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Dear

Greetings in the name of the Lord to all those who are in prayer as I share the Gospel with Japanese people in America and Japan.

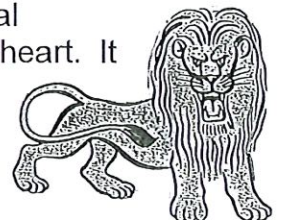
This spring, I was in Japan from March 18th to June 6th.

For 20 years, I have known the family of a Christian friend who is a farmer. He and his wife are the parents of two grown daughters. He visits me when I am in Japan, but I haven't seen his wife and eldest daughter for 15 years. I met his younger daughter once when she was in high school. This spring he invited me to his house, wanting me to see his younger daughter. Before entering his house, he explained her situation. Even though I had asked about her many times he had never mentioned her struggles. They had called the police when they couldn't control her because she was psychotic. The past three years have been extremely exhausting. She is now living with them, and they are looking for but having difficulty finding an institution that is better equipped to handle her mental illness. Entering his house, I sensed something was wrong. I greeted her but she was standing, mumbling and unable to converse. Repeatedly I told her "God loves you. You are loved by God. God has a wonderful plan for you." I wanted to make sure she understood the truth. She responded by telling me to go home and then picked up a pair of scissors. Her father noticed her action and cried "let's leave; it's dangerous!" She was only 3-4 steps away. He quickly rushed us out of the house as she came after us. When we were safe in another building, I asked him what had happened in her life. In high school she had been bullied after supporting another student who was being bullied, yet she never told her parents. They learned about this much later. She had also been exposed to another religious group's teaching. When her parents learned of her involvement, they stopped her.



It amazed me that he had never shared their trial with me. It was his pride; a spiritual battle indeed. She is clearly demon-possessed and doesn't have freedom but is under the control of satanic power. Her father is fasting with prayer to deal with this. I began to think about and observe the grown children of Christian parents. When the children were young, they attended church with their parents. I think many parents don't take checking their children's faith seriously. The most important thing is terribly neglected. If a child's faith is never developed and established, it leads to all kinds of problems later in their lives. Parents feel satisfied if their children are physically healthy, have finished schooling, have a job and a spouse. They are only looking at the surface, but not inside the child's heart. I have noticed that many children of ministers and people who are serving the Lord are not yet saved. How sad.

Spiritual warfare is always going on even when things are going smoothly. The prince of this world, Satan is active. 1 Peter 5:8-9 says "Be self-controlled. Satan, your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith." The music we listen to, the things we read and watch - we should think about who is working behind those things. If we don't have spiritual discernment, we might with open arms welcome bad and harmful things to our heart. It





is very dangerous spiritually. Even Christians who don't ask God and are not guided by the Holy Spirit, instead choosing their own freshly desires will easily commit sin. Be alert! is good advice indeed. This world is always seeking more for themselves!

How amazing God's Word is! Whenever I dig into it in my own study, I find new things in its depth that I have never seen before. As I have studied His Word inductively for many years, it has refreshed my soul, given me strength and more confidence. The Lord is truly the living God and speaks. When I meditate on who God and His Son Jesus are, I deepen my relationship with Him. I give my highest praise and honor to my Holy and loving God. I have been experiencing His power and faithfulness as I receive His wonderful answers to my requests.

How about other children of God in Japan? Unfortunately, many are missing what I experience. This motivates me to work among the Japanese Christians! They are not encouraged to study the Bible. Sadly, not knowing His Word they remain ignorant of who God is for them and His will as well. Therefore, trusting in God is not their priority and they are not burdened for the lost souls and do not witness to them. If people don't experience God's love in their daily life they can't practice showing Christ's love to others. Each time I visit churches in Japan I feel these vital elements of our faith are missing among believers. There is no excitement and happiness although people are nice and keep orderly lives.



When I teach a Bible study, my desire is to stir up their hearts with the Word of God so they may give better attention to what the Bible is saying. I want them to find out the truth by themselves with good observation, not just listening to what their teachers are saying and blindly agreeing with what they hear without giving it any thought. I am convinced people are too passive and don't ask questions. They are quiet and polite. I ask questions to get their response so that they can be more active learners, thinking things through themselves. I used Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight." We often fail to do as and trust in the Lord's guidance. I encouraged them to memorize this passage. These are new ways to study and apply the Bible in their lives. At the same time, I want to know who they are and about their faith.

