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Dear Friends,

"Last night after the Christmas service I prayed to receive Christ. I look forward to continuing to study together." That was the text message I received from **Ryōsuke** on Christmas Day. We and our teammates are rejoicing at his salvation! Thank you so much for praying for him last month, as well. We know that God heard your requests.

Recently Ryōsuke has begun meeting for Bible study with our pastor. When I asked him how I could pray for him, he told me that he wanted to learn more about God. Please pray that Ryōsuke would grow in the assurance of his faith and get solidly connected to our church.

Last Friday was our final weekly meeting of the 2021-2022 school year. Although most students are now on break, we will continue to gather for fellowship throughout February. I am in charge of the Kobe ministry until our team leader returns from his sabbatical in March.

We are also preparing to welcome the first full-time Japanese staff member to our Kobe team in a couple weeks! Kaho was part of our ministry as a student and recently completed her yearlong New Staff Training. Please pray for her transition and a smooth adjustment.

There are some big changes on the horizon for the Beneke family that we are excited to share with you, but we do not have the space to detail them this month. We will write again later in February with a full update. Until then, thank you for your partnership, and God bless!

## **Praises & Prayer Requests**

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- Praise God for Ryōsuke's salvation and a successful end to the 2021-2022 school year!
- **Pray** for Ryōsuke to grow in his faith and connect well with the members of our church
- Pray for new staff member Kaho's smooth adjustment to the Kobe team
- **Pray** for protection for our family and friends as Omicron continues to spread in Japan



Yours in Christ, Ryan, Jungshīn, Lela, Mīcah, & Hannah