



A group of Japanese students (right) and students from Korea CCC (left) talking at *Mannam* this month.

There are **close to 100 Japanese students currently studying at Korea University**. Our mission for the next two months: *to give all of them a chance to hear the gospel*.

They've come for a variety of reasons. Some come on university programs, some because of an interest in Korean dramas, food or culture. *But the majority come because they are dissatisfied with their lives working in Japan and desire a change*. They are searching for something they have not yet been able to find.

We know that "something" is Jesus Christ, and *we want all of these precious Japanese souls to be satisfied and changed through a personal relationship with Him*.

It's said that more Japanese actually come to Christ overseas than they do in their own country. I personally know several examples. Being overseas—especially in countries with a large Christian presence like the U.S. or Korea—gives people the freedom

to explore Christianity without the social pressures they might face back home. Living in a foreign country means they are naturally more open to new things. *In other words, the harvest is ripe!*

When we wrote you last month, we were still in the process of recruiting people to help us. Our hope was to find Korean students we could train to carry on this ministry once we're gone.

Well, *God has been very faithful to provide us with 7 wonderful co-workers!* They come from different CCC groups on the surrounding campuses. Most of them speak some Japanese, and all of them have a heart to be used of God in reaching Japanese students.

Because Japanese students want to practice their Korean and make friends with native speakers, we've set up a weekly cultural exchange time, which we call **Mannam**.

It's hard to capture the nuance exactly, but in Korean, "mannam" basically means a "meeting between people." *Our prayer is that, by meeting and building significant relationships with Korean Christians, Japanese students will ultimately come to meet Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior*.

So far, we've had two meetings with 20 Japanese students! As the weeks go by, we'll be spending more time with many of these students individually as we seek to share the gospel. We've only just

started, so we continue to ask you to join us in praying for God's wisdom and guidance.

It has been so clear to us already that He is the one behind this ministry. **God loves these Japanese students**, and so He wanted us to stay here for a few more months so we could help reach them. We stand in awe of His mercy and compassion.

Thank you also for standing with us in your prayers and partnership. We look forward to sharing more of God's answers with you next month!

Prayer Requests

- To build meaningful relationships with Japanese students
- For God to provide opportunities for us to share the gospel through those relationships
- To receive Jungshin's green card in time to be home for Christmas
- Salvation for Jungshin's father

Ryan & Jungshin



Sharing about Japan at a class for future missionaries. Afterwards, they invited us to come back next month!