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So tenderly he has looked upon his servant, humble as she is.
(Luke 1,48 NEB)

Drop by drop

Nobody would have thought of sending me to a school for exceptionally gifted students, if such schools had already existed 40 years ago. I am rather quiet and don't win attention in social groups by eloquence. Like Mary, I give thanks and feel grateful: I am only His humble servant, and yet, God has looked upon me. It feels as if Joachim Löw had called me into his football team (even though I am far too old for that).

The realization and certainty that God trusts in me are giving me powerful self-esteem and strong self-respect. God wants us to participate in the development of society, in changes of economic activities, in the construction and development of God's kingdom. I can only make small steps: Leave my car in the garage as often as possible, save electric energy, buy local and seasonal food, and as far as possible, buy clothes and shoes produced under fair working conditions. And I can talk about that and recommend my attitude to others, because God has given me this precious gift – life on this precious earth. Those are minimal strokes against big problems. But as the saying goes: "Little strokes fell big oaks".

Mary calls herself "just his most humble servant". By bearing Jesus she gave him to the world. What will other Christian men and women do to show their gratefulness and enthusiasm about the fact that God has looked upon them?

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I GIVE THANKS

- That God became human and lived in the same way as we live.
- That the birth of Jesus causes us to give pleasure and presents to one another.
- That Jesus helps us to organize our life.
- That God gives us the fullness of life.

MY PRAYER IS

- That we show in our acts, intentions and lifestyle that God has looked upon us.
- That we look upon others with the same esteem as God has looked upon us, no matter what nationality, culture or religion they belong to.
- That we tackle duties against needs and not give up until they are finished.
- That we are please to enjoy and share the fullness of life – as praise to God, and as an example of social actions.

The mission called "diaconal and society political responsibility" is an encouragement to form and change our society according to Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God. Our church speaks up for people on the margins of society, for justice and peace, and for the protection of God's creation.

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