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Dear Friends,

Forgive me—it has been far too long since I wrote to update you on our ministry. Here are some brief highlights from the past 6 months:

April: Received a greater vision for online ministry through the Global Digital Strategies Summit (4/10-19) in Argentina

May: Taught students how to share their faith, then put what we learned into practice during city outreach at Evangelism Training (5/24-25)

June: Attended Korean Cru's Summer Conference (6/24-28; see photo above) in Pyeongchang with staff and students from Japan

July: Hosted short-term mission teams from Korea and Taiwan (7/1-25), and saw a 4th-year student named Tsubasa trust Christ!

August: Preached at Kobe Cru's Summer Camp (8/13-15)

September: Visited family and attended my grandfather Larry's funeral in America (8/27-9/29)

As the Fall Semester begins, I am still struggling to balance my regular ministry on campus in Kobe, my responsibilities as leader of Japan Cru's Digital Strategies Team, my part-time seminary studies, and my role as a husband and father of two young children. I confess I have not always done as good a job as I would have liked, and my communication with you has suffered as a result. For that, I sincerely apologize. But by God's grace and through your prayers, I hope to do much better in the months ahead.

Thank you for your partnership, and I will try to write you again soon.

Praises & Prayer Requests

- Praise God for protecting us throughout our recent travels to Argentina, Korea, and America
- Praise God we were able to visit my grandfather Larry before his passing and attend his funeral
- Praise God for Lela's 4th (9/19) and Micah's 1st (9/25) birthdays
- Pray I could manage my time well and better prioritize my relationship with God and family
- Pray God would grant me wisdom to know where to focus my energies in ministry to make the greatest eternal impact
- Pray for the spiritual growth of the 5 men I am seeking to mentor this semester: new Christian Tsubasa, Micah, Kosuke, Kaishu, and Tomoki
- Pray many students would be equipped and excited to share their faith through Evangelism Training (10/25, 11/1-2)



Yours in Christ,

Ryan, Jungshin, Lela, and Micah