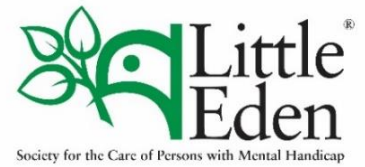


# Harvesters of Jesus



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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.

## Glory to the new born King

Watching Father Christmas come to LITTLE EDEN recently as the residents received their Christmas gifts was a heartwarming occasion. Whatever goodwill they received they accepted it with excitement, love and eyes full of appreciation. It is indeed that time of the year once more, where decorations are up and the world is green and red, a truly magical time, as we enter into the Advent period, where we prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Christ, our Lord and Saviour, on Christmas Day.

Luke 2:1-20 details the journey and birth of Jesus Son of God who was born in a manger after his earthly parents couldn't find room at any of the inns in Bethlehem. His birth, a very humble one, where he lay on a bed of straw swaddled in cloths as Mary did not have much for him at the time, gazing upon her son like all mothers do; an angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds in a nearby field and it is said the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." With the shepherds looking down upon him, the star of Bethlehem shining bright in the sky, leading the wisemen to him, Jesus's birth is a special story and the most famous of birthdays to be celebrated of all time.

We celebrate the coming of Jesus as foretold in the Old Testament as well as the birth of Christianity. As with many, Jesus was born to parents of humble means but they demonstrated an immense love for him, despite what they did not have.

This special time is not just for giving and receiving of presents it is also a time for family, loved ones and new memories.

With 300 residents in the care of LITTLE EDEN Society, many have been abandoned by their families but each residents birth is a special one to be celebrated. The day they were born was already foretold in the stars, their destiny laid out, for special reasons. It is especially at this time of the year that we hold dear each and every one of our residents' lives and herald their coming.

With that said, we wish you and your loved ones a safe and blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

**Gaahele 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.*