## Oyasama and I

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This is just a short testimony of the love and protection of God the Parent.

I was at home alone on Thursday August 27<sup>th</sup> 2013. As I decided to do some laundry, before going down the stars, I threw the garment over the side of the second but last step. As I descended the steps I stepped on the clothes and fell off the stairs onto the floor in the hallway. It was not a simple fall but I was completely flattened out on my face on the hallway and almost lost my consciousness.

My knee was in contact with the wall, which caused me a lot of pain. I was glad that I did not hit my head. I was in such a state of shock that it took me approximately twenty minutes before I could get up. As I worked out how to get up, I was talking to myself "Thanks God! It could have been worse!," "Thanks Oyasama! I could have died!"

The pain in my knee was so severe that by four o'clock in the afternoon, the knee was swollen and I had serious difficulty walking. I rang and told my minister about what happened. He then came over and administered the Sazuke on the areas where I had hurt myself. Around the fourth and fifth day I was able to walk and move around quite well.

Within two weeks, I became well enough to drive to the mission centre where I could again offer the prayer for the world salvation and practicing the musical instruments every Tuesday. It had taken about two years to learn Shamisen and I continued to improve it. I returned to the Jiba to attend the Besseki lecture to become a Yoboku during the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Women's Association in 2010. Since then, I have been practising Koto for almost two years. I am so thankful to God the Parent for the protection. Seeing the place where I fell, I know I could have easily broken my leg, or something severe could have occurred. I am grateful that "big misfortunes were made into smaller ones". Each day I give thanks for the protection I have had and am having in my daily life, because although I might complain of pains here and there I am still able to go about and get on with life by God's help.

