

We've been thinking about food  
and about the seasons.  
And how, in nature,  
everything we need has been provided.

The Bible reading reminds us  
that "nature" is actually a gift from God.

*God cares for the land, and waters it.*

because God created this world with its seasons  
the rain and the sun, the warm and the cold,

*God enriches it abundantly*

God created the whole process  
how seeds grow into plants  
and plants produce fruit and more seeds  
and so we have what we need for now to eat  
and what we need to plant for next year.

Crops, and herds, and fish in the sea.  
And wood, and fuel, and metals,  
stuff to make clothes, and cars, and computers.

When a farmer brings in a good crop  
is he happy or sad?

When a fisherman has a good catch?  
When a builder has made a good house?  
When you have eaten a good meal?

All these things make us happy.

O God, you care

Family  
Harvest

Psalms 65. 9 – 13

It is because *God* has great plans for us  
and his plans boil down to this.

*God* wants us to be happy.

Some people don't have enough.  
Little food - no homes - no family or friends.

Are they happy or sad?

Does it make *God* happy or sad?

So we need to do two things, to do with *God*.

When we remember the good things he has given us  
we should remember *God*, and thank him.

That's what we do at harvest Festival.  
That's what some people do every time they eat  
they pray to *God* and give thanks.

Does that make *God* happy? Yes.

And when we remember people  
who haven't got what they need -  
like the NOMAD Trust people  
what can we do?

Share and give to help.  
Does that make *God* happy? Yes.

Let's talk to *God* about that now.  
Thanks and praise - and prayer for the needy.

## Setting the Scene

Jo Simmons - activity

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Nomad trust Gifts

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