



Dear Friends,

A couple weeks ago, I (Ryan) went to a large gathering of Christian young adults in our region. On the guest list, I saw the name of a former student I hadn't seen for several years.

A friend from school had invited **Atsuya** to our Christmas Party back in 2014. There he had prayed and received Christ. He came to other events for a while after that, and he began meeting with another student for Bible study. But eventually I lost track of him. The last I heard of Atsuya, he was not able to go to church because of his part-time job.

So when I saw his name on the guest list last month, I was curious to hear how he was doing. It didn't take long to find out. During the first break, Atsuya sought me out to say hello. He had graduated this spring and was now working in another prefecture a few hours away. "It has been harder finding Christian fellowship since I started working," he said. "Right now I can only get to church once a month."

I was shocked! I was also thankful. Here I was thinking Atsuya had abandoned the faith, when he had actually been in community with other believers all along. In fact, a Christian friend who had taken Atsuya under his wing as a student was the same one who brought him to the gathering that day.

Atsuya's story reminded me how often God has used our Christmas outreach in students' lives. There is no time of year when Japanese people are more open to hearing about Jesus. Each Christmas, we have seen new students trust Christ and get connected to our ministry—students like Atsuya.

This year, we are asking God for at least 5 new students to trust Christ or get connected through our Christmas events. Would you join us in that prayer? Thank you for partnering with us in 2017, and have a very Merry Christmas!

Yours in Christ,

Ryan & Jungshin



Atsuya (L) prays with another student at the 2014 Kobe CCC Christmas Party



Lunchtime fellowship with the Kobe CCC staff team and our families

PRAISES & PRAYERS

- *Praise* God for Atsuya's salvation!
Pray for continued spiritual growth
- *Pray* for Christmas outreach events: Christmas Party (12/8), Coffee Time (12/14), Christmas Worship (12/22)
- *Pray* for a refreshing time at Japan CCC Staff Conference (12/26-29)