

MISSION MESSAGE #10

Faith Promoting Rumors in the LDS Church:

Most of us may have heard the story of a young man of Japanese descent who was disappointed to be sent to a South American mission where he had trouble learning the language instead of Japan when he spoke Japanese. As the story goes, at the end of his mission he met a man from Japan who had a Book of Mormon that had been given to him in Japan by the missionary's grandfather years before. I have searched and searched for that story and finally found it is a Mormon Legend story passed around with many variations to the details of the story with no connection to any true happening.

<http://mormonmonsters.blogspot.com/2009/09/japanese-missionary-converts-japanese.html>

But in my searching I did find a very similar true story in the Aug 1987 Liahona Church magazine that I thought was very inspiring.

Here is a little short excerpt from the Liahona Article:

A Daily Mission

When Brother Watabe learned that each member of the Church should be a missionary, he committed himself to go tracting every day. He began by tracting in the train on the way to work, giving pamphlets to those who were interested. While serving a mission in Brazil, his third son, Masakazu, had the unusual experience of baptizing a man who had first heard of the gospel from Masao Watabe on a train in Japan fifteen years earlier.

You can read the whole story here: <https://www.lds.org/liahona/1987/08/masao-watabe-serving-a-lifelong-mission?lang=eng>

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