

Israel News Letter

For Zion' s sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem' s sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch.
(Isaiah 62:1 NIV)



On January 12th, 2014, I had a privilege to say few words before being sent out to Israel in front of Pastor Inafuku, Pastor Shingo, and the beloved family of God, and was being anointed as an intercessor missionary at Shinjuku Shalom Church. I am very honored to be sent out from the church that I love the most!! I want to thank each person from my heart.

I will be working as a prayer staff in Jerusalem House of Prayer for All Nations (JHOPFAN), which is located in the Mt.Olive, Israel. This 24hour House of Prayer was established by Pastor Tom Hess. He received the vision from the Lord to restore the tabernacle of David in Jerusalem and so he built



this house of prayer about 26years ago. He has been to Shinjuku Shalom Church about 7 years ago and he was also invited as one of the speakers in Empowered21, which was

held in Kyoto last year. He has a special passion for Japan and Asia and he hopes to be connected more strongly with these countries in this hour of time. Because of this reason, they needed Japanese staff and



so I was chose to be sent there for this season. I don't exactly know what kind of work I will be involved in for now so I will report on the news letter as I found out more and more.

Just few days ago, 2years volunteer visa for Israel was been



issued!! It was actually issued on the day I was being anointed as a intercessor missionary. I want to thank all those who prayed for this issue. My departure will be on January 21st, 2014, and my return will be around December, 2014.

As an Intercessor Missionary in Israel...



Please let me introduce myself as how all this came about and how the Lord led me until here.

* Passion for the Mission

I grew up in an ordinary Christian family and I think I officially prayed to ask the Lord to come into my heart was in 5th grade. I was led to pray the salvation prayer after hearing a story about a missionary who went to India and became a martyr. I was very touched from the story and from around that time, I wanted to sacrifice my life to the Lord like this missionary did. My image toward a missionary was to go to India or inland China where the gospel has not been heard, or go to the poor countries and show/express the love of the Lord. However, the plan of The Lord was much much higher than my thoughts.

* Israel?!?!

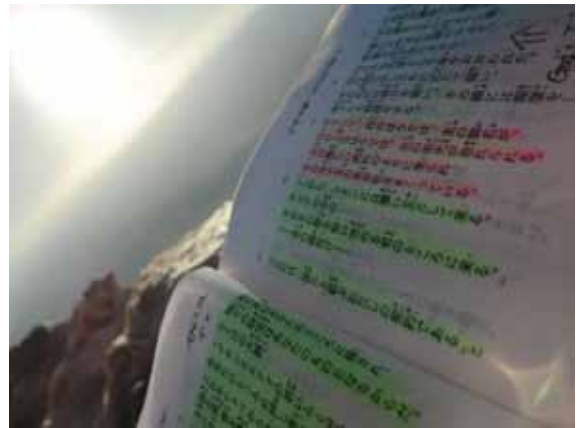
In July last year, I went to Israel for the first time and it was an eye opening experience for me where the bible became so much real to me and I really wanted to visit Israel again. Just 4days after this first visit to Israel, Pastor Shingo suddenly asked me to go to Israel. He recieved a contact from JHOPFAN that they need Japanese staff as soon as possible and it seems like the first name that came to Pastor Shingo's mind to be sent was "Kayo." For me, this was too sudden pronoucement.

Although I have stayed in many different countries for a long term to study or to be trained before, being sent to Israel was something quite different so I was puzzled.

As I said before, in my mind, being missionary is to go to places like a small village to spread the gospel. I was actually being very serious about going for a mission in China at the beginning of last year. I even was consulting with Pastor Inafuku about going to the bible school in Taiwan. The reason for me moving this way was because of the movement called "Back to Jerusalem." I believe many people have heard of this term. This movement explains how the gospel has spread from Jerusalem to all nations and now in the end time, this gospel is

coming back to Jerusalem. And as a part of this movement, I paid attention to China where the gospel has to go through in order to reach Jerusalem. However, in this time period, the Lord is moving quickly like never before in order to accomplish his plan. Therefore, the Lord has jumped over China and sent me to Israel.

"Is this voice really of the Lord? Or am I just following the flow of the church and Pastor Shingo?" This thought came into my mind that I prayed for signs for the confirmation. So the first thing I did was to read the bible since it is the direct word of the Lord and will be



spoken to me directly as well. However, everywhere I read, "Israel" will come up and there are no verses that say do not go to Israel. On the other hand, almost all the verses tell to bless Israel or go up to Jerusalem. I thought, "Oh dear... only bible for this matter will not be enough for me to decide..." so I continued to pray to the Lord, "Please be more specific in this!!"

