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

Dear Friends,

Thank you for praying for our outreach last month! God has heard your prayers and truly been blessing our ministry. **Since the school year began, already 4 people have prayed with us and received Christ!** Here is one of their stories.

**Shuhei** is a freshman at Kwansei Gakuin University who went to international school and *loves* anything Korean. So when he picked up our flier during orientation, he decided to come to our **International Friends Time** on campus. There he quickly became friends with our American and Korean team members. Before long Shuhei was coming to all of our ministry events, including our Friday night worship services.

Sensing he was open to spiritual things, one of our staff met Shuhei to share the gospel with him personally. After hearing it, Shuhei prayed with him and received Christ. That night, at our monthly **Coffee Time (4/28)**, he announced: "I am no longer *not* a Christian." Since then, Shuhei and our staff have been meeting weekly to study the Bible together. He has also begun attending a local church near his home.

Recently Shuhei and 10 other students participated in our **Discipleship Training Seminar (5/3-4)**, a study of the basics for new believers and instruction in evangelism. Despite only being a week old in his faith, Shuhei went with us to a local shopping mall to approach people for spiritual conversations. We are excited to see how God will use him in the future!

Shuhei's is truly just one of the many stories we could share with you about how God is moving in our ministry this semester. We give Him all of the glory and thank Him for the privilege of being part of it. Please pray God would continue to bless us with more and more transformed lives this month. Your prayers are powerful, and God is faithful to answer!

In Christ,

*Ryan & Jungshin*



New Christian **Shuhei** (bottom left) and other students after Friday worship



International Friends Picnic (4/23)

## PRAISES & PRAYERS

- *Praise* God for his grace in hearing our prayers and using us to lead new students to salvation!
- *Pray* for the growth and protection of Shuhei and our 3 other new believers
- *Pray* for the ministry of our **Summer Mission Teams (6/2-6/25, 7/4-7/27)** and provision of partnering churches

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