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

Dear Friends,

The past 6 weeks have been a whirlwind, but at this time of thanksgiving, we want to stop and remember what God has done. **Jungshin passed her interview and received her American citizenship on October 10th—just in time to get her passport and fly back to Japan on the 13th!** After all the challenges we've faced, it feels *so good* to finally have that behind us. Now we can focus completely on where God has called us, for as long as he calls us to be here.

We hit the ground running once we arrived in Kobe again. That same week, a Korean CCC short-term mission team also arrived from the Philippines. That meant *lots* of events to connect with new friends. **I was thankful to be able to talk about Jesus' love and forgiveness with 9 non-Christian students at the team's "Korean Style" party.** By God's grace, most of them responded positively.

I'm also thankful that, in the times we haven't been on campus, we've been able to make progress on settling in here. For example, we've received local library cards and applied for Japanese driver's licenses, and now we're working on enrolling ourselves in the national health care system. They're little things, I know, but together they make us feel more like this is our home and we're part of the community.

With December fast approaching, I'm excited just dreaming about what this next year will hold for us in our personal lives and ministries. Life with Jesus is a wonderful adventure. We thank him above all for his daily love and presence, and you for joining us on the journey!

Yours in Him,

Ryan & Jungshin



Praise God! Jungshin was sworn in as a U.S. citizen on October 10th in Norfolk



Giving the gospel message at an outreach event for our Philippine KCCC mission team on October 26th

PRAISES & PRAYERS

- Praise God for Jungshin's citizenship and a new season of life in Japan!
- Pray for us to rest well so we can stay in good physical *and* spiritual health
- Pray for the salvation of six Japanese "seekers" doing Bible study with us

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