Hard work precedes full harvests.

Romans 1:11-15

For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—¹² that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.¹³ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles.¹⁴ I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.¹⁵ So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

How the Gospel transforms our comfort zone

- Desire for mutual encouragement rather than only looking to be served 1:11 For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—
- Desire to learn from others 1:12 that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.
- Desire to be with other Christians 1:13a I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented),
- Desire to reap a harvest with other Christians 1:13b-15 in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. ¹⁴ I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. ¹⁵ So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.