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**Updating You on the Benekes' Ministry to Students in Kobe!** 

Dear Friends,

**Ayane** is a Kobe University freshman who absolutely loves all things Korean. We met her at a Korean cultural club, and at first, most of our time together revolved around Korean language practice and "K-pop" music. But then one day, Ayane decided to stop by our weekly Bible study.

That day's lesson was on the Bible's influence, and after it finished, Ayane said, "I think I'd like to start reading the Bible, too." A teammate invited her to do a study called Christianity Explained, and they started the next week.

Well, a month passed, and eventually they came to the lesson on repentance. Over that time, Ayane had been given several chances to receive Christ and hadn't responded. But that day, she joined our teammates in praying to confess her sins and trust Jesus as her Savior. Ayane went home that night and told her mother what she had done. And then, she wrote in her diary (in Korean, of course): "May 23, 2013: the day I became a Christian."

Three weeks later, Ayane came to one of our mission team outreach events. There she met Chisaki, another Kobe University freshman, and shared the gospel with her. After church that Sunday, Chisaki also prayed to receive **Christ!** Now she's overflowing with the joy of salvation. We're excited to see how God will continue using Ayane and Chisaki to touch even more lives in the future!

Thank you for partnering with us to reach lost Japanese students with the life-altering message of Jesus Christ. He lives, and He is moving in Kobe!

In Him.

Ryan & Jung Shin



New Christian Avane (left) helps share the gospel with Chisaki (middle), who two days later prayed to receive Christ!



Posing with the first of 6 (!) mission teams coming to Kobe this summer

## **PRAISES & PRAYERS**

- Praise God for his work in Ayane and Chisaki's lives this past month!
- Pray for spiritual protection and growth for our new believers
- Pray for the ministry of our shortterm mission teams through July 17th

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