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

Dear Friends,

Eat. Sleep. Study. Repeat. Besides taking turns watching Lela, that's basically what our four weeks of classes at Cru's **Institute of Biblical Studies** in Ft. Collins, CO looked like.

Cru requires all staff take eleven 2-week intensive Bible courses. Ryan took the four remaining courses he needed to graduate: Christian Worldview and Ethics; Humanity, Christ & Salvation; and Biblical Interpretation and Communication. Jungshin took her first 2 required courses: Intro to Christian Doctrine and Intro to Mission. Despite our busyness, we were grateful for the opportunity to learn more about God's Word and how to apply it to our daily lives and ministry.

After classes finished, we attended Cru's **National Staff Conference**. It was great worshipping God with 5000 other staff, hearing from gifted teachers, and learning how Cru is adapting its ministry to more effectively reach our changing American culture. It encouraged us to keep learning about Japan so we can also be as effective as possible in sharing Christ's love in a way that resonates with Japanese students.

Now we are in another part of Colorado on a retreat with overseas missionaries like us who are back in the United States on furlough. From here, we'll drive to my hometown of Escondido, CA and be there from 7/30 through most of August meeting with friends, family, and ministry partners.

Back in Kobe, the last summer mission teams went home last week. Praise God that at least 4 new students prayed and received Christ through their ministry in the past two months! Please pray for their continuing follow-up. Please pray also for our upcoming **Kobe CCC Summer Camp (8/7-9)**.

We will update you again from California next month. Until then, thank you for your prayers and partnership!

Yours in Christ,

Ryan & Jungshin



Enjoying one of our few days off at Rocky Mountain National Park



Summer mission team event this month: the church was packed with students!

PRAISES & PRAYERS

- *Praise* God for our time of focused study in Colorado and the ministry of the summer mission teams in Kobe!
- *Pray* for follow-up of new believers and Kobe CCC Summer Camp (8/7-9)
- *Pray* for safe travels to Escondido and God's guidance of our schedule there

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