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Connecting College Students in Kyoto to Jesus



Praises & Prayer Requests

- Praise God for Thanksgiving celebrations with family in the U.S. and students in Japan!
- Praise God for chances to share His work in Kyoto with people all over America!
- Pray for many Japanese students to come to know Jesus this Christmas season
- Pray for safe travels to NYC and back and from Northern to Southern California
- Pray for God's provision of all our family's financial needs

Dear Friends,

Greetings from snowy Idaho! We pray you had a Happy Thanksgiving. We enjoyed celebrating the holiday with my parents for the first time in a decade, even though our kids weren't big fans of the American food...

To be honest, living out of a suitcase the past few months, it's often been hard to be thankful. If it were up to us, we'd already be home in Kyoto. But we trust God's purposes for our time here, and we're grateful for the many ways he's already blessed us: quality time with family, meeting friends old and new, and chances to share God's work in Japan with people all over the country.

For example, once we arrive back in California on Friday, Ryan will be flying to NYC to speak at a church there this weekend. *Please pray for a fruitful time of fellowship and God's abundant financial provision.* After Ryan returns, we'll spend a couple more weeks in Northern California and then be in Southern California by New Year's Eve. We're scheduled to fly back to Japan from Los Angeles on January 19.

Meanwhile, we're also thankful that our team in Kyoto saw *double* the usual turnout for their Thanksgiving outreach (above)! As Christmas approaches, there's no better time to share Jesus in Japan. *Please pray that many new students might come to know Him this holiday season.*

Thank you for partnering with us this year. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We'll see you again in 2023!



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