter nights guiding Mary on her way, while Joseph walked beside her. It most certainly was not a joyous journey considering the distance and conditions they had to go through.

The ultimate take away from Mary’s story is that, we must continue to believe and have faith when we face difficult situations. It is in those difficult times that we must bring ourselves closer to the Lord through prayer, and remember that our suffering is never in vain. For the Lord is always with us, through all our trials and tribulations.

The story of Mary’s journey is similar to that of LITTLE EDEN Society, in that the journey over the past 55 years has been fraught with difficulties, but those difficulties were often overcome with prayer and trust in Divine Providence.

It is said that our Founder Domitilla Hyams would pray daily, but especially when LITTLE EDEN Society was faced with problems, no matter how big or small and that through prayer and trust in the Lord, we would find a way forward. If it was rain that was urgently needed for the crops at the Village in Bapsfontein, Domitilla would pray and in answer, the rains would arrive in God’s time! At other times, if funds were depleted Domitilla would put her faith and trust in God believing that there would be a solution, and there always was! So, let us continue to have faith and trust that the Lord will provide for the needs of LITTLE EDEN for the next 55 years.

Gaahle Mokgoro

Daily prayer for the needs of LITTLE EDEN Society

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.