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Psalm 126:3 (ESV)*

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What is difficult is the time and energy we need to put into returning home from the field. Life went rolling along without us, and we have to catch up. Bills came in. The email box filled up. The lawn grew. There is news our loved ones want to share. Does this allow time to reflect on what the LORD did in and through us while we were away?

In view of this, I've been very thankful to see that more and more of our short-term missionaries, in the midst of the busyness of "returning," are taking the time to reflect on - and share with us - the great things the LORD did for them. And it makes me glad! May you also rejoice in the LORD as you take opportunity to review the work of his servants this summer at www.OPCSTM.org under "News/Reports."

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