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Reverend Kaneo Oda met our ship in Yokohama when we arrived for missionary work in Japan. He was superintendent for the Free Methodist Church in Japan, and told me God wanted me to tell my story to the Japanese people and he would help me. He offered to interpret for me. The first six years we went many places. Sometimes we were gone from home for several weeks at a time. We went to Churches, schools, colleges and grade schools, factories and prisons. We kept busy and sometimes late at night we got to bed. Oda was a wonderful man! He taught me how to relate to the Japanese people and tell them who God is and all about Jesus. I would tell them to do what Romans 10:9 says how to be saved. I would ask them how many of you are Christians? Oda taught me how to do it, when I asked how many want to be saved?, many hands went up! The news Reporters were along with us one time. we had ten days in Tokyo, and that time the reporter said 30,000 hands went up during the ten days.

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