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Faith Experience

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My name is Elisa Gonzalo Walsh, I received the Ohikari 9 years ago in Cruzeiro, Sao Paulo, Brazil. I currently dedicate at the Johrei Center in Boston, United States.

Since I moved to the USA, I have always tried to be very close to the minister who has always helped me with my dedications, and giving Johrei, and also helping me to develop my faith.

Last year I went through some purifications that I would like to share with everyone. I got married in June 2019 and immediately bought a ticket to visit my family in Brazil in February 2020, which I hadn't seen for 3 years and I was very anxious for this moment.

American immigration normally takes 5 months to send the permanent visa, the Green Card which allows you to work, and to be able to leave and return to the country. But 6 months had gone by and I still had not received anything. I told my mother, who is also a member in Brazil, about this situation, and she made it her goal to go every month to the Monthly Services at the Guarapiranga Sacred Ground, São Paulo, to pray, thank and dedicate so that I could gain permission to go to Brazil to visit my family.

I also started a new dedication from here, seeking to hand this situation over to God and Meishu-sama to take care of. I had been dedicating at monthly services, dedicating to do voiceover and also dedicating once a week with Johrei. But I realized that it was not enough, I wanted to offer even more to God and Meishu-sama. So, I went to the altar and prayed, asking to have the opportunity to serve more at the Johrei Center, to be able to go to center more often, so that I could receive more light.

It was then that, when I left my old job at the end of December 2019 and got a temporary job for a month during the month of January, I realized that the new job was only 11 minutes from the Johrei Center. I understood then that God and Meishu-sama had given me permission to dedicate, which is what I had asked for, so I started my daily dedication.

I tried to strive for this dedication, without fail, praying and dedicating with renewed attitude. Another point that I also tried to strive for was that I started to read more of Meishu-sama's teachings, and whenever I went to the Johrei Center, I always gave and received Johrei. I was feeling more convinced, and I was more cheerful and with faith that I needed to understand and wait for God's time.

Even so, striving to hand this problem over to God, and dedicating, on some occasions, I missed so much my family, and anguish, anxiety, and sadness took over my heart.

But I had prayed for this permission to serve more, I had made my commitment, and for that reason, I was resolute, and continued with my dedication, going to the Johrei Center.

I confess that sometimes, I felt unmotivated, unwilling to go, but I kept going. And always when I was in front the altar, and prayed looking at the image of God and Meishu-sama, I felt the light of Meishu-Sama entering my heart, and strength to face this situation returned and it nourished my heart.

A month before the departure date for Brazil, I still hadn't received the Green Card. I called to talk to my mother in Brazil, and she told me that she had made a special donation of gratitude for my trip to Brazil. And that month, she made an effort to go to the sacred grounds once more and ask God and Meishu-Sama for grace.

Three weeks before the trip, a friend sent my resumé to a multinational company, which I would never have imagined being able to work for. Perhaps in a few years, with more experience here in the USA, since I had not been working in my field for many years. I had four interviews and the next week I had four more interviews. I continued to strive for my dedication here, and my mother dedicated in Brazil.

A month had passed since I had intensified my dedication, and now I only had a week left till the date of my trip, and I was still unable to travel, because the Green Card had not arrived. I no longer complained and I had already accepted whatever the divine will was.

It was then that blessings began.

I was already resigned, but my mother still had hopes. That same last week, on a Thursday, my mother called me saying that she had just paid for her ticket to go on the caravan to the Guarapiranga Sacred Ground to ask for permission for me to go to Brazil for us to get together with each other. I then told her, that she shouldn't go and ask, but go to thank all this, because I thought I wouldn't be going anymore. However, Meishu-sama was saving a surprise for me. That very day, after talking to my mother, I got a new call, this time, it was a call from the immigration, saying they wanted to talk to me. To my pleasant surprise they gave me a travel permit for 30 days.

With this document that allowed me to leave and re-enter the country, I could go and visit my family. Even though not being the permanent visa card so hoped for, I was very happy and thankful. I called my mother again, telling her, that she really shouldn't go to ask, but to thank, as I was already allowed to travel. And we cried together. My mother never lost her faith.

As soon as I hung up the phone with my mother, five minutes later the company from which I had had the job interviews called me saying that I had been hired.

I have no words to express my gratitude! I continued my dedication until the day of my trip, thanking God and Meishu-Sama for all these blessings received.

But Meishu-sama had yet another grace reserved. An hour before I left the house to go to the airport, my Green Card arrived. With this document, I could leave the country whenever I wanted, I could work and start my future here in the USA.

My new job will start at the end of April and thanks to that, I have been able to go to the Johrei Center and dedicate in the morning services every day.

With the new job, the time of my dedication will change, but I will continue with it, always expressing my gratitude, and seeking my spiritual growth.

I hope that this testimony will inspire many people to trust God and Meishu-sama, like my mother, seeking to resolve their difficulties through the practice of Johrei, prayer, serving, practicing gratitude through the donations and reading the teachings.

I thank God and Meishu-Sama from the bottom of my heart for the blessings received, my husband for being by my side, and I thank my mother for her unconditional support and the example of faith. I am sure that our ancestors are very happy with our dedication.

Thank you.