

Dawning of the New Time

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Since 2000, the *Revelation praises* have been given to the *Kohitsuji no Mure* Church through Mitsuko. They are also called the *heavenly praises*, which have been poured from heaven one after another. The praises are nothing but the love of God.

Through these special praise songs, I have the most unexpected experience. The dark feelings such as anger and bitterness accumulated in my heart for years have surfaced to be exposed to the light of God, and I am very grateful that I am on the way to be like the wind.

I sincerely believe *Kohitsuji no Mure* is now being pulled up to a higher dimension ever as the heavenly worshippers.

Last August, something happened to me; it made me realize the coming of the new time upon us.

I have held English praise gatherings at my house for the last several years. In the autumn before last, I read Pastor Peter's words, "The time of Isaiah 55:5 has come." Then, I knew by intuition that people would come from all over the world to know the *faith in praise* in the near future. So I proclaimed to the Lord that I would open English praise gatherings to the whole world. I decided to learn English earnestly, and started going to an English conversation school.

My teacher was an Australian man in his thirties. I said to him, "I'm a Christian. I'd like to learn English for my faith," but he told me that he did not believe in God. Though his answer disappointed me a little, I decided to take his private lessons. I felt that it was the Lord's wish to take English lessons from him.

At first, I could not tell him about Jesus Christ. Even if I told him about my faith, I did not think he would understand it. However, several months later we came to have a good relationship, and one day he told me about himself. According to him, his father had killed himself a few years before. He could not get over the shock, so at last he decided to go to Japan with his Japanese wife and child, and started his own school in Japan last year.

When I heard his story, I was at a loss for words with shock. I felt as if I could see blood dripping down from his wounded heart, and at the same time I saw in my heart the blood of Jesus on the cross. At that moment, I sensed that the Lord said to him, "My son, your pain has already removed by my cross. I died for you. Come to Me and receive my love." Then, Matthew 11:28 resounded in my heart.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

One day, when Easter Day was just around the corner, he showed me an Easter egg made of chocolate and said, "Do you know this?" Though I knew what it was, I mistakenly told him that it was for Halloween. Then, he smiled and began to speak about Easter Day. He kept speaking, "I'm going to give these eggs to my students so that they will know our culture through them." He put some pictures of Jesus Christ on the table and further said, "I want to show them these pictures and tell them about the resurrection of Jesus Christ. You told me you believe in Jesus Christ, so I think you'll be glad to know my idea." And he gave a big Easter egg to me, too. Then, I sensed that he knew the love of Jesus in his heart even if he did not believe in Him in an intellectual and rational level. The Lord Jesus was smiling gently in those pictures. Thinking of the Lord's gentle gaze at him, something warm came up in my heart. I felt that the Lord already began to work in him, and sincerely gave thanks to the Lord.

In July last year, he felt physically ill and went to a hospital. As the result of the examination, it turned out that he had cancer, and he had to go through an operation.

One day, just before the Miyazaki Retreat, one of his students called me, and we talked about his illness. I had met her only twice before, so I did not know her well. While we were talking, she said to me, "What is this? I don't know why, but I feel something warm is flowing into my body through a receiver, and tears are flowing from my eyes." As my hand which was holding a receiver was also warm and was numbed, I said to her, "It means the Holy Spirit is working in you. I'm a Christian. I believe in Jesus Christ." She said to me, "I believe in Shinto (Japanese traditional polytheistic religion), but I want to believe in Jesus Christ now!" Then, she accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior on the phone. Three days after that event, she came to the *Kohitsuji no Mure* Sunday service and was baptized.

After her baptism, she told me a shocking story. Her husband had killed himself a few years before, and she said that she could not be herself for a couple of years because of the shock. She moved to this town and started a new life to be healed of her heartache.

I was really surprised to know that her suffering was similar to my English teacher's, and I was convinced of the magnificent work of God. "The Lord will save him as He saved her," I believed then.

In September, hearing that my English teacher came back to work, I went to his class. He looked disheartened when I met him, so with his

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permission, I put my hands on his shoulder and prayed for his healing. Surprisingly, when I went back to my seat, he said with tears brimming in his eyes, "What happened to me? My body is very warm. I've never had such a feeling before!" I said to him, "It is the love of God. The Lord is touching you. Would you like to be baptized now?"

He answered, "Yes, please, right now." Though I had not baptized anyone in English, I remembered that I had practiced it before, just in case. I baptized him in the name of Jesus Christ, with gratitude to the Lord.

He was born and brought up in a Christian home in a Christian country, but now he was baptized by a woman like me in a non-Christian country, Japan. I really sensed that the new time had come, which was the time when the scripture Isaiah 55:5 would be fulfilled.

Behold, you shall call nations that you know not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. (Isaiah 55:5 RSV)

Through his baptism, I feel as if I could see the *Church of the Wind*, which would appear in this world soon. This church is the only and last hope of the earth. I know it is an outrageous statement, but I believe that people in the world will come together seeking for the true salvation and praise the Lord Jesus Christ there. Praising the Lord in the same faith is equal to loving each other. Such love, in harmony with the love of God, will cover all the earth, heal the wounded earth and proclaim the true love of God and the salvation of Christ's cross to people whose love has grown cold.

The *Church of the Wind* is the manifestation of the cross of Jesus, and now is the time for all things to return to the love of Christ on the cross.

I believe that the *Church of the Wind* will be built not only visibly on the Ashiya shore but also spiritually in each one's heart. I believe that the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ will be given to people for whom we pray and to the land on which we walk.

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