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Connecting College Students in Kyoto to Jesus



Praises & Prayer Requests

- Praise God for a packed house at Christmas Party and many newcomers hearing the gospel
- Praise God for record-breaking numbers who have registered for Spring Camp (3/10-13)
- Pray for students at Spring Camp to catch a vision for how God can use them on campus
- Pray for three mission teams going to unreached areas in rural Japan (3/13-15)
- Pray for new school year in April—passing out fliers and challenging students to lead

Dear Friends,

God is moving in Kyoto! Here are some highlights from the past few months and some of our upcoming events.

Over 75 people packed in to hear the gospel from a local Japanese pastor at our Christmas Party in December (see photo above). Visiting mission teams from America and Korea helped us follow up with newcomers through the end of the school year in January.

Once the semester ended, Ryan helped teach Cru’s annual theology course for Japanese staff (1/19-30). This year’s theme was “Intro to Missions.” It was a joy exploring the massive scope of God’s global movement with our co-workers.

After a much-needed break in February to rest and reconnect with our team, we’re now gearing up for our National Spring Camp in Kobe (3/10-13). With over 180 attendees from across the country, it will be our largest conference since Covid! Please pray that these students would catch a greater vision for how God can use them on their campuses.

Immediately after camp (3/13-15), we’re also sending three short-term mission teams to unreached areas of Japan. Ryan will be leading a team up into the Japanese Alps. Pray for safe travels and that we can deeply encourage the rural churches we are serving alongside.

Finally, the new school year kicks off soon! During the first week of April, we plan to hand out thousands of flyers across six different universities. Pray these flyers would reach the right hands, connecting many freshmen to our community. Also, pray for our current students to respond in faith as we challenge them to step into leadership.

Thank you for your vital prayers and partnership. We’re excited to see what God does in 2026!



Yours in Christ,
Ryan, Jungshin, Lela, Micah, & Hannah