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Dear «Greeting»,

It's hard to believe it's already been *two years* since I came back to Japan. It seems like only yesterday I was stepping off the plane at Kansai International Airport with my oversized luggage. I'm amazed when I think about all that God has brought me through since then—all the classes, sermons, Bible studies, conversations, prayers, mission teams, trips, outreaches, camps and students. There have been plenty of challenges along the way, but through it all, He has been faithful. I'm so grateful for the privilege He has given me of sharing His truth with the Japanese people. I feel at home here. I'm growing, the ministry is growing, and my heart for the mission is stronger than ever.

Yet, to finish the race that God has set before me well, I have always felt I needed a partner. So for the past few years, I have been praying for a wife who would share my commitment to long-term ministry in Japan. And God has answered! *On January 30<sup>th</sup>, in Seoul, I will be marrying Jungshin Park, a Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC) staff member in South Korea.* I love Jungshin, and she loves Jesus and the people of Japan. I'm excited about how God will use the two of us together.

But, in order to prepare for our long-term service in Japan, we have to leave it temporarily. There are a couple of reasons why. The first is that, for purposes of care and accountability, international couples working with CCC *must* be employed in the same country. This means that Jungshin must be hired by CCC in the United States, which requires she first get permanent residency (a "green card"). We anticipate this process taking 6-8 months. During that time, we'll be living in Seoul. Jungshin will be working with Korean CCC Leadership Development, and I'll be studying Korean and helping with ministry to Japanese foreign exchange students.

The second reason we have to temporarily leave Japan is financial. Once we receive Jungshin's green card, we have to go to America so she can complete the CCC hiring process. To be hired she must attend training, but to receive the full benefit of that training, she first needs to study more English. While Jungshin attends language school and finishes her training, *my* full-time job will be to raise the extra monthly support that we need. As soon as our financial goals are met, we can return. *We hope to be back in Japan by summer 2011.*

Thank you for your prayers for me over the years. I know that a big reason why I have experienced such growth in my personal life and fruitfulness in ministry is through the prayers of people like you. I ask that you please continue to remember me in your prayers during this time of transition.

At the same time, these upcoming transitions involve a number of large one-time expenses. We've estimated that language school, visas, moving and increased benefits costs will require an extra **\$9,500** next year. **Would you consider partnering with me at \$50 monthly, a one-time gift of \$500, or some other amount to help cover these expenses?** If you are able to help, please make your check payable to "Campus Crusade for Christ" and mail it along with the response card in the enclosed envelope. To receive tax credit for 2009, please mail your envelope by **December 31<sup>st</sup>**. You can also give online at <https://give.ccci.org/give/0564339>.

These are uncertain economic times, but God is faithful: "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19) Thank you again for your prayers and consideration of our financial needs this season. Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!



Yours in Christ,  
*Ryan (and Jungshin)*

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