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

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Idaho! We arrived in America on May 18. The first week of jet lag was rough, but now we're back on a regular schedule and feeling like ourselves again. **We will be in Boise through June 11 visiting family and meeting with ministry partners.** From here we will drive to Fort Collins, CO for 4 weeks of Bible classes and our Cru National Staff Conference. More details to come in our next update!

Thank you for praying for our time in Korea. Although we weren't able to meet as many supporters as we might have liked, we were thankful for the opportunity to rest after a busy few months of ministry. Lela did great adjusting to her new surroundings, and Jungshin's parents loved spending some quality time with their granddaughter. Overall it was a nice break for our family before we returned to the States.

Thank you also for praying for our freshman outreach in Japan. We left a few days before the **International Friends Picnic** (4/22) and **Coffee Time** (4/27) welcome events, but between them about a dozen new Christian and non-Christian students attended. Some of them have continued coming to our weekly meetings and the second Coffee Time last week, including students from campuses where we don't yet have any ministry. Please pray they would get solidly connected and God would expand his work in Kobe through them!

Every summer, our ministry hosts short-term mission teams of college students from Korea and the U.S. **The first team arrives from Los Angeles on 6/1.** Please pray God would lead them to open hearts and that our Japanese students would join them in boldly proclaiming their faith in Jesus.

Thank you as always for your prayers and partnership. We will write you again in a few weeks after we've settled in Colorado. Until then, have a great month and God bless!

Yours in Christ,

Ryan & Jungshin



Dinner with Jungshin's parents in South Korea earlier this month



Students at first monthly Coffee Time outreach of the new school year (4/27)

PRAISES & PRAYERS

- Praise God for restful month in South Korea and safe arrival in the U.S.
- Pray God would guide our time in Idaho with family and friends
- Pray God would expand ministry on Kobe campuses through new students and summer mission teams (6/1)

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