Three Christians at various places brought the topic of "Second chance" to our conversation; meaning people have a second chance to be saved after death. A famous Japanese pastor is teaching this new idea. When I heard of this, I quickly responded that the Bible never teaches such a thing. The story of the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16:19-31 clearly teaches there is no more chance to be saved after death, although that rich man in hell regrets his rejection of God while alive. But some Christians are embracing this unbiblical teaching without checking the Word of God. They lack understanding of the authenticity of the Bible. Humanly some Christians feel sorry for their deceased loved ones who never had the chance to hear

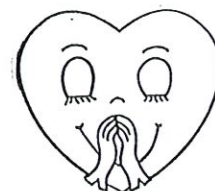
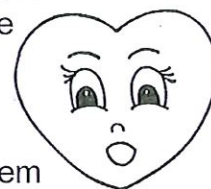


the gospel or didn't make any clear decision to accept Jesus. Either way it's wrong idea to preach this untruth. My Christian friend says if it's true, then what is the value of evangelism. I agree with her. We are working hard to spread the gospel, trying reach as many people as possible while we are on this earth. (And we serve for the living, not for the dead.) Those Christians who don't know the Word of God and whose hearts are not occupied with His word, leave space in their hearts to accept new and false ideas. It's too easy to believe the false ideas of their teachers when they are not standing on the Word of God. Peter and Paul warned that false teachers will come up from even among us.



PRAISES:

1. Safe travels between the US and Japan and while in Japan. I took many trains while traveling to teach Bible studies and visiting people who live in various cities. One day, I took 10 different trains to make my round trip. I used two Japan Rail passes during my visit. My flight was rescheduled twice just few days before my departure which added chaos as I suddenly needed to find a driver due to the change in departure time. Then my cell phone got a virus, making me unable to contact people. This required me to make multiple trips to a public telephone booth to make calls, and those people didn't pick up my calls. In addition, an unexpected early typhoon hit my area causing severe wind damage to TV antennas on the roof and a covered steel structure (9'x9') used for drying clothes on the roof moved one foot to the side. I was quite worried that there would be more damage if I didn't do anything. I asked the Lord what I should do about this. Together, two men would be able to push the structure back to its original position. I tried by myself to fix the bottom that held up the structure, but it wouldn't move. Then I put my weight on the supports and was able to push them straight up. Praise the Lord for His help. Temporarily the structure will be okay unless there are strong winds again. At the last minute, a retired Christian man was able to give me a ride to the airport. Praise God! Because the flight was a special chartered flight the plane was only 15 % full and it was very spacious.
2. For many years the tall fast-growing weeds in my yard have been a headache for me. I was unable to clean the backyard by myself; it was just too much for me. One day, a man from church suddenly appeared one morning with a machine to cut the weeds. I had never asked him, but he had learned of my need. Afterward he helped me put special sheets on the ground to prevent the weeds from growing back again and taking over the yard. This man is last person I would have expected would help me in this way. Several years ago, he refused to give me a ride home after church during a very hot summer. I was hurt and later told him so. How amazing, God surely uses unexpected people to help others.



JESUS



...we are more than
conquerors through Him
who loved us.
Romans 8:37 NIV

3. New opened doors
 - gave messages at two local churches
 - led Bible study groups at two churches
 - shared the gospel with two new people
4. Continued one-on-one Bible study at my house
5. Met a Christian family (mother, 18-year-old son and 15 year-old daughter) who are eager to study the Bible with me.
6. A new Christian woman joined a Bible study and is very hungry to know the word of God
7. Developing friendships with Christians in various cities and locally. Also, non-Christian neighbors.
8. Met a former Good News Club student from the mid-1980's (now 43 years old) who attended the club in Fort Lee, NJ.
9. I continue to forward Christian quotes, songs, Bible stories and movies that I find on YouTube to encourage and help Christians' faith. Several people respond well to those forwarded materials.
10. Good health although I couldn't walk enough during the cold winter season and I have high cholesterol and pre-diabetes.



PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Protection of TV antenna and the clothes drying structure damaged by the wind in early June. It will need to be moved back to its original position this fall when I am back in Japan.
2. Needed remodeling and repairs of several places in the house. Thankfully, I met a Christian handyman who is capable. I need God's guidance and wisdom along with the necessary funds to do the work.
3. More teaching opportunities for groups and one-on-one Bible studies.
4. Meet more spiritually hungry Christians so that I can teach them how to study the Bible inductively
5. This spring, I was unable to visit and teach a group located in a distant city due to the people's busy schedules. Pray that their schedules are open this fall so that we may meet.
6. For a good season of preparation for my trip to Japan this fall - lesson plan, contacting, personal writing and travel schedule etc.
7. Good News club in Elizabeth NJ - I want to take the children to parks this summer to get fresh air, physical movement and play since they live in a small apartment and don't have many chances to get out.
8. Meet more Japanese people who live in various cities in the tri-state (NJ, PA and NY) etc. And find opportunities to share the gospel.
9. Continued good health and that I can keep up my stamina (physically, emotionally and spiritually) so I can carry out the ministry that God has entrusted to me.
10. That Christians in Japan will grow in their knowledge of God and His Word so that they are able to stand firm against false teaching and spiritual warfare.



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In His Service,

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One of the most dangerous things a Christian can do right now is neglect Bible reading. Thousands of voices are attempting to convince you how to think. Be certain, you are being shaped, most scripture, less social media. More Bible, less books, more payer, loss blog posts.

-Anonymous



