

LIFE AT TAMA HILLSIDE

MISSIONARY NEWSLETTER



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I'm so happy to report good news! I have finally gotten my visa to enter Japan! At the beginning of March, the Japanese government loosened travel restrictions for entering Japan. Over the past few months, I've been communicating with AGWM colleagues in Japan to get all the paperwork I need to return and my visa finally came two weeks ago.

Now for the less great news. Around the end of February, I had to go to the ER and doctors found multiple ovarian fibroids, the largest one was about 24 centimeters long. I had surgery in April to remove them and I'm recovering well now. For years, I've dealt with pain, pressure, and other internal issues that I never knew were caused by these. Having doctors previously dismiss it, I actually thought it was normal and just lived with the pain. Knowing now that I don't have to live with it anymore is such a relief!

This season of my life has been defined by multiple surgeries and numerous hospital visits. However, it feels like it parallels what God has been doing spiritually. God has been taking away things in my life that I have gotten used to but are causing harm, while making me aware of past trauma that I need healing from. He is steadily preparing me by consistently redefining what normal looks like in my life and tweaking my perspective. All in all, this season had been tough physically and mentally. But through it all, the Lord has been faithfully reminding me of who I am in Him and who He is to me, reassuring me of his call and purpose for my life.

No matter what season I am in his presence will always remain constant. Please pray as I prepare to leave for Japan this June. I will have my last medical checkup at the end of May and plan to fly out the 2nd week of June.

Jesus Encounter with Student of 6 Years

Every other week, I teach a high schooler who I've known for over 6 years now. I met her family while in the US and we've kept in contact over the years through English lessons. The 1st week of May we were going over vocabulary from our reading. I also happened to be attending a Christian conference that week. After I explained the word "sermon", she suddenly paused and said, "I'm surrounded by atheists. I don't know Christians or religious people."

This led to an hour and fifteen-minute conversation, where I got to share my testimony and experiences with God and the Holy Spirit. I was blown away by her frankness and obvious hunger for more. She kept asking questions and was ready to receive everything I had to give her. The conversation ended with her asking how to pray and personally connect with Jesus.

I am always open about my faith in Christ with all of my students and I talk about my prayer life often. Even though it's a small thing, it let her know that she could ask me these things and I was the one to go to if she had questions. For 6 years, I was faithful to be a witness in whatever way I could at work and now I'm finally seeing fruit!

I hope this encourages those who are faithfully and diligently being a light wherever God has them. Even when you don't see results right away, God is always working and active in every little thing. He knows who is seeking and will show you when to speak, just be ready when the time comes.