

# Jessica Joy's JOURNEY Journal

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Brit and Josh met in Tokyo when we were all there for missions. They got married last month!

## Praises!

- 1) Praise God that I finally feel like I can slow down enough to breathe while I'm here for two months in Ft. Collins, CO. This is the last phase of training before I go back to Japan. THANK YOU SO MUCH for allowing me to be here through your prayers and financial support. Being here is **much** needed.
- 2) Please pray for Kozue (the international student I got to pray with to receive Christ). Since I've been out of the Bay area the last 2 months, I haven't been able to follow-up. She's returning to Tokyo soon. Pray for her growth as a new believer.
- 3) Also join me in thanking God that I'm at 90% of my monthly support goal. God provides! I still need to raise \$715/month more before I'm released to go to Japan.

## ✘ Lost and Found ✘

*"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Luke 15:8-10*

Since I last wrote, I've thought of this passage a lot. I have a tendency to lose things, but *especially* when I'm busy and overwhelmed. Somehow during all my travels the past couple of months for support raising, I managed to lose my camera, cell phone and credit card. On separate occasions. I will never get over the frustration of losing something. It's the worst feeling.

The best feeling though is finding what was lost. When I lose something I feel like the woman in the above passage. I go on an all-out search - clean out all my belongings, retrace my steps, call people that might know of it's whereabouts... Most of the time I find what I've lost and am

overjoyed and grateful. I enjoy finding things.

"Things" are temporal though. God cares more for a person's soul than what happens to things. He searches for those who are lost and don't have a relationship with Him. And rejoices when even one person decides to turn his or her life around to follow Christ. I am so excited I get to be a part of God's "search for people". Even in the midst of a crazy schedule, God's given me opportunities to share the gospel with people here in the states as I travel. And I'm excited to report that in the past month 10 students came to Christ in Japan. Praise God for his persistent search of the lost and that you and I can take part!

