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I thought in write something fancy about my faith experience, but God and Meishu-sama are so simple that I'm gonna keep my text this way.

I didn't know the church or Johrei until I came to New York, where Denise (a good friend of mine) introduced me to this divine light and the teachings of Meishu-sama. The first time I received Johrei I felt so relaxed that I slept for hours. Then receiving the light frequently, through Denise, I feel the need to be part of this movement. I attended the classes with minister Romilson Candido and in a few months I became a member.

Life here in New York is not easy. I came by myself, with all my savings to try something new. I passed through difficult time, but I was so truly thankful for being here that all I can do is believe in God and thank Him and Meishu-sama.

One of many things that I learned with Meishu-sama's teachings was to be patient and understand that everything happens in God's time. So, to give an example, at the beginning here I was working just 2 days per week - the money was enough only to pay my rental - but everything that I was about run out the cash, a job appeared. And the only thing to do, once again, was thank God and Meishu-sama.

In the past, I would go crazy in this situation (I had nervous gastritis), but I never felt myself in a such peaceful state of mind. Some people asked how can I be so calm and so positive having lots of responsibilities? And my answer was the same every time "I am so thankful to God and Meishu-sama, for the permission to live in a city that I always dream to be, that my belief that everything's gonna be alright increases every day!". Then in July 2016, I started to work with an amazing family, taking care of a one year old boy (and giving him Johrei every single day).

The time goes by, the enhancements were coming, mostly about my feelings and my way to handle with people and emotions. Oh, and I've improved a lot. I had innumerable situations that I put aside my shyness to talk to people, or even to dedicate when minister Romilson asked me to do it. And it is incredible when you have the will to help other person, to make him or her happy, that I being a shy person is nothing.

And I guess the biggest upgrading that I had, about feelings, was about my "heartfeelings". And I got a hard time with this situation, but God and Meishu-sama gave me such strength to keep going, by reading the teachings and the amazing book wrote by rev. Koji Sakamoto "Encontrando o caminho" a lot, by giving and receiving Johrei, and minister Romilson always advising me, and my second mom - or my haha - Hiromi by my side telling "Ana san, Meishu-sama is holding the guy for you, you need just to pray and open your eyes!". And I opened. The first day of this single year, I met this lovely guy that I'm dating since then.

One more important thing that happened to me. When I came my dream was to live in Manhattan, but at first time it's was impossible, so Queens was the place to be. I never gave up to that dream and as soon as I could, when I started to work full time, I started to do my monthly donation appreciation. In February 2017 I moved to Manhattan, and for coincidence (or not?) the value of my donation is exactly 10% of my apartment's rental.

To finish my faith experience, I think that thank God and Meishu-sama never will be enough, for those things I received here. I want to continue more and more help to create paradise on earth, doing good to others, showing my appreciation in a material way (giving donation) and the most important thing: channeling Johrei!!

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