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Connecting College Students in Kyoto to Jesus



Praises & Prayer Requests

- Praise God for many students who heard the gospel through summer mission teams!
- Pray for our 5 new interns to receive their visas so they can come ASAP in September
- Pray for a refreshing final few weeks of summer vacation at home with our children
- Pray for wisdom to prepare well for new teammates' arrival
- Pray for Summer Camp (9/15-16) to help students grow in faith and vision for the start of the fall semester

Dear Friends,

Where did the time go? Just like that, our first semester as Kyoto team leaders is in the bag. While June was mercifully slow, things picked up again in July when we hosted two more mission teams from America and Korea. Through their ministry on campus, more than a dozen new students came to our events and had a chance to hear the gospel. We hope to continue building those relationships during the fall semester.

In early August, all our teammates (above) returned to America. The two interns went back for good, while the other staff member is on furlough until February. However, we have one other intern returning for his second year on 9/6. We also have five new interns who plan to join us next month as soon as they receive their visas. *Please pray that God would provide for them in his perfect timing.*

Our two oldest kids, Lela and Micah, are on summer break until early September. Recently, we spent a day at the beach and visited a local amusement park (right). But since then, typhoons and poor health have derailed most of our vacation plans. We also need to start preparing for the fall semester before new teammates arrive. *Please pray for wisdom to balance work and family responsibilities this month, so that we could enter the next season of ministry both refreshed and well prepared.*

Finally, please pray for a Summer Camp (9/15-16) we are co-hosting with Cru's ministry in Nagoya to kick off the fall semester. About 15 students plan to attend. Thank you for your prayers and partnership!



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