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Updating You on Ryan & Jungshin's Ministry to Students in Kobe!

Dear Friends,

Remember our last update? We mentioned a freshman who wasn't a Christian yet, but was coming to our worship services and bringing his friends to our outreach events. Well, we're happy to introduce him to you today! **His name is Shota, and he became a Christian two weeks ago.**

We met Shota back in April. He received a flier from our group at freshman orientation. The next week, he came to our English conversation time on campus (he's an English major). Afterwards, one of our teammates shared the gospel with him and invited him to study the Bible together. At first, he wasn't very interested. In fact, every time someone asked him about Bible study, his response was always, "I'll think about it."

But as Shota continued to hear the gospel and spend more time within our community, his heart began to change. There was something "beautiful" about his Christian friends that kept drawing him back. It even led him to invite others so they could experience it, too. God was clearly working in his life, but Shota still hadn't taken that step to trust Jesus.

Then, two weeks ago, one of the **Taiwan Mission Team** members shared with Shota how she became a believer. At last, it all made sense! Until then, Shota thought he had to go through something "heavy" before he became a Christian. But that night, he realized all he needed to do was believe. So by God's grace, Shota did, and now we're all rejoicing together!

We hope Shota's salvation encourages you like it has all of us. It was a team effort, and that team includes all of you who give and pray for us here. Thank you so much for your partnership in our ministry. Have a great summer!

Yours in Christ,

Ryan & Jungshin



Speaking at **LA Night** outreach (7/3)



Students who have become Christians in the last 2 years: from left to right, Chisaki, Eri, Akitomo, Mariko, **Shota**

PRAISES & PRAYERS

- Praise God for **Summer Mission Teams'** work and **Shota's** salvation!
- Pray for Shota's growth in Christ and our follow-up of mission team friends
- Pray for **Summer Camp** (8/10-12); this year's theme is "Eyes on Jesus"

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