

7/10/26 Devotional: Seeing the Harvest

Scripture: Psalm 126:3, 5–6

“The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy... Those who plant in tears will harvest with shouts of joy. They weep as they go to plant their seed, but they sing as they return with the harvest.” — NLT

Today, we get to see joy.

All week, we have served in simple and practical ways. We patched walls. We painted rooms. We cleaned spaces. We carried furniture. We helped prepare a place. Much of that work was quiet, ordinary, and behind the scenes. But today, the room will be filled with families. There will be students, parents, teachers, friends, and neighbors. There will be laughter, pictures, celebration, and gratitude.

Today, we get to see some of the harvest.

Psalm 126 is a song of joy after a long season of waiting. God’s people remember what the Lord has done, and they say, “The Lord has done great things for us.” But they also remember that joy often comes after hard work, tears, patience, and faithfulness. Seeds are planted before the harvest is gathered. Labor comes before celebration. Prayers are prayed long before answers are seen.

That is what we are witnessing today.

The graduation is not only the result of one student’s work. It is the fruit of many seeds planted over many years. It is the fruit of parents who encouraged, teachers who taught, mentors who prayed, and the Amaros who have faithfully poured themselves into this ministry. It is the fruit of students showing up, learning, growing, and persevering. It is the fruit of God’s faithfulness.

And we have been invited to stand close enough to see it.

Today is not primarily about what we have done. It is about what God has been doing long before we arrived. We came for a few days to serve, but the Lord has been at work here through His people for years. Our painting and cleaning were small offerings added to a much larger story of grace.

So today, let’s pay attention.

Let’s watch the families. Let’s notice the joy. Let’s give thanks for the students. Let’s honor the Amaros and the ministry God has entrusted to them. Let’s remember that mission is not always about starting something new. Sometimes mission is joining what God is already doing and rejoicing when we get to see the fruit.

“The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.”

May that be our prayer today.

Reflection Questions

Where have I seen evidence of God’s faithfulness this week?

What seeds have the Amaros and this community been planting that we get to see bearing fruit today?

How can I carry this same posture of service, patience, and joy back home?

Prayer

Lord God,

Thank You for the joy of this day. Thank You for the students who will be honored, for the families who will gather, and for the work You have done through the Amaros and this ministry. Thank You for allowing us to serve in small ways and to witness the fruit of many years of faithfulness.

Open our eyes today. Help us to see more than a ceremony. Help us to see Your grace, Your provision, and Your love at work. Fill this room with joy, gratitude, and hope. Bless the graduate, bless the families, bless the teachers, and bless the Amaros as they continue to plant seeds of faith, love, and learning.

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

Amen.