

We reaped a bountiful harvest that year, certainly because God had been good to us, but also because the members of the colony had worked hard in both planting and harvesting. In fact, we enjoyed more than enough! Some members of the colony even were able to benefit others because they had enough to sell.* Also, through their transactions, they managed to benefit themselves as well by making a profit. Having worked hard, they deserved it! With God's help, we had turned a corner! We knew we had much for which to be grateful, and we celebrated that year, thanking God for all His abundant blessings!

*Out of one's abundance, the one who is blessed also has resources to give to others. See Ephesians 4:28.

