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Dear Praying Friends:

The gusting winds and rain made it difficult to hold onto the wildly swaying branches. Their arms, hands, and faces bled from numerous cuts and scrapes, yet they pressed on—focusing on the harvest and not their personal discomfort. With only a few weeks to reap the harvest before it was lost, time was running out.

Just getting to the olives was difficult enough, but then they must be gathered from the canvas spread beneath the trees, carried out of the groves in heavy boxes, cleaned, sorted, heated, crushed and pressed. Only after all that labor is the precious, golden olive oil produced.

While helping friends with their olive harvest, I saw so many beautiful parallels with the reaping of souls here in Portugal. Just to reach the lost and see them saved is difficult enough, but discipling and training them is just as much labor if not more. Although it may seem the sacrifice is too great, we must remember the command of our Lord Jesus Christ to go into all the world, preach the gospel, and make disciples.

Thank you for making it possible to reap the harvest here in Portugal!

Laboring with you for him,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Mark Hale'.

Mark Hale

Received in October

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Thank you!!