

## YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT GOD WILL DO

### A Long Time Ago, I Met A Student In Nagoya...

In the early 90's as a Campus Ministry staff in Nagoya, Japan, I met a smart ,dedicated student named Nobuharu Suzuki. Nobu was interested in our all-American team and engaged in many conversations with us. Although friendly and a good conversationalist in English, Nobu was part of a Buddhist group and was unwilling to talk about Christ .Instead he spoke the ideas he knew in opposition to our attempts to share the gospel. He still hung around with us as friends during those years until we left Nagoya in January, 1995.



A couple of weeks ago, Nobu contacted us through Facebook because he and his family were planning to come to Orlando to go on a Disney cruise! We were able to meet up with Nobu and his family and got to hear the wonderful rest of the story!

It turns out that after we left Nagoya, he continued talking with the staff who kept patiently loving him and answering his questions, and Nobu finally decided to put his faith in Jesus

Christ! He graduated, got a job in his nursing field, and got involved in one of the local Nagoya churches.. He started to grow in his faith.

While he worked in nursing and grew as a believer, his pastor became concerned that he had not yet gotten married. So in typical Japanese fashion, the pastor helped make an introduction! Shelley was working for a few years with a company that sent her to Nagoya. She was raised in a Christian family, and she had connected with the local church. God led them to overcome the challenges of two different cultural backgrounds and they got married. Then they decided to move to Shelley's family's home state of Maine.



Nagoya students meeting in our house, Nobu on left.

The Lord continued to work in Nobu's heart and gave him a passion for the nations who need to hear the gospel. So while he continued his work in nursing, he completed a major in missions with Gordon Conwell seminary. God opened his eyes to the many ethnic minority people in the area where he is living, and he has been reaching out to them in an effort to help them know the love of Jesus.

We praise God for His great work in the life of Nobu and that Nobu and his family are still following Jesus! It reminded us that God works in amazing ways to change lives! Even when we don't see the fruit of our ministry immediately, we know that God's word always accomplishes what God intends for it to do!

### Avalon Middle School and the Cru Club

This year Rochelle stepped up to lead the meetings of the Cru club at Avalon Middle School where Josh is now in 8th grade.

God blessed the start of the year for the club with both good attendance of 28 students the first week and several extra high school volunteers. Please pray for growth of the students and for their upcoming Beach Bash outreach to new students on 9/16.



During our summer trip to California, our family celebrated Steve's dad's 80th birthday! Fun!

### THANK YOU!

We hope this letter encourages you as you reach out in love to family, friends, and neighbors. God will use you as you faithfully plant the seeds of kindness, service, and words of the Gospel. You never know how God will use you! Thank you for being used of God in our lives as you support us with your prayers and finances! We so love and appreciate you. May God bless you abundantly!

*Blessings in Jesus,  
Steve, Rochelle, and Josh*