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Dear Friends,

Shikin (right) is a Chinese exchange student and the classmate of a freshman named **Kaishu** (center) that I have been discipling. When Kaishu told Shikin that he went to church every Sunday, Shikin said he wanted to come along, too. This semester, we've been meeting every couple weeks to practice our English and talk about God together.

Last week, we finished our first Bible study. After learning what God was like (holy, great, good, just, loving), I asked Shikin how that made him feel. He hesitated, searching for just the right word in English. "It makes me feel... happy," Shikin said. "I want to know God and Jesus more."

We are meeting on **11/28** for our next Bible study, and I am hoping to share the gospel with Shikin again before Christmas. **Please pray that Shikin might trust Christ and get connected to our local church.**

Thank you for praying for **Evangelism Training (10/25, 11/1-2)**! We had several new students—including one brand new Christian—complete the training, which included going to a local campus to talk with people about Jesus. As Christmas approaches, there is no better time of year to share the gospel. **Please pray students would apply what they learned from Evangelism Training and make the most of every opportunity.**

Thank you also for praying for my time management. Life is as busy as ever, but I have been doing better at prioritizing my relationships with God and family and focusing my energies in ministry since I wrote you.

In this season of Thanksgiving, our family is truly thankful for your partnership and presence in our lives. May God bless you this month!

Praises & Prayer Requests

- Praise God for the chance to study the Bible with Shikin and for his increasing openness
- Praise God for the new students who were equipped to share their faith through Evangelism Training (10/25, 11/1-2)
- Praise God for my progress in managing my personal, family, and ministry priorities
- Pray that Shikin would trust Christ and get connected to me and Kaishu's local church
- Pray many Japanese people might come to know Jesus this Christmas through our students' personal witness and outreach events on 12/13, 12/19 & 12/20
- Pray for the spiritual growth of three men I am discipling this semester—Kaishu, Tomoki, and Micah—as well as for new Christian Tsubasa, who has been too busy to meet with me yet



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