

# God Reveals Himself

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Today, I received a great testimony from Sapporo in Hokkaido (northernmost island of Japan). The Lord miraculously healed a twenty-year-old man named Masafumi Yagihashi.

Last July, he was recommended to see a doctor since he was wheezing just by climbing stairs.

Masafumi writes in his testimony:

“I went to a doctor because I found myself suddenly short of breath. The doctor told me, ‘You have an illness of unknown cause. You have only a year to live.’ I then went to a large hospital to have a thorough evaluation. They found out that my lungs had viral infection caused by dusts and mites. The only treatment would be lung transplants because my lungs were already dead. It is a very difficult surgical procedure available only in the United States. I decided to go ahead.”

At that time, one of our staff workers told him, “Trust in Jesus and go to the *Kohitsuji no Mure* Church in Ashiya. The Lord will certainly do great things for you.” The people in the Sapporo gathering prayed for him, and sent a prayer request for us to pray with them.

His physical condition was deteriorating. Death was not too far off. Even if he had an operation, there was no guaranty to succeed. Although he had already believed in Jesus Christ, he stepped forward and made a renewed decision to trust in the Lord.

He came to our church in Ashiya all the way from Sapporo by himself. Though his mother tried to stop him,

concerned about his health and suspicious about God's healing, he did not change his mind.

When your life is in danger, in whom will you trust? How blessed it is to know God in whom we can trust wholeheartedly!

He came to our healing service on the third Sunday in December. He was a pleasant young man, dressed in a white sweatshirt and pants.

After the service, we prayed for him. I felt bad that we could spend only a few minutes for this young man who had come all the way from Sapporo, using time, money and energy. However, in praying I was overwhelmed by the power of the cross of Jesus Christ. I too decided to trust in the Lord.

Even if it was only five minutes, or ten seconds, or five hours, it should make no difference. Regardless of the amount of prayer time, the Lord would heal Masafumi. If it were I who would heal him, I would be crushed by the weight of responsibility. However, it is the Lord who brings forth perfect healing. So, I simply put my trust in the Lord and prayed.

As we prayed for his healing, his spine was straightened while his body moved about. When I placed my hands on his lungs, I felt something hot flowing into them. The Lord was first healing the wounds of his heart, rather than his lungs.

Masafumi writes:

“After Pastor Peter and Mitsuko prayed for me, I somehow felt that I was completely healed already. I received a great power within. It was as if every cell of my body burst with joy. I felt something dwelling in me, and gained great confidence.”

The Lord touched him so deeply. “Something that

dwells in him” is the Lord. When the Lord comes into us, we “gain great confidence.” It is not a mere feeling; the Life itself actually starts living within. So we are naturally filled with power and joy of living.

I did not know that he received such power in the prayer, and I was surprised to hear him say, “I’ve decided to come here again next year (the year 2000).” This young man’s decision to trust in the Lord was so earnest that he would venture a trip to the church again. I was deeply moved by his faith.

However, his operation day in the States was moved forward, and he could not come to Ashiya before his trip to the States. The house church leader in Sapporo asked us to pray for him on the phone. So we decided to pray when he came to her house church gathering. It was Friday, January 7, 2000. I learned later that it was one day before his departure to the States. It was seven o’clock in the evening. Over the speakerphone we all prayed together: Masafumi, the people in the Sapporo gathering, the staff workers in the headquarters, and me.

While praying, I was perplexed by a strange sensation that the words of my prayer were absorbed into somewhere. Could it be because we were using a speakerphone? My chest became unusually hot. I felt the Lord reassuring me that He had healed him. After the prayer, they were saying on the other side of the phone, “Our chests feel hot!”

Masafumi writes:

“On January 8, 2000, the day I was leaving Japan, I arrived at Haneda Airport in Tokyo with my doctor. I went outside the terminal because I still had some time before my departure. The moment I went outside, something sparkling descended upon me from the sky. ‘What’s this?!’ Then, I

heard a voice close to my ears. 'Eternity is not an illusion. It reveals itself sometimes.' I looked around, but no one else noticed this mysterious phenomenon. For a while, I was too astounded to move.

When I came back inside the airport, my doctor said to me, 'Let's go back to the hospital and get another test.' I thought, 'Is he crazy? I will miss the plane.' However, the most astounding diagnosis awaited me after I went through the test at the hospital. The virus in my lungs was all gone and the dead cells of my lungs have revived!"

Masafumi has been healed completely. Indeed, the Lord is not an illusion; He is the real God who reveals Himself. I believe God is willing to reveal Himself sometimes so that we may believe without seeing.

Having witnessed it, Masafumi says:

"This miraculous healing of God has given me the desire to tell many others about Jesus. He did a miracle for a sick person like me! I cannot help wishing all people to meet Jesus."

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