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

Dear Friends,

It was a muggy Friday afternoon at Kobe University, the last day on campus for our short-term mission teams. Not finding many students to talk with, we sat down in the shade to rest. As the class next door finished, out walked “N,” a friendly exchange student who had also studied before in Korea. We connected easily over our experience of living in Seoul and our shared love for languages.

The next day was a BBQ the team had planned with their host church. At the last minute, N decided to go, and he enjoyed himself so much, he decided to come to church on Sunday, too! Because N comes from a closed country, it was his first time attending a Christian service. But he was visibly moved as he listened intently throughout.

After the service, when somebody shared the gospel with him personally and asked whether he truly believed Jesus had died to forgive him of his sins, N did not hesitate to say “yes.” We prayed together, and since then I have met N regularly to help him grow in his new faith.

But that’s just *one* example of the grace God has shown us this month! In the time the teams were here, we were able to connect with several other students who trusted Christ and are now being followed-up. A number of non-Christians students have also started to study the Bible with us.

To bring these students together, we are hosting a camp next month with the theme, “What is the Bible?” **Please pray that many more might believe in Jesus through that time.** We trust there are still other testimonies to come!

Gratefully Yours,

Ryan & Jungshin



With new Christian “N,” who trusted Christ after church recently. He goes home to his closed country next month.



Jungshin with **Konoe**, a non-Christian student she is meeting for Bible study

PRAISES & PRAYERS

- Praise God for a fruitful month of meeting students with summer teams!
- Pray for new believers like “N” to grow, and for non-Christians studying the Bible with us to believe soon
- Pray for Summer Camp, 8/11~8/12

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