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Building Movements of Spirit-Led, Disciple-Making Disciples on Kobe Campuses



Dear Friends,

Thank you for praying that our family would rest well this month! By God's grace, we enjoyed a fun week of vacationing on nearby Awaji Island at the end of August. It was refreshing to be outdoors and in a new environment after spending most of the past half-a-year at home.

Lela (9/19) and Micah (9/25) recently celebrated their 5th and 2nd birthdays. Jungshin also set the date for her C-section: December 11. Please continue to pray for a healthy pregnancy for her and Baby #3.

In ministry news, from 9/8-10, Cru in Japan held its first online Staff Conference. I had a chance to share how God has been working through digital strategies during the pandemic. One of our projects has been to update an evangelistic website called "Student in Japan.com."

So far in 2020, more than 1200 people have indicated decisions to trust Christ through the website. However, until now, we had no way to follow them up unless they gave us their personal info. But recently, we created a system that lets visitors sign up for an email series with Bible studies for new believers. In the first week alone, six people signed up!

Campus ministry starts again this Friday with our first online meeting of the fall. This also marks the first semester that no interns have been able to join us from the U.S. or Korea. However, in their absence, I have been encouraged to see our students stepping up to take on leadership. Please remember them, and us, in your prayers this month. God bless!

Praises & Prayer Requests

- Praise God for a refreshing time of family vacation!
- Praise God for Lela's 5th and Micah's 2nd birthday!
- Praise God for those who have trusted Christ and those being followed up through Student in Japan.com!
- Pray our students would be active to share their faith and make disciples online this fall
- Pray for a healthy pregnancy for Jungshin and Baby #3
- Pray I could manage time well to prioritize my relationship with God and the needs of my family during this busy season



Yours in Christ,
Ryan, Jungshin, Lela, and Micah