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gracious monastic hosts model for us this listening, guided by a Rule that begins with the word “Listen.” I suspect that Elijah was listening with the “ear of his heart” (though he would have been centuries too early to have known that expression.)

However, it’s not enough to just listen to the word of God. We must act on it as well. Like Elijah, we have a tough job ahead of us. It’s more than just a whole lot of reading and too many papers – although that may be part of it for now. But the papers and the work aren’t the end in themselves. God’s soft whisper calls us to be prophets. God has plans for us, as God did for Elijah and Elisha. Like Elijah, we must be ready to die to self. Like Elisha, who boiled his oxen, we must be willing to leave be-

hind a comfortable way of life that we know and follow a God who calls us somewhere we can only imagine.

I wish I could tell you that after a year here I’ve become an expert in listening for God. There are days I feel like I’m making progress...and days where I feel like I’m a beginning music student again, struggling to make sense of anything that I’m hearing. I do, however, take consolation in the fact that I have you all here to listen with me and to encourage me. I’m still trying to listen intently to figure out what exactly God wants me to do in my life. Please pray for me, as I pray for you, that you may hear what God is calling you to do in yours.



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