Work and the Sacrifices

[Today is the first time we will set our market stand up at the fera (market) to sell our bread and cookies. The bakers baked all night and some stayed in the bakery to finish while the others went to the sacrifice. But Yoneq corrected us.]

Work should not interfere with the sacrifice. Once you start letting anything interfere with the sacrifices, we can all pack our suitcases and go home. The priests of old were there. If they ceased giving the sacrifice, Israel had to cease being a people. The priests had to stand for all the people of Israel and now we are the priests. We all stand before YHWH. You can see then, that this is not an option — to come or not. The only reason we would not come is because you are a watchman [on watch] or out of town. We have to order ourselves right. (Also, later on, First Day will be dedicated to teaching and activities anyway — not work.)