

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.

Be the change that you want to see!

Jeremiah 29:11 is a Scripture verse that is often quoted when people are going through tough times in their lives. The verse reads, *"For I know the plans I have for you,"* declares the Lord, *"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* This verse is particularly relevant to the work of LITTLE EDEN Society, a non-profit organisation that provides care and support to 300 children and adults living with profound intellectual disability in Edenvale and Bapsfontein.

The work of LITTLE EDEN is centred around providing a safe and loving environment for people living with intellectual disability, the majority of whom have either been abandoned or come from indigent families who are unable to financially meet their loved one's needs. The organisation strives to provide complete care and support that they need, to live a fulfilling and meaningful life. This work is guided by the belief that every person, regardless of their ability has a unique purpose and is worthy of love and respect.

In many ways, the work of LITTLE EDEN truly reflects the message of Jeremiah 29:11 as the organisation recognises that the residents they serve are often marginalised and overlooked by society. These individuals however have a purpose and a future, despite the very difficult challenges they face.

The work of the Society is grounded in the belief that God has a plan for each person's life and is reflected in the organisation's mission statement, which reads:

*"To care for, develop and enhance the quality of life,
with love and understanding from a dedicated staff,
persons with intellectual disability of all races and creeds entrusted to us,
by providing with trust in Divine Providence
and in co-operation with the parents, the community and the State
the necessary spiritual, nursing, therapy and stimulation services
in as efficient and economic a manner as possible."*

In closing, Jeremiah 29:11 is a powerful Scripture verse that speaks to the work of LITTLE EDEN. The organisation's mission to provide care and support to children and adults living with profound intellectual disability reflecting the belief that each person's life is rich with meaning despite many challenges they will face throughout their lives. Through the work of the Society, the 300 *angels* are able to experience God's love and to discover their own unique potential. As we remember the message of Jeremiah 29:11, let us be inspired to support the work of LITTLE EDEN, which makes a difference in the lives of these vulnerable individuals.

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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.