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What happened to my newsletter?! You might have noticed that this edition looks a little different than usual. More on that in a moment, but first, I have some great news: **I am going back to Japan!** That's right, after a year of ministry partner development and training here in the States, I have finally received my official permission to return to Osaka. I will be leaving LA around midnight on November 26th and—thanks to the International Date Line—arriving in Osaka around noon on November 28th.

As excited as I am to leave, there is a *lot* to do here in the next few weeks. My most pressing concern continues to be financial. **I still need to raise \$200 in outstanding monthly pledges and \$1,637 in one-time gifts.** I must have *all* of these one-time gifts in hand before I can get on the airplane. In addition, if I am still short of my monthly goal by the time I leave, I will need to finish working on that in Japan.

Please pray that God would meet these needs before I leave so I can focus completely on the ministry He has called me to after I arrive. I also ask that, if you have considered partnering with me financially in the past but have not yet done so, you give generously as God leads.

Another huge way you can help me this month is by sending me your current contact information (address, phone, email, etc) via email or the envelope provided. Back in September, my old laptop crashed and took most of my important data from the past three years with it. I also lost the program I used to make my newsletters. Since then, I have made some progress in reconstructing everything, but I simply do not have the time or means to get in touch with everyone before I go. Thank you for your understanding. Also, if you would prefer to receive these newsletters by email in the future, or not to receive them at all, please let me know and I will remove you from my mailing list.

There is so much more I could say about this journey—the many things that God has taught me this year, the anticipation of what lies ahead—but what I most want to say right now is thank you. Thank you for standing beside me in your prayers and giving. You have blessed and challenged me so much, and I am a better person for having known you. Thank you for your partnership in the gospel. I am excited about this team that God has brought together, and I look forward to what He does through us in Japan in the years to come.

Yours for the coming harvest,

Ryan



PRAISES

- I bought my plane ticket!
- I was granted a 3-year missionary visa, which is rare for a first application!
- I have more than 100% of my monthly goal in pledges; now I just need to collect!

PRAYERS

- For energy and wisdom in saying goodbyes and making preparations to leave
- For a good last few weeks with friends and family, especially at Thanksgiving
- For my future roommates Philip and Kohei to find the perfect new home for us
- For God's grace to be abundant in my transition back to life in Japan

To contribute to my ministry, please make checks payable to "Campus Crusade for Christ" and mail to the address below. Or visit give.ccci.org/give/0564339.

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