

# THE BENEKES' JAPAN JOURNAL

Building Movements of Spirit-Led, Disciple-Making Disciples on Kobe Campuses



## Praises & Prayer Requests

- Praise God for sustaining our family through a busy fall!
- Praise God for the chance to study the Bible with Kaishu and Ryōsuke this semester!
- Pray that many new students would come to our Christmas Party outreach (12/17)
- Pray that God would open the hearts of students who come to believe the Good News
- Pray our family might rest well and be refreshed before school starts again in January

Dear Friends,

When I said I would write you again “soon,” I did not expect it would take me almost four months! Let me explain the reason for the delay:

Since September, I have been serving as the interim leader of Kobe’s ministry while my director is on sabbatical. That means preparing weekly meetings, preaching regularly, and performing many other administrative duties—all on top of my existing responsibilities with Digital Strategies and my seminary studies. Needless to say, it has been a busy semester!

One of the highlights has been meeting for Bible study with Kaishu (middle) and Ryōsuke (right). Kaishu is a church member I have been mentoring since he was a freshman. Ryōsuke was introduced to me by a friend last year. He is not a Christian yet, but he wants to learn more about the Bible. Recently he has attended several of our outreaches.

This Friday marks the last ministry event of 2021: our Christmas Party. Besides Ryōsuke, at least one other non-Christian is planning to attend. We are also promoting the event online. At the party, we will present the gospel and give everyone a chance to respond. Please join us in praying that many new people would come to the party and that God would open their hearts to believe the Good News.

After the party, our family is looking forward to a time of rest before the last month of the fall semester starts in January. Thank you again for your partnership this year. We hope you have a Merry Christmas!



Yours in Christ,  
Ryan, Jungshin, Lela, Micah, & Hannah