

God's Faithfulness



Teaching at "English Lunch Time"

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

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The new school year at Kansai University began with high hopes of meeting many new freshmen. However, just two days into orientation, my roommate was pulled aside by security and told that our group was not allowed to hand out fliers on campus. Our anticipated weeklong advertising blitz was over almost as soon as it started.

The following week, only one new freshman showed up for our first meeting. Though it wasn't surprising, we couldn't help but be a little disappointed. "Lord, what do You want us to do?" we wondered.

But God knew exactly what He was doing. Eventually, He provided us with the opportunity to advertise in the class of a Christian English professor. Now, we have almost a dozen freshmen attending

our weekly English outreach!

Among our older students, too, the restrictions had unforeseen benefits. As a result, many of them realized the need to begin taking greater responsibility for our ministry. Now we have a leadership team directing the outreach to their fellow students.

We are still more limited in meeting new students than we have been in the past. But despite the initial disappointment and continuing challenges, God has worked all things together for good—just as He promises. We are learning how to trust Him.

One Thing Needed

April and May are always busy, but things were even busier this year because of my church's annual English service, where I was asked to preach. Most of my spare time over the past six weeks went into that preparation. In the end, the service went well, and the congregation was blessed. Many new people came. I was complimented on my message.

But at some point, I hit a wall. Those around me commented on how tired I always looked. My studies suffered. My health deteriorated. And worst of all, when I finally stopped to think about it, I couldn't remember the last time I had enjoyed unhurried prayer or been impacted by something I read in Scripture.

I don't think God calls anyone to be so busy they don't have time for Him. So this past week, I decided to make some schedule changes that would give me more room to rest and focus on my relationship with the Lord. That may mean less direct ministry, but I trust that God will make it even more fruitful as I first seek Him.

May you experience His joy this month. Thank you so much for your prayers and support!

Prayer Requests

- Salvation for our non-Christian students, especially freshmen
- To rest well and prioritize my personal time with the Lord
- Upcoming events
 - Welcome Camp (5.23-24)
 - Mission Team arrives (5.29)

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Preaching at the English service