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DECAPOLIS HARVEST (Y3)



"Then the land will yield its fruit, so that you can eat, be satisfied, and live securely in the land." - Leviticus 25:19



A Successful Harvest

Working with a crew of 15 local women and 13 outside laborers, we were able to complete our harvest of 17 acres (by hand!), seamlessly, in just 3 1/2 days, yielding over 16 tons of corn!

Farming is dependent on so many factors outside of our control, and one of those factors, which really affected our yield this year was poor seed. We used two different types of seed, and the first one we used had been stored by the company for too long. Farmers all across Nigeria were affected—many getting no yield at all, so we really thank God for the 3.5 tons we got from that batch of seed, even though it was only about 1/5 of what we had expected. The poor seed was also more vulnerable and developed late blight, also affecting overall yield. However, with current market prices, we are still anticipating our very first profit from this season’s harvest! Praise the Lord!



Reward for Faithful Service

Working to combat poor work ethic and sense of entitlement among local workers which can lead to laziness in the fields and even theft of some of the crops, we try to use positive incentives. We bring in some outside workers who are motivated, which pushes others to work harder as well. Those who work faithfully are invited to come and work again the next day, and the next year. Those who are honest in their labors are rewarded with a bonus at the end of the harvest. And each year, we, through the support of ministry partners (like you!), are able to bless one faithful family with a solar flood light for their family’s compound. This year, one woman—affectionately known as Mama—stood head and shoulders above the rest in hard-work, attitude, and integrity. Receiving this light for her hard work elevated her status in the eyes of her husband, as well. Bringing light to hearts and homes ❤️



Looking Ahead

One of the tenets of conservation agriculture is crop rotation, so that you do not deplete the soil by planting the same crop year after year. Our plan for the next planting season is to plant various legumes instead of corn on the land we’ve been using, to put nitrogen back into the soil naturally. We test ran a small section of black-eyed peas on the land this year, and we were so excited to get almost 200 lbs. of beans!



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