

## THE BENEKES' JAPAN JOURNAL

Connecting College Students in Kyoto to Jesus



Dear Friends,

Thank you for praying for our new interns! They arrived on 10/12 and have spent the past 6 weeks settling into life and ministry in Kyoto. By God's grace, their visas were also approved last month shortly after their arrival! We plan to go to Korea next week (12/2-9) to pick them up. Then they can stay in Japan for one year without any problems. Please pray for safe travels and a painless end to this visa application process.

Because our team numbers have doubled since last year, we are now able to minister on more campuses. This semester we are pioneering a new outreach at Kyoto Institute of Technology (KIT). Back at the start of the school year in April, we passed out 3,000 fliers on 6 campuses. One of those campuses was KIT.

A few weeks after our visit, a Christian exchange student showed up unannounced at our Friday meeting. He had received a flier at KIT and wanted to connect. Since then, we have been building relationships with him and his non-Christian friends (above) who frequent an international lounge on campus. Please pray for our outreach to these students at KIT and the 3 other universities in Kyoto that we visit regularly.

As Christmas approaches, there is no better time to tell the Japanese about Jesus. To help us, we have 2 teams of American students coming to Kyoto next month, culminating in an evangelistic event on 12/20. Please pray that many would come to know their Savior this season.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership. Have a Merry Christmas!

## **Praises & Prayer Requests**

- Praise God for initial approval of interns' visa applications and new outreach opportunities at KIT & other Kyoto campuses!
- Pray for safe travels and a smooth process as we go pick up visas in Korea (12/2-9)
- Pray for 2 teams of American college students coming to Kyoto next month (12/15-23)
- Pray many Japanese people might hear and respond to the gospel this Christmas season
- Pray for evangelistic Christmas Party event on 12/20



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