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

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Japan! It feels nice to say that again after 6 months away from home. October was a whirlwind of travel through 5 states and 3 countries. But now we're settling back into life in Kobe and our regular routines.

Ryan enjoyed his time at Western Seminary in Portland last month and is halfway through his first semester of school. It's a new challenge balancing ministry, family, and studies, but he's truly thankful for the opportunity to learn. He has already grown a lot through his classes.

This semester Ryan's ministry is focused on mentoring one of our Japanese student leaders and two interns and an exchange student from the United States. He also attended our annual **Personal Evangelism Seminar (11/3-4)** last week with about 30 other staff and students. It was encouraging to see many of the students sharing their faith for the first time during the outreach afterwards.

Jungshin has been reconnecting with other young mothers through events at church and in the community. She also cooked for our new teammates from South Korea when they came to our house for a visit. This month she will resume her role as the Kobe ministry accountant. She will also be helping to mentor some of our American and Korean interns.

Lela enjoys going to the park, playing at friends' houses, and listening to stories. She *doesn't* enjoy naps or washing her hair in the bathtub. It's been a challenge for her to be back in a Japanese language environment, but she is adapting well.

Thank you for praying and partnering with our family throughout our time in America. We miss it, and all of you, but we are also excited to continue our lives and ministry in Japan. Until we write again next month, God bless!

Yours in Christ,

Ryan & Jungshin



Having dinner in our apartment with new teammates from South Korea!



Students sharing the gospel after the Personal Evangelism Seminar (11/3-4)

PRAISES & PRAYERS

- *Praise* God for a safe return to Japan!
- *Pray* for our family as we continue to readjust to life and ministry in Kobe
- *Pray* for wisdom to manage our time and focus on what's most important
- *Pray* for the spiritual growth of the men and women we are mentoring

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