



“Because love, prayer, and faith are the roots from which LITTLE EDEN blooms”

As May draws to a close, we celebrate the 59th anniversary of LITTLE EDEN with Domitilla’s words from her diary on 15 May 1967 – “A great day. Today at 9am we opened the doors of the little house donated to us by the Methodist Church for our children... This morning, including my husband, we were all present at Holy Mass, and we asked for a

special blessing on Little Eden and that this work may flourish according to Divine will!” What a blessing these past 59 years have been. Not only has LITTLE EDEN flourished it has grown beyond all imaginings – when we trust in Jesus there are no limits to His Divine providence.

A Blessing Through Service – For the past three months, two wonderful young French volunteers have touched the lives of LITTLE EDEN’s residents and staff while based at our Elvira Rota Village in Bapsfontein.



Thank You ♥

Sixtine & Ines

For all the love, care, and joy you bring to Little Eden. ♥

YOU ARE TRULY A BLESSING!

Your kindness, patience, and dedication show the love of Christ every day. Thank you for making our home a place of dignity, hope, and happiness.

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“Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”

1 John 3:18

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

Philippians 4:13

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25:40

Your love and commitment go far beyond what words can express. You see the potential in every person, celebrate every achievement, and stand beside each individual with compassion and faith.

Because of you, our Little Eden family feels loved, accepted, and valued. You give your time, your energy, and your hearts, and in doing so, you are changing lives and building a brighter future—one smile, one hug, one moment at a time.

May God bless you abundantly and fill your hearts with His peace and joy.

With love and gratitude,
The Little Eden Family ♥

We are so grateful for all you do! Thank you for being a true blessing to our family.

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Some comments from Innes & Sixtine about their stay at LITTLE EDEN...

Matthew 18:18 “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven.” We are two French volunteers, Sixtine and Inès, who came to support Little Eden in Johannesburg, South Africa, from February 28th to May 27th, 2026. Our mission was to spend time with the residents, get to know them, care for them, and support the staff in their daily work. This experience was something completely new

for both of us. These three months gave us the opportunity to discover the world of disability care, while also learning about the day-to-day functioning of an association in all its different dimensions.

Our responsibilities at Little Eden were very varied, as the team made a real effort to help us experience all aspects of the association. Our main mission, however, was to accompany the residents at the ERV site in their daily lives through moments of sharing and a wide range of activities: dancing, singing, drawing, praying the rosary, attending Mass, sports, morning prayer, and games. We also assisted the staff during mealtimes, helped with moving residents in wheelchairs, and supported them during therapy sessions, including music therapy and sensory stimulation activities. Every day was different depending on the section where we were helping (Mary's Mill, Nicky's Nook, Butterfly, or BumbleBee) which made the experience even richer and more meaningful. We also took part in preparing and helping with several events such as Sports Day, Olympic Day, Heritage Day, Mother's Day...

This experience was made even more enriching and wonderful because, beyond our time with the residents, the team also made a special effort to help us discover South African culture and history. They organized cultural visits around Johannesburg and gave us the opportunity to experience an unforgettable trip to Kruger National Park. We are deeply grateful to Little Eden for all the care and attention given to our well-being throughout these three months. Your kindness, generosity, and trust made this experience truly unforgettable, and we will carry these memories with us for a very long time. This adventure was, above all, built through the human relationships we were lucky enough to create with every person we met at Little Eden. More than anything, this experience was shaped by the people who welcomed us so warmly and made us feel part of the family from the very beginning.

A Journey of Faith and Hope - An Update on the Cause for Beatification of Domitilla and Danny Hyams

The journey toward the Beatification of Domitilla and Danny Hyams continues with prayerful dedication and care. While the process is both detailed and lengthy, the Archdiocese of Johannesburg, together with Postulator Fr Solly Mphela, the Archbishop's delegates, the Promoter of Justice, and the Notaries, are diligently progressing with the interviews currently underway. It is a profound blessing to witness the lives and legacy of this extraordinary couple being recognised by the Catholic Church. Their unwavering faith in Jesus, deep compassion, and lifelong devotion remain a powerful beacon of hope, love, and inspiration to all who encounter their story.

. ...in starting LITTLE EDEN, as a home and refuge for the disabled. She (Domitilla) opened her heart to God's love and her own heart was able to give so much in return...Domitilla's passion to care for the intellectually disabled children was not just from the goodness of her heart. Her compassion was saturated with prayer. Her entire life was remarkably steeped in prayer. Archbishop Buti Joseph Tlhagale OMI

Do we follow Domitilla's example and turn to God in prayer in all the things that face us?

Please join us in honouring and advancing the legacy of Domitilla and Danny Hyams through your prayers and support of LITTLE EDEN and in service to others.

Daily prayer for the needs of LITTLE EDEN Society

Jesus, Great Harvester, who desires the salvation of all30 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.