



Teaching a seminar on "Sharing Christ with your Classmates" at Osaka CCC's 2010 Summer Camp

Summer greetings from Seoul! It's the rainy season here now, but we're glad to be out of the Japanese heat. *Jungshin and I made a short trip back to Osaka earlier this month—my first visit in seven months, and her first in almost two years.*

Because it was also our first visit to our future mission field together as a married couple, *we went with a lot of prayer and anticipation of what God would show us during that time.* And God did not disappoint! There were lots of opportunities to see how He had used us and the Osaka CCC ministry in the lives of students.

One evening, for example, we attended the wedding reception of a couple of Japanese teammates who married each other last month. It was like viewing a snapshot of my personal history in Osaka; there were people there that I met when I first arrived 6 years ago!

Some of them are Christians who have now graduated and moved on to

become leaders in their churches. Others are students I've prayed for for years, who still have yet to trust Christ as their Savior. *But the fact that they are still there shows that God is not finished with them yet.*

However, I think my most encouraging meeting this time in Japan actually took place on a train. As I was walking down the platform, I heard someone call my name. It turned out to be a girl named **Mitsuki** who regularly attended the English lessons I taught on her campus the past few years.

Despite the fact that she attended those lessons faithfully, Mitsuki never showed much interest in the gospel. *I wondered why God kept bringing her around, when students who seemed much more open didn't show up.* But He kept us praying for her, even when we couldn't see immediate results.

I was so excited, then, to meet Mitsuki that morning and observe the changes taking place in her. She told me she had started attending church—and where her face had always been gloomy before, now she was cheerful and smiling. God had obviously been working in her life. He is faithful!

I had no plans to meet Mitsuki on the train that day, and God didn't have to lead me to her. *But in His grace and kindness, He chose to orchestrate events so I could get a glimpse of how He had used me in her life and be encouraged.*

Through this trip, the Lord repeatedly reminded us of how He's used us in Japan before, and *I believe He's preparing to use us there once again.* Not that He needs us—the Osaka ministry and students have continued to grow while we've been gone.

But it's because He loves us that He lets us be a part of what He's doing: saving lost students and sending them out as disciples to reach the nations. Thank you for the integral part you play in that, too! May God bless you, and have a wonderful month.

Prayer Requests

- Mitsuki's salvation, and the growth of Christian students in Osaka
- God's leading for the rest of our time in Korea, and continued opportunities to minister here
- Greater depth and consistency in our devotional and prayer lives
- Salvation for Jungshin's father

Ryan & Jungshin



Yongwa is one of the students I mentored last year in Japan. He's still involved and growing.