



Heart to Heart No. 21

The effects of a slap – a review of many years of MIT prayer

As a young mother in a city, I was confronted by many “dangers” when my children started school: a hazardous way to school, the coarse language among the children, changes with the kindergarten teacher (the first child experienced a Christmas play and nursery tales, later the stories were full of unicorns and witches), the influence of other families and my own fears and difficulties.

In the very first week of school, my child told me that the teacher was rapping children on the head. At the time, I arranged to pray with a friend of mine specifically for this situation. I knew that the teacher was overwhelmed, but did not want to express an opinion since I was not involved - but we could pray. When my youngest child was a little older, I began to meet other women regularly to pray for the children and their school situations.

One of my prayer requests concerned the lack of playmates for my child in the area where we lived. We prayed for good friends, but it was not very easy. Our child could hurt friends with his words in the same way that other children used their fists. Our prayers were many and varied, but also somewhat unstructured. Then we faced a move. We prayed for so many different things: teacher and classroom assignments, friends, the way to school, etc. In our new hometown, we received everything that we had prayed for. A miracle! Nonetheless, I felt alone and neglected in my new hometown. Then I heard about the first Moms In Touch presentation in Bienenberg. I was touched by the information, the offer and the description of the four steps of prayer (praise, confession, thanksgiving, intercession) in the MIT booklet.

We started a MIT group, where I felt whole. At a dedication church service, my friend was able to tell about the positive effects of MIT prayers in such a way that more MIT groups were formed. Throughout the year, our group prayed specifically for the high school. Later, another MIT group in another location was formed for the same school, and we organized a teacher’s snack together once a year.

Now that all our children have graduated, there is a young MIT group praying for the high school. I haven’t left this ministry altogether, but I do my part in another way now.

God has blessed me so richly through my MIT group: the sense of His presence and faithfulness, Bible study, hope in the midst of difficulties and troubles, a place of encouragement, strengthening and joy, a place of fellowship and trust among friends and sisters. I thank God that He has led our children so wonderfully through this impressionable time and that He has blessed our children with such good friends. I stand amazed. R.F.