

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.

Find your silver lining

When it became clear that the national lockdown was going to take longer than most of us anticipated, amongst other critical matters, I was seriously concerned about how I was going to manage my hair. It may sound like an exaggeration to you but my hair is the type that has a mind of its own, it really requires a skill to groom it. For a while I decided to ignore it, maybe hoping it would eventually go away or groom itself. Somedays I wondered if a clean *chiskop* would not solve my problem until one morning, when I realised that even on level 2 of the national lockdown I still wouldn't feel comfortable to go to a salon. So I made a conscious decision to teach myself how to plat my own hair. Even though I know I will never win the best hairstylist award, at least I look decent!

Another foray into the unknown - For the first time this year some of our residents at Elvira Rota Village attended the LITTLE EDEN virtual AGM and they were able to comprehend and interact with other attendees on the platform. Through the experience, we now know that even after the lockdown is lifted, we can use the platform and arrange virtual visits with our international donors and family members of our residents who are unable to visit due to distance.

Our therapy team and care workers shared some of their recently discovered creative ways to stimulate and care for the residents as the wearing of masks and social distancing sometimes proves to be a challenge to those residents who are deaf and rely on lip reading to interact and for some residents who are set in their ways, new ways don't work!

Some of my friends shared that being *tech-savvy* is their new valuable skill as they had to work from home during the lockdown. For me, other than the treasured new skill of plating my own hair, being on lockdown forced me to learn how to be still, give deserved attention to my inner voice and most importantly grow closer to God.

There is always a glimmering silver lining to every dark cloud. Have you identified yours?

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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.

