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Connecting College Students in Kyoto to Jesus



Dear Friends,

Where has the time gone? When we last wrote you back in June, we were preparing for a Korean mission team, the end of the semester, and summer vacation. Well, in July the team came, reached out to a new campus, and hosted an evangelistic event with us. We also finished the spring semester and said goodbye to our 2nd year interns. Then we spent most of July and August visiting family in Korea and California. Thank you for your prayers! We praise God for a restful summer.

In September, the kids went back to school and Ryan spoke at a joint Summer Camp with students from Kyoto and Nagoya. Due to prior commitments, only 2 students could attend from Kyoto. However, both of them played major roles in preparing and serving at the camp. Natsuki, a new believer who was baptized this January, was an emcee. Daniel helped lead worship. He also went with Ryan on an earthquake relief trip after camp (at bottom left in the photo above).

After coming back to Kyoto, we challenged Natsuki and Daniel to consider being part of student leadership for the fall semester... and they both said yes! They have now joined our "Servant Team" of 7 other students who meet monthly to plan our ministry activities and learn how to help others grow as disciples of Jesus.

As of this week, we and our teammates are back on campus at 4 universities throughout Kyoto. Our weekly gatherings also started up again at a local church last Friday. Pray that God would work powerfully to save and mature students through our ministry this fall semester.

Thank you for your faithful partnership despite our delayed updates. We're still learning how to balance our responsibilities in this busy role, but we'll do our best to write again next month. Until then, God bless!

Praises & Prayer Requests

- Praise God for a fruitful end to the spring semester and a restful summer vacation!
- Pray that God would work to save and mature students on campus in Kyoto this fall
- Praise God for Natsuki, Daniel, and the 7 other student leaders on our Servant Team!
- Pray that students would truly own the vision to reach every campus with the love of Christ
- Pray that our family would manage our various ministry responsibilities well



Yours in Christ,

Ryan, Jungshin, Lela, Micah, & Hannah