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

Dear Friends,

Well, after five months on the road, our time in America is coming to an end. Last month we visited friends in the Bay Area before flying out to see family in Virginia. After a short stop in Minnesota this week, we'll travel to Portland, Oregon on 10/8. From there, we'll drive to Boise on 10/14, then fly to Korea on 10/18 and back to Japan on 10/26.

What takes us to Oregon from 10/8-14? This fall, Ryan begins a Master of Divinity program at Western Seminary in Portland. For the next 5-6 years, he plans to study online while ministering full-time to students in Kobe. Next week is the program orientation and his first two intensive classes.

After graduating, Ryan wants to use his degree to help teach Bible classes for other Japanese Cru staff members. In the meantime, he hopes that studying part-time as we live and minister in Japan will help him apply what he's learning to better serve students and churches in Kobe. Please pray for us as we learn to balance Ryan's seminary studies with our other family and ministry responsibilities.

Thank you for praying for the **Taiwan Mission Trip (9/6-20)** last month! During their time in Hualien, the Kobe team was able to share the gospel with more than 100 students. Twenty of them indicated decisions for Christ, and 5 of them went to church with the team on Sunday. Hallelujah! Please pray for the ministry in Taiwan as they continue following up with the students our teammates met this month.

In the last few weeks, almost 10 new interns and 1 new staff family have arrived in Kobe from Korea and the United States. We're excited to be joining them soon. Thank you for remembering us in your prayers as we finish our travels this month. The next time we write you, we'll be back in Japan!

Yours in Christ,

Ryan & Jungshin



Visiting a children's museum near San Francisco. Lela didn't want to leave!



The last of our new teammates from America arrive in Kobe this month!

PRAISES & PRAYERS

- Praise God for time with friends and family across the country!
- Pray for follow-up of students met on the **Taiwan Mission Trip (9/6-20)**
- Pray for seminary study, safe travels, and smooth transition back to life and ministry with new teammates in Kobe

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