



Dear Friends,

Good News! Mrs. Shimizu, an elderly lady who faithfully attends my Bible study, and who has been through so much, recently became a Christian!

That means two new believers from this Bible study in just the last few months! Praise the Lord! :)

Just a few weeks ago at our Bible study she told me, "I really want to believe all of this is true, but I just don't see how this (the resurrection) could be real history." I decided to lend her the Japanese translation of The Case for Christ. I told her, "God doesn't want you to believe in fairy tales, He wants you to have solid answers to your honest questions." She seemed grateful, and told me that she would try to read the book.

Just a few days before Easter, she talked with our pastor's wife, Becky, about everything. Since Mrs. Shimizu had already come to believe that this world has a Creator, Becky encouraged her to remember that raising Jesus from the dead would be no problem for Him! After more discussion Mrs. Shimizu realized that she does now believe and received Christ as her Lord and Savior! She gave her whole life to the Lord, and her whole countenance and demeanor have changed! She is excited to share more with her unbelieving husband and son also. What a wonderful resurrection day for her - To experience the resurrection in her soul and then be able to celebrate it and proclaim it during this Easter season!

So, let's rejoice as we reflect on what Christ has done for us all this Easter. It is great to see how God is at work among us, even 2,000 years after He came. And thank you for being a part of reaching the precious people in Japan through your prayers and support. Please do pray for Mrs. Shimizu's family. Her husband is in the hospital and her son, though a very busy man, does come to our church once in a while too.

Your partners in the gospel,
Mark & Maki