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Updating You on the Benekes' Ministry to Students in Kobe!

Dear Friends,

Thank you for praying for our time in Escondido last month! We arrived safely on 7/30, but without any plans for the next few weeks. To be honest, we were pretty worn out from our travels and busy summer in Colorado. After three months away from Japan, we were also starting to feel a little homesick...even though we were in my hometown!

But we also trusted God had a purpose for us there, and we wanted to make the most of our time back. In the end, we were able to see a lot of our friends and family in Southern California. Unfortunately, we couldn't see everybody because we just didn't have the time or energy. There were also many others we would have loved to spend *more* time with. But we thank God for the three weeks that he gave us.

We arrived here in the Bay Area on 8/21 and have been busy meeting friends ever since. Between appointments, we are trying to rest and just enjoy being back where I went to college. We leave Northern California on 9/21 to fly back and visit family in Virginia for 2 weeks.

Despite some last-minute drama with typhoon warnings and student leaders not being able to attend, **Kobe CCC's Summer Camp (8/7-9)** went smoothly. Everyone had a good time, including the 3 non-Christian students who also came.

This week, our teammates left for our annual **Taiwan Mission Trip (9/6-20)**. They and 4 Japanese students will help Taiwanese students launch a new ministry at Buddhist Tzu Chi University in Hualien. Please pray for them!

We're in the homestretch now—less than 2 months to go until we return to Japan. Thank you so much for partnering with us. We will write you again from Virginia next month!

Yours in Christ,

Ryan & Jungshin



Our family riding the train at Balboa Park in San Diego. Lela loves trains!



Staff and students on their way to Kobe CCC Summer Camp at Awaji Island

PRAISES & PRAYERS

- *Praise* God for Summer Camp and our time in Southern California!
- *Pray* for **Taiwan Mission Trip (9/6-20)**: for Kobe team and students at Buddhist Tzu Chi University
- *Pray* for time in Northern California and safe travels to see family in VA

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