

Teaching Japanese Women to Fly!



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In your walk as a Christian, are you crawling like a caterpillar or flying like a butterfly?

Since the fall of 2019 (pre-Covid), I (Rochelle) have been in a Bible study in connection with Love Unveiled led by Liz Dickson here in Orlando. In 2007 God gave Liz a simple analogy, “millions of my daughters are living like caterpillars, and I want to set them free to fly,” like the caterpillar to butterfly transformation. I have used her analogy to share the Gospel with my middle school Cru students and several Japanese ladies! Of course, it is through being saved by Christ’s death and resurrection that we become butterflies, and we stay flying by the power of the Holy Spirit! Liz Dickson wrote a 3-workbook series to teach women about their life of faith. These workbooks are titled “Finding our Lost Identity,” “Growing in our Identity and Intimacy in Christ,” and “Created for a Purpose.”

I started teaching my Japanese friend Sachiko this material starting in May 2021 on Zoom. I knew Sachiko while I lived in Japan and she was a faithful member of my English Bible Study group for 10 years. As a believer in Christ, she was a great witness to the non-Christian members of the group. Sachiko shares this about what our recent studies have meant to her:

“Even though I accepted Jesus Christ in my heart, I tend to live like a caterpillar. And I was tired of trying to live in my own strength. But I know I can live like a butterfly that lives in the joy, freedom and power of knowing I am loved by God.

“I need inner healing to transform into a butterfly.

“This Bible study that Rochelle leads me in is transforming me step by step into a living faith that is truly joyful. I pray that many people in Japan will accept Jesus, be saved, and be transformed into a joyful way of life through this study.”

I thank God that our study of God's Word is encouraging Sachiko to live in victory in Christ. **Yet, the most exciting part for me is that Sachiko and a friend of hers named Fumiyo (who also joined our Zoom Bible study) are now helping to translate these workbooks into Japanese!** In Japan, many churches are filled with women who are discouraged and living like caterpillars. They are not given a strong foundation in God's Word about their identity in Christ or how God may want to use them to help others by sharing the Gospel and discipling other women. I believe that along with Cru's vision for Win, Build and Send, this material can be influential in helping Japan be reached with the Gospel!

Please pray for me as I disciple Sachiko and Fumiyo to be the "Butterflies" for Christ that God wants them to be. Pray for them as they translate these important lessons into Japanese. Please pray that God will use these materials to help many Japanese ladies believe in Jesus and find joy and purpose in the Lord! Thank you so much!

(For more information about Love Unveiled, see Loveunveiled.org.)

*With love in Jesus,
Steve & Rochelle*