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Dear Friends,

Greetings! We pray this finds you and your family well as you celebrate our Savior's birth this Christmas.

Here in Japan, we had our annual Christmas Party outreach last Friday. After the event, we took a survey of student responses. One said, *"Through the songs and performances, and by listening to the message, I was able to understand more about Christ and Christmas."* Others commented, *"I don't understand very well yet, but I want to learn more about Jesus Christ."*

Now, these responses may not seem like much for those of us who grew up knowing the true meaning of Christmas. But in a nation where less than 1% of the population claims to be Christian, we rejoice that God is using us to share his precious gift of salvation with students who have never before had the chance to receive it. *Thank you for being part of that through your prayers!*

Besides the blessings of our ministry, we have another gift to be thankful for this Christmas—the birth of our daughter, Lela, in September. At times, it is challenging to be new parents, but Lela has brought a lot of joy into our lives. We love her more and more each day.

As we seek to build a godly, Christ-centered home, we trust our growing family will give us new opportunities to share Jesus' love with our Japanese neighbors. However, Lela's birth also brings us some added expenses: food, clothing, insurance, and medical care. We estimate that we need to raise an additional \$500 in monthly support to cover these expenses.

As the end of the year approaches, would you prayerfully consider making a monthly commitment to our ministry of \$25, \$50, \$100, or some other amount in 2016?

If God leads you to give, you can do so using the enclosed envelope and response card. You can also give online at give.cru.org/0564339.



If you are unable to give at this time but would like to continue receiving our updates, please contact us to let us know, as well.

Thank you for taking the time to prayerfully consider our family's needs in the midst of this busy holiday season. Have a very Merry Christmas, and may God bless you in 2016!

Yours in Christ,

Ryan, Jungshin, and Lela

Name: _____

____ I am enclosing \$_____ as a one-time gift to support your ministry.

____ I am committing to give \$_____ monthly to support your ministry.

Please make checks payable to “Cru” and mail by December 31st to receive tax credit for 2015. DO NOT write our information on the memo line.

Donation Services: This gift is to be designated for Ryan and Jungshin Beneke, #0564339.