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

Dear Friends,

34 days, 15 planes, and 15,000 miles: That was our whirlwind trip to America last month by the numbers. How much traveling was it? Let's just say that, by the time we were about *halfway* finished, Jungshin and I looked at each other and said, "We're never doing this again!"

Even though the schedule was very busy, we had a lot to be thankful for during our time in the States. For example, we got to spend Christmas and New Year's with family for the first time in a couple years. We got to share our ministry at several churches and challenge students to short-term missions in Japan at a conference in San Diego.

We also got to personally reconnect with many of those who've been partnering with us over the past few years. In the end, our biggest regret from the trip wasn't too much traveling—it was not having more time to visit all of you!

We arrived back here in Japan right as the school year was ending. Because most students are in finals, for the past two weeks, we've been evaluating last year's ministry and planning for the year ahead. And, as if all our travels in America weren't enough, we're getting ready to fly out again soon! **We'll be making a short stop in Seoul for a family wedding, then flying on to Manila for the second half of the Leadership Training we began last February.**

Traveling can be tough, but as we were reminded in the States, we're incredibly blessed to be able to do what we do through the prayers and support of people like you. Thank you again for your partnership, and have a great month!

Yours in Christ,

Ryan & Jungshin



Giving the gospel message at the first of our two Christmas Parties on **12/13**. Many non-Christians came to both events, and at least one of them prayed to receive Christ with another student!



Enjoying a white Christmas with my mother and stepfamily in Idaho

PRAISES & PRAYERS

- *Praise* God for a fun, blessed time with family and friends in America!
- *Pray* for protection over our health and marriage in the midst of travels
- *Pray* for our Leadership Training in the Philippines, February 16th-23rd

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