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The same is true spiritually. We plant the seeds of the gospel. We water and nurture with His truth, looking for the day we see the Harvest – we see those we prayed for, served and loved make a decision to follow Christ. It is what we want to see; it is what we long for. So I think that is why I like fall the best – it reminds me of what we are working for in God's Harvest Field!

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