Christ showed grace to his faithful servant Eduard Raimund Baierlein despite repeated rejections and setbacks. Disowned by his father after Eduard embraced the Lutheran faith, he struggled to find purpose and direction in his life until he began studies to be a missionary of the Evangelical Lutheran Mission of Leipzig. Here he studied to be a missionary to India. However, he was eventually called to help evangelize the Chippewa Indians in Michigan. He learned their language and lived with a Chippewa tribe for over 5 years.

Baierlein was called by the Leipzig Mission for mission work in India in 1853. He was assigned to the Sadras mission and to the poor fisher-people there. While continuing his study of Tamil, Baierlein opened a school and orphanage. While he regularly took periods of extended rest, Baierlein continued work in Sadras and Cuddalore, preaching the Gospel and denouncing the evils of the caste system. Baierlein was struck with fever in 1860 and was sent to Germany to recover. Undaunted, Baierlein returned to India in 1862 to rebuild the church in Cuddalore. Baierlein, suffering from severe headaches and weakness, returned to Germany in 1871. He returned again to India in 1872 and was assigned mission work in Bangalore. However, in 1886 he suffered a heart attack and was ordered to return to Germany. He subsequently began writing about his work in America and India.
Mission work is a work for eternity. It is true that godliness has
the promise of this life and of that hereafter; it is true that the outward
temporal life of the Christian is very different to that of those who live
without God; it is true that joy in the Lord is the strengthening of life here,
and the consolation of everlasting life does not suffer even the most bitter
sorrow of earth to penetrate to the most inmost depth of the soul; ... But
a Christian who has known the Lord and has Him in his heart never can
be [unhappy]. ... there in the light of the eternal sun ... will it be clear and
visible how ... much has been won by the salvation of one single soul. And
if the angels in heaven, who live in eternal joy, are yet able to rejoice over
one sinner that repents, how much more will we be able to rejoice over the
hundreds who have turned from darkness to light, from their dead idols to
the living God! May the blessing of the Lord rest upon, and His saving love
preserve our station of Cuddalore now and in the future, and whoever loves
Him let him answer—Amen! —from Baierlein’s Land of the Tamuliens (174)