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Connecting College Students in Kyoto to Jesus



Praises & Prayer Requests

- Praise God for a blessed start to the new school year and our time as team leaders!
- Pray for Christian students to grow in their vision for evangelism and discipleship
- Pray for new students who are not yet believers to begin to follow Christ
- Pray that many Vision Trip team members might return to Kyoto in the future
- Pray for a restful June to reconnect with God after a busy few months of ministry

Dear Friends,

How are you? The monsoon rains have now started here in Kyoto, which is appropriate considering the deluge of activity we have faced over the past few months. Here are a few of the highlights:

- From 3/8-10, Cru in Japan hosted its first **National Spring Camp** since 2019. More than 60 staff and students attended.
- On 3/31, Ryan was officially appointed Team Leader of the Kyoto ministry at our **Transition Ceremony** (see photo above).
- From 4/1-7, our team passed out almost 3,000 fliers on 6 campuses. As a result, several new students got connected to our community.
- On 4/14, we began meeting for large group Bible study every Friday night at a local church. About a dozen students now attend regularly.
- From 5/13-6/2, we hosted 2 teams of American college students on **Vision Trips**. We pray some might return to serve with us long-term.

Besides the events above, we have been settling into our weekly routine of team meetings, coaching appointments, fellowship with Christian students, and campus evangelism. It has been hard work relaunching the Kyoto ministry after Covid. But God has also been at work in many ways to build momentum, and we are excited about what lies ahead.

At the same time, we are looking forward to a slower pace in June so we can recover after all this activity. Thank you for your prayers and partnership with the gospel in Kyoto. We will write again soon!



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