

# THE BENEKES' JAPAN JOURNAL

Building Movements of Spirit-Led, Disciple-Making Disciples on Kyoto Campuses



## Praises & Prayer Requests

- Praise God for graduation from seminary, a restful time with family in South Korea, and a safe arrival in America!
- Praise God for his provision of three new interns in Kyoto!
- Pray for the new interns' adjustment and outreach
- Pray for the two full-time staff leading them in our absence
- Pray for provision of all our financial needs and chances to build new partnerships that bring more laborers to Kyoto

Dear Friends,

Greetings from sunny Southern California! We arrived in America on 9/11, after two months with Jungshin's family in South Korea. For our first month there, I was busy finishing up the last few classes for my Master of Divinity degree at Western Seminary. I graduated in August, and now our family is enjoying my first fall in five years without any homework. Thank you for your prayers and support! I look forward to applying more of what I've learned once we return to Japan in January.

After another month in South Korea, we spent our first couple weeks in America fighting jet lag and traveling up and down the East Coast—to North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey (right). We came to Southern California last weekend, and we plan to stay here until 11/7 before moving on to Northern California and Idaho. In the meantime, we'll be meeting ministry partners, speaking at churches, and building relationships with local Cru ministries as we seek to raise funds and recruit co-laborers for our next season of service in Kyoto.

Now that Japan is finally opening up to visitors, our team welcomed three new interns (above) from the United States to Kyoto this month. Please pray for their adjustment and a fruitful year of outreach. We'll try to keep you updated on what's happening with them and the rest of the ministry in Kyoto while we're back here in America.

Thank you again for your partnership, and hope to see you soon!



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