

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.

"God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains; it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world." -- C. S. Lewis

Why is it that we as human beings assume that we *deserve* only the best and that everything has to be *perfect* according to our standards?

I've always firmly believed that pain and suffering is **not** God's will for any of us. Having said that, perhaps God, in His infinite love and wisdom, has found a way to reach out to us through suffering, to use it to bring us closer to Him...to remind us of how much He loves us...of what is really important in life?

At LITTLE EDEN we are often asked by visitors what value we see in our residents or what purpose they could possibly have in life. When I look at them and see how much energy a simple action such as swallowing or lifting a hand takes, I am overwhelmed, knowing that I take so many things for granted in my life.

Our children don't have any earthly possessions, many of them do not even have a single loved one in this world and yet: throughout the pain and discomfort they may experience from time to time, they SMILE. They are completely content. Just last week, someone said that spending time with the children has put their whole life back into perspective.

If God chooses to use our special children to remind us of what is really important in life and to steer our focus away from our own on-going happiness, I would say that that in itself is a pretty important purpose, wouldn't you agree?

Max Lucado said something profound: "*The next time you are called to suffer, pay attention. It may be the closest you'll ever get to God.*"

What might God be trying to say to *you* today?

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.

