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Testimony of God at work

"You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all... Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant." 2 Corinthians 3: 2,5



Takeshi, me, and Daishi a year and a half ago before I returned back to America. (July, 2017)

Takeshi and I met almost a year and a half ago. Takeshi did and still does have a warm personality and a great smile. He has the amazing gift of connecting with others and even has a pretty decent sense of humor! All of that made getting to know Takeshi and hanging out with him pretty easy! We met him through a friend and continually invited him to events we would host from english groups to Christmas parties. Throughout the year, me, my teammates, and students shared the Gospel with him many times! And although we could see at times that he was open to listening and learning about Jesus by the time we left Japan he was still not a Christian.

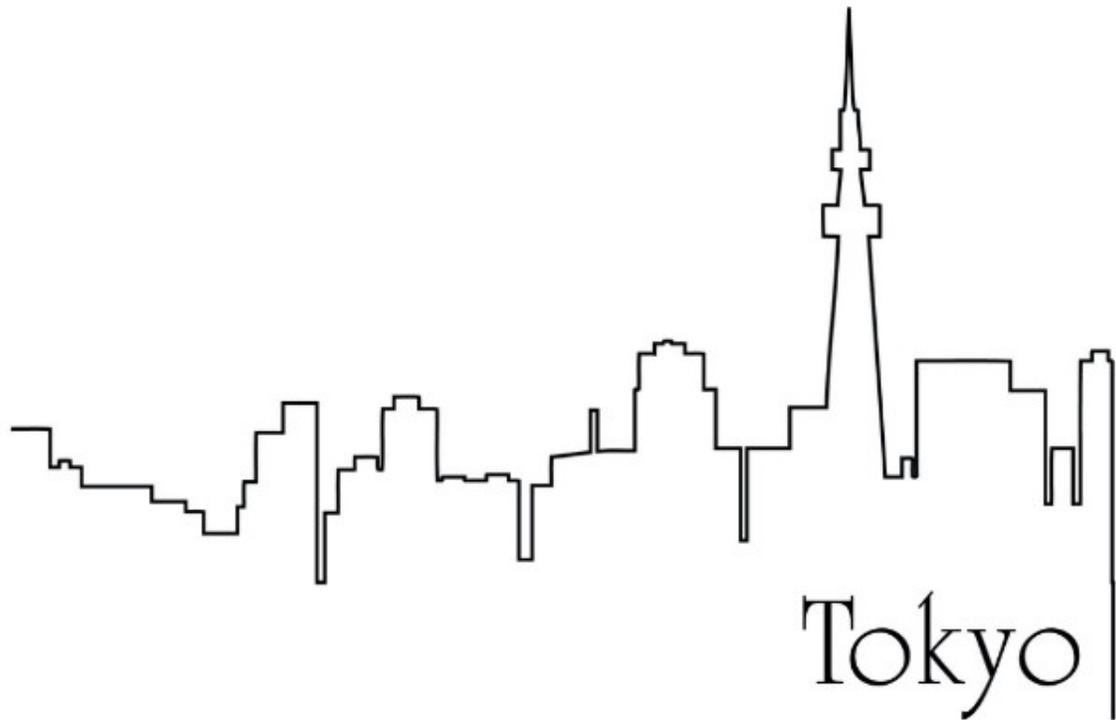
The picture above shows Takeshi, myself, and our friend Daishi at our "going away" the last time I was in Japan. I still remember Takeshi personally coming up to a few of the guys at the end of the night thanking us for "telling him so many stories from the Bible". We felt encouraged that God had provided opportunities for us to share with him and hoped that God would continue to pursue Takeshi!

So then why almost 14 months later am I including Takeshi in my update about returning to Japan?? Because just this past month I got a message from him saying that he had just decided to become a Christian and trust Christ with his life!

I was blown away. Despite it being so long since we had seen him and despite Takeshi living in the largest unreached nation in the world he heard the Gospel and trusted Christ. God continued to pursue him. God gave my friend Takeshi life and with that a joy to identify as a fellow Christian and brother!

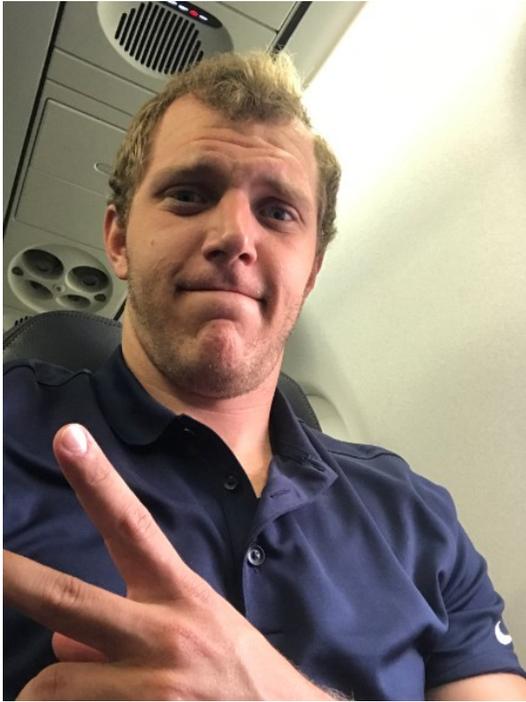
Please continue to pray for Takeshi! As we messaged back and forth he told me that he is now in the process of changing universities and will begin pursuing Medical School to become a doctor.





Update on being back in 東京(Tokyo)!!

I also want to give all of you a brief update on how transition back to Tokyo has been. My last few days in America were a blur! On my last night home I received a sweet send off from family and friends. The next morning I was boarding my flight to Tokyo! It has been very reassuring to come back to Japan and very much feel a complete assurance that this is where God has me. I have loved reconnecting with my coworkers, church family, and friends here! Over the past few weeks we have received our interns from the states, held a fall leadership camp for our student leaders across the city, and just recently signed up for my Japanese language school!



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Huge prayer of thanksgiving for how God has provided in the last year! But also in the last month! God has connected us with multiple families here in Tokyo who have helped us furnish our apartment through donating beds and furniture they were needing to get rid of. It has helped make my new apartment not just a place to sleep but a place to host and call "home"! So thankful for my new place!
- Please say a special prayer for me as I commit a large chunk of the next few years to mastering Japanese. Japanese is one of the top three most difficult languages for an english speaker to learn. I'm super thankful for my leadership and team which are helping me grow in the necessary areas to be able to connect with Japanese people in their native language.
- Huge praise for all of you prayer partners! I have continually found myself blown away that I am here and back in Tokyo. I want to thank God for each of you and your continued support, encouragement, and prayers! So glad that God has given me the team that he has in all of you!



I wasn't God's first choice for what I've done in China. I don't know who it was.. it must have been a man.. a well-educated man. I don't know what happened. Perhaps he died. Perhaps he wasn't willing.. and God looked down and saw Gladys Aylward.. and God said, "Well, she's willing."

-Gladys Aylward

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