* The Gift

In this situation, one of the sisters from my church saw an image and shared it to me during the youth camp held on August.

Jesus wants to give me a gift but I am hesitating to receive that. Moreover, what the sister saw in the image was a vivid picture of

blood vessels on Jesus' arms. What does this show? This showed that He risked to get this gift. Jesus really really want me to receive it.

While I was listening to this prophesy or the image I asked the Lord... "What is in this gift?" Then this answer came back to me. "It's the salvation of the Jews..."

Although it was not an audible voice, in my heart it was very clear.



Jesus came to this earth in order to save all man kind but it was with Jews that His actual fleshly body was in contact with. With His fleshly body, he spent time with Jews for them to be saved. Sometimes it can be a real fierce battle. He was stoned, spitted, hit with the fist and so on... if you look at the cross of Jesus, it is quit obvious.

But Jesus kept on loving the soul of Jews whom the Lord had chosen and kept on hoping that they will get saved one day. And this is the gift that He wants to give to me...

The reason I am hesitating to receive this gift is because it is so heavy...

Moreover, even before receiving this prophesy or the image, Jesus also told me personally that He will give me a gift when I was in SHOP by myself praying. He told me to pull out my hands from the poket because He will give me a gift. So I did, and I waited, and waited, and waited... still nothing on my hands... Well, I thought then that the voice I heard was wrong. As I was going to put my hands down, the still small voice told me, "It is my hands that was pierced on the cross that I will give to you."

Because these incident happened so close to each other, the gift that the Lord has been given to me is being extra heavy that I hesitate to receive... However, Jesus approached me in a very kind gentle manner. He never pushed me to receive the gift but His eyes of burning fire of passion was saying like this, "This is my desire. Would you like to share my heart?"

I was lost by His approach of love and answered like this. "My beloved Lord, I will receive this gift. But Lord, what are you asking of me? I don't know any Hebrew, the Jewish culture, the feasts, I never had contact with any Jewish, I don't know anything!!! Moreover, I don't have much interest toward Jews and I don't have a heart like yours, Lord!! So what can I do???"

* The Father's House, Japan to Israel.

"Listen, daughter, and pay careful attention: Forget your people and your father's house. Let the king be enthralled by your beauty; honor him, for he is your lord." (Psalm 45:10, 11 NIV)

After coming back from the camp, this scripture jumped into my heart. And this verse led me to make a firm decision to go to Israel.

For me, my people and my father's house is Japan. But the Lord tells me to forget them. The Lord taught me that His primary desire for me is not to do something but to leave or forget my people and my father's house, and to go and follow where my King Jesus is, out of love and longing. Also the Lord told me that Jesus will be enthralled with my beauty when I obey His words.

In fact, there are many people who are much suited to be sent out to Israel. People who have a heart for Israel and praying for this nation with tears for long times; People who study and love Israel through the bible and revelation of the Lord; these kind of people should be the one to sent out to Israel. I am not from the bible school and I am totally ignorant about Israel. On September 2013, I went to Israel for a month but just few days before flying to Israel, I found out that Yom Kippur, Jewish new year is in this season. What is the benefit for such a person like me to go and be in Israel?

In fact, I would say I won't be able to do anything. Evangelize to Jews is so far to reach for me at this point. The only thing the Lord wants me to do; that is to long for Jesus, pray with Jesus, and to lift His name on high.

* A Bridge between Japan and Israel ~As a Highway to Zion

In this end time where Jesus is coming back as the King of Glory at any moment, the Lord is actually working to prepare the road. There is not really a thing that I can do in Israel but with the worship and prayer, I hope to become a voice that is written in Isaiah 40. I anticipate and believe and pray that Jesus, the Sun of righteousness will be highly lifted up in Japan this year, and that glory and light will shine through out the world.



Prayer Request

- ✧ I may hear the voice of the Lord clearly and follow Him step by step. I would be humble and do not be prideful all the time.
- ✧ To know the Lord's heart toward Israel, and that heart will become mine and also everybody's so that we can pray for Israel and Jerusalem with one heart.
- ✧ To prepare the highway of the coming of Jesus.



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