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From Shote to Shote

Updates from Campus Crusade for Christ Staff Member, Tricia Kayle
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Blessings to all of you! Hope your summer has been amazing! I'm really thankful for my time in Nagoya! I wanted to take the time to share with you about the rest of my summer in Nagoya and fast forward to my 4th year that has just begun here in Hawaii.



Chinami (below) was one of the biggest blessings of my summer. She currently is a 1st year student at Nagoya University just a few subway stops from where we were staying as a team. I met her randomly after not meeting any students all day. I was with a few of our project students and just really prayed God would give me a chance to talk to someone. I didn't really know much about the campus so I asked a group of students which building we were in. To my embarrassment, Chinami stood up and walked to the sign right next to me that said it was the education building! Her and her friends are studying to be elementary school teachers. From then on, God opened more doors for me and Chinami's friend to meet. We would just have casual lunches together in between their classes.

But before I knew it, our team was leaving in a week and I desperately was praying for one divine opportunity to share the gospel with her. God answered my prayers on my last day at the university. Chinami had set aside 30 minutes just to meet with me. I was weary of being forceful with presenting the gospel but as I talked with her, she told me about her life goals which allowed me to ask her



My co-leader, Nich (right), and coaches, Darrin and Vivian Mabuni (left), brought me so much life!

more questions about life and share my entire testimony with her. She listened wide-eyed and very eagerly received what I had to say about Jesus. God gave me the chance to ask her if she'd want Him in her life but she said **"Japanese people don't think much about God."** She wanted more time to think and read the Bible to understand more about Jesus before she could decide. I told her I'd be praying for her and just walked away thankful but also burdened. I praise God for the way I got to speak into Chinami's life but her words hit me hard.

God at work in Nagoya!

Total number of spiritual conversations: 93
Total number of our own testimonies shared: 57
Total times the Gospel was communicated: 57
Indicated decisions to receive Christ: 8
(5 men, 3 women)

I really loved the dynamics of leading an all-Asian-American team.



Japanese people really don't think about God. People in general do not but in Japan, since less than 1% claim they are Christian. They don't even have the chance to hear the gospel. People say it takes a person 6 times to hear the gospel before you can understand and accept Christ. *How long would it take an average Japanese person though to hear the gospel even once?*

I don't know what it is but God keeps placing Japan heavily on my heart. I am praying about going back and actually started to take Japanese language classes at an adult school nearby. Please pray for me to develop my language skills so that I can effectively minister any time God sends me to Japan! I pray that it is often!



The transition from Japan to Hawaii...

was a slow one! I was jetlagged for what seemed like a month! But the 1st day of classes came quickly. **This is my first year officially serving as the co-director of Hawaii with Kent.** As daunting as it may seem to be trying to spread the gospel to 50,000+ university students in the entire state with one other person, I feel eager to jump into this role.

It's clear that God wants me here in Hawaii. I don't know how long He'll call me here but I'm committed to finishing strong how ever long it may be. A few different obstacles this year will be the size of our team. We have gone back to 2 staff since our interns were just here for one year. We have a staff couple (below) raising support to come join us soon and we pray that more staff will be sent our way. Another thing is that I am not working with the 3 peers (our 3 interns) like I did last year. I think that's been hard not having people my age to work with. It is difficult being the only 28 year old reaching out to 18 year olds in the dorms. But God is humbling me daily & giving me strength. I ask that you come alongside me and pray for my life & our students as well.

I look forward to keeping in touch with you all. THANK YOU for how you have been here with me throughout my first 3 years here....maybe my next 3 years are starting now? Blessings to you all—please let me know how you are & note my new address below!

Praises & Prayer:

- Praise God for the new studio apartment He provided for me! Please pray that I can get to know my neighbors and witness to them, especially to my landlord, Albert, who is Mormon.
- Pray for the new Japanese language classes I started this month. One classmate, Ricordio, from Brazil, is learning Japanese so he can study Buddhism. I told him I'm there so I can tell more people about Jesus! Pray that I can befriend him and others in my class.
- Please pray for our 24-7 (24 hours a day for 7 days) prayer chain one of our students, Sara, started this week (Sept. 15th). Pray for students to commit to praying for our campus and that we would experience revival for God here!
- Pray for God to continue humbling me & making me completely dependent on Him! I desperately need prayers that I would stay strong in my relationship with Him!

My New Address!

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Spotlight on Ed & Lynee Beringuel:



Ed & Lynee are new staff that have been assigned to join our UH team!

I had the pleasure of meeting them last year in Colorado for our national staff conference. They are very down-to-earth, fellow Northern Californians, and eager to serve full-time. Please pray for them as they are at 60% of their financial support and hope to report here this winter. **Thanks!**

*Aloha,
Tricia*