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Connecting You with the Benekes' Journey Back to Japan!

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Bay Area! We're here this month continuing to share our ministry in Japan. By God's grace, we've seen a lot of progress recently and are **now at 80% of our monthly financial goal!** Pending Jungshin's citizenship and our Japanese visa applications, we hope to finish support-raising and leave for Osaka by **January 2012**.

However, from the start, God has made it clear that our time in America is about much more than finances; he also has things he wants to teach us and people he wants us to minister to while we're here. In the past month, for example, we've had some great opportunities to meet new Japanese friends as we travel.

Last month, I had the privilege of speaking at a small Japanese church in my hometown. To be honest, it was a little nerve-wracking to preach in Japanese after not doing it for more than a year. But I think everyone left encouraged to pray for the salvation of Japan and work to reach the Japanese people living in their area.

After arriving in Northern California, we also had the chance to meet **Nobu**, an Osaka University student doing an exchange program at Berkeley. My friend Kylan—also heading to Japan to minister with CCC—has been sharing Christ with Nobu recently. We hope to see him again before we leave, and follow up once we get back to Osaka.

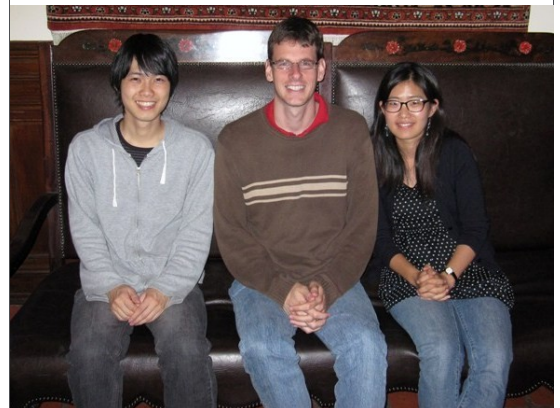
Please pray for God's provision of our remaining financial needs, and for his guidance over every person in America that he still wants us to meet. We're almost there!

Yours in Christ,

Ryan & Jungshin



Jungshin with members of the Japanese church in Escondido last month



Nobu from Osaka University

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Nobu's salvation, and for our relationship with him to grow
- For Jungshin's citizenship; we're currently awaiting an interview date
- That God would provide for all of our financial needs by next January so we can return to Japan ASAP