



# Japan Journal

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

Dear Friends,

Do you remember **Chisaki**? She's a student at Kobe University that we introduced you to last June. One day, a teammate shared the gospel with her in the school cafeteria. Here's how Chisaki's life began to change after that day:

"Throughout high school, my studies had always been a source of pride and where I found my self-worth. So after I failed to get into my top choice for a university, I couldn't accept that I had any value.

"Then I met a missionary who shared the Bible with me for the first time in my life. She read me this verse: 'You are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you.' (Isaiah 43:4) When I heard this, I thought, 'Me precious? I can't even love myself, and yet Someone out there loves me?'

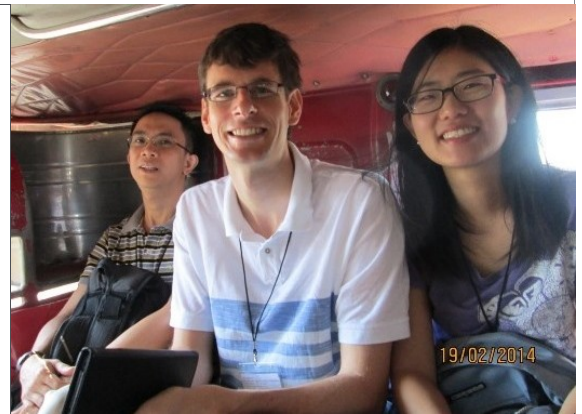
"Despite my doubts, I became interested in the Bible. As I attended church and learned more about God, that interest slowly changed into faith. Now I'm able to accept myself, and I'm full of thanks to God and to those who told me about Him."

Chisaki has continued to grow in her faith since writing that last fall. **In fact, just last month Chisaki was baptized and became an official member of our church!** What a difference one year can make!

Next week, Chisaki and almost a hundred other Japanese students will come together for our **National Conference**. Please pray that through it, all of them would catch a greater vision to share Christ on their campuses this year. **Thank you for being a part of God changing lives in Japan!**

Yours in Christ,

*Ryan & Jungshin*



Riding to our Leadership Development field assignment in the Philippines. We learned so much through our time there!



With **Chisaki** after she was baptized at our Japanese church last month!

## PRAISES & PRAYERS

- Praise God for **Chisaki's** baptism and time for us to grow in the Philippines!
- Pray for our **National "CHANGE" Conference** in Osaka, March 11-14
- Pray for students attending, and for us as we teach classes and lead outreach

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