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That is not to say that they have not felt the beating of that storm and its opposing headwinds. There have been differing points where their tears mingled with those biting raindrops, and they placed their backs towards that beating storm and felt its piercing blows and were brought low. But, when they came before our Beloved and poured out their hearts to Him, they could only but bow before our compassionate Saviour and meet again, in His strength, the tempestuous storm.

He goes before Those words were, and remain, of great comfort.

One very dear sister, who has passed through many such storms and knows the wonderful workings of our Beloved, has gone above and beyond in her work for Him. This dear lady's husband does not know our Beloved and his inability to stop drinking alcohol, which he has been advised to stop for his wellbeing, is of great concern to this dear lady and their loved ones.

And behold, He goes before you Matthew 28:7

Gary's dad was unwell. To know what to do, we called out to our Heavenly Father and sought His Holy Spirit's leading and guiding. We didn't want to do anything that was outside of His will and our Beloved so tenderly went before us, preparing the way.

Not only did our Beloved tenderly touch us through some of His children's deep love and concern, as they helped us to make our way back to Northern Ireland, but He also tenderly ensured that we would have precious time together with Gary's dad and be able to sit by his side during those final weeks and hours.

There were times when the suffering of one so deeply loved caused the heart to reel and sleep stole away as the heart sorrowed. But the reality and truth of the words: 'And behold, He goes before you,' stirred deep within our souls and injected strength into them, especially when the darkness beckoned over the horizon and then advanced in its intensity and depth. Knowing that just as Jesus had gone before His disciples to Galilee, He was now going before us, and that on following after, we were meeting only that which He had already encountered - this truth encouraged and comforted our hearts.

There are many of God's precious children in Maasailand who have lived through intense and tempestuous storms, yet known His going before. Each has known a point when darkness threatened to blanket their souls, absorbing every facet of light, with converging and coinciding winds creating a swirling storm. And yet, in the most intense moments, our Beloved has kept them in the eye of the storm - calm and dry.

Prayer Points:

- Please pray for this dear lady and her husband, that he will come to know our LORD as his Saviour and that He will set him free.
- Remember the precious children within Maasailand and their families, that all will be granted the opportunity to come to Jesus and know Him.
- Rejoice with us that in hardships and encompassing sorrows that our LORD opens the eyes of His children to Who He is and grants them the ability to show true empathy to others whilst enabling them to comfort others with the comfort that they have received from Him.
- Bless and praise our Heavenly Father, for truly He is the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort. Please pray that we will all be able to bring Him glory by relating to those whom He brings into our lives the reality and truth of Who He is.