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With Japanese students after our Christmas Party yesterday (12/16)

Merry Christmas! After months of prayer and paperwork, we've finally reached the end of the first part of our journey back to Japan. Jungshin passed her interview on Tuesday (12/14), and as I was writing this, we received her visa in the mail!

It's amazing how God has orchestrated circumstances these past few weeks to get us back to America in time for Christmas, just as we had been praying all along. *He even blessed us with cheap airline tickets, even though we had to book them less than 10 days in advance.*

In fact, if I had to choose a theme for the past few months, it would be this: **God answers specific, faithful prayer.** I was reminded of that again this morning as I looked over the prayer requests I wrote for our ministry to Japanese students before we started back in October.

Some were very specific: "3-4 students to continue the ministry after we're gone"; "2-3 of my friends from language school to come"; "1-2 new

students to get involved"; "a chance to share the gospel with most of them." Even just looking at our **Christmas Party** last night, *I can honestly say that all of these were answered.*

Out of the 7 non-Christian students who came, 3 were people I knew from language school, and 4 were students we met since the start of the semester. We also had 3 committed Korean students there to help us.

During the party, I had a chance to share about the significance of Jesus Christ's birth. **Two students later said that they had prayed with me to believe in Him personally.** Only time will tell, but for now, please remember **Ikumi** and **Noriko** especially in your prayers this month.

Ted has also shown a greater openness to the gospel since you started praying for him last month. Because he's been busy preparing for an English exam, we haven't had much time to study the Bible together recently.

But God has clearly been working in his life, and he's started reading the Bible on his own more regularly. We're meeting for the last time in a few hours. Hopefully I'll connect him to some guys from CCC at the weekly chapel tonight.

All of these answered prayers have been great for our faith and encourage us to ask and trust God for even greater things in the days

ahead. For now, we're looking forward to a restful holiday season reconnecting with family and readjusting to life in America.

We arrive in the States on **December 23rd** and will be visiting family back East before settling in Boise on **January 10th.** I'll have more for you on our next steps then.

In the meantime, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Prayer Requests

- For Noriko and Ikumi's growth in the knowledge of Jesus Christ
- For safe travels and a smooth transition to life in America
- For good rest and quality time to minister to family over the holidays
- Salvation for Jungshin's father

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May God bless you in 2011.

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