

## Christal Yim

“Work until death” was Yuzo-san’s motto in life, as he pursued excellence in his contribution to the company he worked for. Day and night he worked, and was honored by his work. His life was all about work. That’s when he sought to find the true meaning of life, and that’s when he met God and embarked on a new, joy-filled journey of life, starting a new job, raising a family, serving at a local church, and hosting our team members as our “homestay dad.”

Before I landed in Tokyo, I’ve often heard that Japan is a “Godless” nation, where self-professing Christians are less than 2%. But when I heard such testimonies as Yuzo-san’s, I realized that the Holy Spirit has definitely been working in the lives of hungry Japanese souls. God is indeed present in Japan, and His faithfulness to His people in Japan touched my heart. As an example, I will briefly share Yuzo-san’s story of his encounter with the Lord on a tip of the peninsula, where he and his 3 year old son were 100 meters away from the ocean:

“When my 3 year old son Motoi was rolling off the beach and dragged toward the ocean by the giant wave that came unexpectedly, I was desperately searching for my glasses that fell from the empowering wave, so that I can rescue my son. Within 5 seconds I found my glasses and looked up, and saw my son standing way up on the rocks above me, safely out of the reach of the wave. I asked Motoi, ‘What happened? Who brought you here?’ and the little boy answered, ‘A man in white.’”

After hearing this story, I became certain that God is faithfully present in the lives of Japanese Christians, working through miracles and sustaining them with His love.

I felt God’s faithful presence even in the unexpected circumstance such as losing my Spiritual Sword—my big study Bible—on the plane to Tokyo even before I arrived to Toyohashi. I learned that He was in control because He has provided me the Spiritual Sword that I needed through a brother in the team, who brought two. And also because when I flew back to Tokyo 3 weeks after, a

flight attendant called me up, saying, “passenger Christal Yim, please see an agent outside the plane.” As soon as I stepped out, the agent was holding up my Bible, and I felt God saying, “You will need your own Sword for the battle in the States.”

My experience in Japan taught me the importance of living out the gospel—in making life changing decisions and commitments. God has taught me that when I do commit my entire life to Him, He will be faithful in taking care of me, as He has taken care of Yuzo-san and his family.