



Japan Journal

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Updating You on the Benekes' Ministry to Students in Kobe!

Dear Friends,

The months of February and March are time for spring break in Japan. As winter ends and the weather warms up again, we look back on the past year and look forward to the new one that begins with the cherry blossoms in April.

First, on February 2nd, we “looked back” by celebrating the graduation of six seniors from Kobe CCC at our **Sending Ceremony**. Three of them became Christians through our ministry, while three of them were already believers who grew in faith and commitment because of their involvement.

Each shared how God had impacted their lives as college students and how they desired to continue making disciples in the workplace. It was a moving reminder of why we do what we do—*reaching students with the gospel so we can train and send them into the world as lifetime laborers for Christ.*

Next, we “looked forward” to the next year of ministry at our **2018 Planning Retreat** (2/12-14). Right now, we have about *10 student leaders on 4 campuses*. However, by the time the next class of freshmen graduates in 2022, we are praying for *at least 26 leaders on 10 campuses*. To see that happen, our focus for the 2018-2019 school year is for every student leader to share the gospel with 1 person each week and make 1 disciple on campus before they graduate.

To encourage our pursuit of this vision, we will gather with 80 staff and students from around Japan at our **National Campus Forum** next week (3/5-8). We will also meet with our Kobe student leaders later in March at **Spring Camp** (3/22-23) to prepare for our outreach to freshmen in April.

Thank you for your remembering us and our preparations for the new school year in your prayers. We appreciate your partnership, and we pray that God blesses you this month!

Yours in Christ,

Ryan & Jungshin



Kobe CCC staff team with 6 graduating seniors at **Sending Ceremony** (2/2)



With our interns and student leaders after **2018 Planning Retreat** (2/12-14)

PRAISES & PRAYERS

- *Praise* God for 6 graduating seniors and a fruitful 2018 Planning Retreat!
- *Pray* for **National Campus Forum** (3/5-8), **Kobe Spring Camp** (22-23), and preparations for new school year
- *Pray* for wisdom to balance seminary study with ministry and family needs

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