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

Dear Friends,

Thank you for praying for the **Taiwan Mission Trip**! From 9/5-19, our team ministered at National Ilan University and two other nearby campuses. Through our **Japan Night** outreach events and individual conversations, we were able to share the gospel with more than 150 students! At least 30 of those students prayed with us and received Christ, and we were able to introduce many of them to Taiwanese Christians who can help disciple them now that we are back in Kobe.

The main goal of this trip was to help start a new ministry at **National Ilan University (NIU)**. When we arrived, there was one student who had joined Cru last semester. But as we shared the gospel, we met other Christians that we challenged to reach their campus. Some of them committed to join Cru, and now a small group has begun. We look forward to seeing how God works through them at NIU in the years to come!

We also visited another university that had no ministry presence. There we were able to share the gospel with almost 40 students at our outreach event. A professor told us it was the first event of its kind on that campus. The student who helped organize the event was so inspired, she also decided to join Cru so she could learn how to share the gospel!

For me personally, the Taiwan Mission Trip helped renew my passion for evangelism. In spite of the language barrier, I saw many students whose lives were touched because we took the initiative to tell them about Jesus. As we begin a new semester in Japan, I want to step out in faith and trust God to provide more of those evangelistic opportunities here, as well.

Thank you for your partnership in allowing us to minister to students in Taiwan! Please remember us in your prayers as we start the fall semester's ministry here in Japan this month.

Yours in Christ,

Ryan & Jungshin



Meeting for follow-up with a young believer during **Taiwan Mission Trip**



Lela's 1st birthday was on 9/19! She walks and talks more every day now.

PRAISES & PRAYERS

- *Praise* God for students who heard gospel and received Christ in Taiwan!
- *Pray* for discipleship of new believers and continued growth of Ilan ministry
- *Pray* for fall semester's ministry in Japan, that we and students would be bold and faithful in preaching gospel

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