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Prayer Letter November 2018

*«A praying and obedient heart learns slowly and not without grief to rely totally on God himself» Elisabeth Elliot*

"Sometimes grief is the teacher who draws our praying and obedient heart nearer to God. People disappoint us, we fail in our jobs or disaster happens. Life as we knew it to be exists no longer and hurt, like a snow slide, is collapsing over us. In situations like this we need to trust in the One, who will not change, the One, who keeps his promises, the One who loves us so much that he died for us. And God takes good care of our heart"

These words a young woman shared with her friends, a woman who finds herself in a very challenging situation within her ministry for God. They touched me deeply.

We all recognize those feelings of fear and helplessness which want to overcome us in challenging situations. I wish that in situations like this we again and again experience the promise: "God takes good care of our heart!"

Let us pray for another – but especially for those who struggle with difficult situations – that we always hold on to the One, who does not change, who is reliable and faithful. Because: "He takes good care of our heart!"

In this sense we can sing faithfully:

Lift up your eyes  
walk firmly straight ahead!  
Our master takes us at his hand  
and our Lord walks with us too.

August Hermann Franke, 1889

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