



*Jam session with teammates at a recent staff planning retreat*

“Winter break? What winter break?” Technically I’m on it right now, but between Bible classes, language school, conferences, camps, and planning for the new school year in April, these have been some of the busiest two months I’ve spent since I got here.

Though it’s been tiring at times, God has been teaching me discipline and diligence through all the busyness. Plus, he has really been blessing our activities recently! Read on to find out more...

## Disciple-Making 2.0

My two weeks in Tokyo were a great time of study and fellowship. It was refreshing to be able to spend every day just learning more about God’s Word with others. It was a wonderful privilege, and I felt keenly aware that I was only there because of your prayers and giving. Thank you so much!

The next week after I got back from Tokyo, we in Osaka hosted a

**Campus Conference (2.16-19)** for staff from around the country. The theme was *discipleship*, the process by which God uses us to help younger believers grow into maturity in Christ.

We in CCC are always evaluating our ministry to see whether we are being faithful and effective in making “multiplying disciples” who will in turn disciple others. This conference dealt very practically with some of the realities of doing this on campuses in Japan.

God used the conference to remind me of the great sacrifices and great rewards that come with making disciples. He also challenged me to get out of my comfort zone and meet more people. Honestly, this is draining and not something that comes naturally for me. But I’m excited to trust God to lead me to students who I can help grow and impact their campuses next semester.

The conference also sparked some changes in our ministry’s focus for next year. I’ll detail a few of these in my next letter, but for now I’d ask for your prayers as we continue to plan and prepare this month.

## Sayonara to Sensei

As our ministry transitions into the new school year, I’ll also be transitioning out of studying Japanese part-time into serving full-time on campus. I passed my

Level 1 proficiency test in December, which gives me some closure about moving on. I’ve definitely improved *a lot* since I started.

But at the same time, I’m sad to say goodbye to the teachers I’ve prayed so much for and sought to share Christ with this past year. Please pray that I could end my studies well and have clear opportunities to witness to my teachers again before I leave.

Thank you again for your faithful support, which makes Japanese study, conferences and just life in general here possible for me. May God bless you!

## Prayer Requests

- Praises for a blessed time in Tokyo and at Campus Conference!
- For wisdom as we continue planning and prep for next year
- Salvation for my Japanese teachers and chances to share with them before I finish classes

*Ryan*



*Osaka students and staff at last month’s Campus Conference*