

# THE BENEKES' JAPAN JOURNAL

Connecting College Students to Jesus in Kyoto



## Praises & Prayer Requests

- Praise God for a good turnout at our first two in-person events of the fall in Kyoto!
- Praise God for a blessed time with family and friends last month in Southern California
- Pray for many new Japanese students to get connected and come to know Jesus
- Pray for safe travels to the Bay Area and Idaho and back
- Pray for God to provide more ministry partners and short-term missionaries for Kyoto

Dear Friends,

For the past two years, most of Cru's ministry in Kyoto has been done online. Although we started going to campus again last semester, we still didn't have any regular in-person gatherings. But with universities gradually easing their Covid restrictions and our new teammates arriving from America, it felt like the right time to try again.

Our team kicked off the fall semester last month with two events. First, they hosted a bowling social to build relationships with new students. Then, they held a large group Bible study at a local church to consider the question, "What is God Like?" Attendance at both events exceeded expectations. Eleven students showed up to the Bible study (above). In fact, it was so popular that the team decided to do it twice a month going forward! *Pray many new students would connect through these events, and that those who don't know Jesus would come to Him.*

Here in Southern California, we have enjoyed the past month of spending time together as a family (right), meeting friends, and speaking at churches. Although we didn't get to see everyone we planned, we hope to host an Open House when we return to the area before leaving for Japan. For now, we will be traveling to the Bay Area from 11/9-27 and to Idaho from 11/28-12/8. We will try writing again before we leave Boise.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership with us and the gospel in Kyoto. We pray you have a blessed month, and a Happy Thanksgiving!



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