

## There Is A Reason



At lunch with Takuma and Dale

Midterms are done, and now I can finally update you on what's been happening the past 6 weeks! It's been a rich season for Korean study, ministry and relationships.

To be honest, I had my initial doubts about Korea University. For starters, I was placed in a class without any Japanese or American students. *'If you wanted me here, God, why didn't you give me people I could easily reach out to?'* I wondered.

Plus, the class was difficult. I failed my first test, which was a new experience for me, and very stressful! Again I wondered, *'Am I going to have to spend all of my free time here just studying?'*

But as the weeks went by, my attitude slowly began to change. I realized that the souls of my French and Chinese classmates were just as valuable as Americans and Japanese. What right did I have to tell God who He could use me to reach out to?

I've also been learning not to make an idol out of my academic performance. I seek God's Kingdom and His priorities first, do the best with the hours I have left to study, and just leave it at that.

At the same time, the Lord *has* been faithful to lead me to English – and Japanese-speaking students. Two guys I spend time with almost every day are **Dale** and **Takuma** (left photo). Takuma is a Japanese student who came to Korea straight out of high school.

Dale is a student from Australia who also happens to speak fluent Japanese. I think it's more than coincidence we both ended up here... We've talked some about Christianity, but I'm still waiting for the right time to share the gospel. *Prayer is definitely needed to soften Dale's heart first, so please pray for him with me this month.*

Off-campus, Jungshin and I have also been helping with an outreach to Japanese exchange students sponsored by a local church. I've been able to bring a few friends from school, and Jungshin has been meeting regularly with a non-Christian girl named **Mariko** (right).

It's fun being able to minister together, and I'm glad Jungshin can stay connected to Japan. This month, we'll also be teaching some seminars on evangelism for the church's Japanese-speaking

congregation. Please remember us in your prayers.

Lastly, I wanted to remind you that we're only here in Korea until we receive Jungshin's green card. Then we'll be back to the States for training and ministry partner development, and on to Japan again as soon as possible!

In the meantime, though, we are trusting God's timing and seeking to be faithful with every day He gives us here in Korea. Thank you again for patiently, prayerfully standing alongside us through that process!

## Prayer Requests

- Salvation for Dale, Mariko, Takuma and other students
- Teaching opportunities: 5/27 at Korea University CCC; 5/22, 5/29 and 6/5 at Sarang Church
- Wisdom and perseverance to prepare the 2nd round of documents for the *green card* application (still under initial review)

*Ryan & Jungshin*



Jungshin and Mariko studying