

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.

Dear Friends,

In life, we often walk through valleys of sorrow that test the depth of our faith. Yet even in the darkest times, the light of Christ has a way of breaking through with His peace and His joy.

At LITTLE EDEN, we recently said goodbye to our dear Matthew, whose gentle presence reminded us daily of God's unconditional love. His smile, his laughter, and the simple purity of his being were glimpses of the Kingdom of Heaven in our midst. While our hearts ache in his absence, we are comforted by the truth that Matthew is now safe in the arms of Jesus.

It is in moments like these that we come to see the very heart of Jesus. His heart beats with compassion and longs for each of us to draw near, to know the rest, the peace, and the joy that can only be found in Him. Jesus Himself invites us: **"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."** (Matthew 11:28)

When sorrow overwhelms us, the world tells us to despair. But the Gospel reminds us that sorrow and joy can dwell side by side. For in Christ, sorrow becomes the soil in which new life takes root. In Him, peace is not the absence of pain but the presence of His unfailing love holding us together.

Matthew's life and passing remind us of this unshakable hope: that even in our tears, God is sowing seeds of joy. Even in our grief, He whispers His peace. And even in loss, we gain the assurance that love is stronger than death because Jesus has conquered the grave. As the psalmist declares: **"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning."** (Psalm 30:5)

Matthew's journey at LITTLE EDEN was marked by the extraordinary love and acceptance he received from the Hyams family, whose care gave him hope and joy each day. In their embrace, he experienced something of the heart of God Himself.

This is the same love and dignity that The Servant of God, Domitilla Hyams, envisioned when she founded LITTLE EDEN—that every child and adult with profound intellectual disability would know they are cherished, valued, and never forgotten.

Through Matthew's life we see how Domitilla's vision continues to bear fruit: a home where sorrow is met with compassion, where weakness is met with strength, and where every person is reminded that they are deeply loved by Jesus.

Let us hold onto that hope. Let us open our hearts afresh to the One whose love never fails, whose arms never tire, and whose promises never change. May we, like Matthew, rest in the knowledge that we are God's beloved children—now and forever.

With hearts full of faith.

