

God Uses Country Boys, Too

I grew up in a rural town of Japan that had no Christian presence. Raised in a very religious Buddhist/Shinto environment, I rebelled in my teenage years. One day, I made a mistake that made me feel very dirty, but I couldn't make myself clean. I thought, "Well, I have to live with this." It seemed that I continued to make wrong choices.

When I was 20 years old I came to Canada for one year. I went to a church for the first time. I also lived with different Christian families where I saw Christian family values from the inside. After four years of church Jesus became my Saviour and later I was baptized. That was when I realized that the dirtiness I felt in my teens was finally gone. So, I decided to live my life for Jesus and later became a missionary. My wife Sandy and I served in missions for 16 years in North America and Asia. My mother also became a Christian. Later, we moved to Reiho (my hometown in Japan) because no missionary ever worked there and there was no church.

In 2017, God opened a door for us to work with OM. Since then, many short-term mission teams and other OM workers have joined us. A local church was started in Reiho three years ago. With our OM team, we expanded our ministry regions to enter into unchurched and unengaged areas surrounding Reiho. We also work with many Japanese pastors, many of whom are discouraged. It is amazing to see what God has done through the OM team... and through a country boy like me.

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