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Updating You on Ryan & Jungshin's Ministry to Students in Kobe

Dear Friends,

Time flies! Just like that, it's already been two months since we came back from our **Taiwan Mission**. We're now halfway through the fall semester, and God is still using what we experienced in Taiwan to impact our students. Let us share with you a testimony from **Kaho** (see photo on right), the youngest member of our group:

"On the fourth morning of the trip, I asked God to show me Him working in such a way that, when I saw it, I would know only He was capable of doing it.

"That day, we went to campus to reach out to freshmen in the dormitories. As we were talking with students, an alarm sounded. The students told us that all of them had to take part in emergency drills for the next two hours. But we also heard that not everyone was planning to go, so we decided to stay in the dorms to keep talking with people.

"We met a group of girls who hadn't joined the drills and ended up going to dinner together. Over dinner, I used a booklet called the *Four Spiritual Laws* to share the gospel with one of them. The booklet was written in English and Chinese, and it took all of my effort just to read it out loud in English. But before I could even ask her, the girl told me she wanted to pray to receive Christ, so we prayed together.

"That was the first time I had ever experienced someone getting saved through me. All I did was read the booklet in English. I know that she was not saved by my power, but by God's. **I had never felt His presence with me so strongly.**

"As I reflected on it later that night, I could see that even the emergency drill was God's way of making it easier for me to meet her. It gave me goose bumps when I realized how He had answered my prayer from that morning.

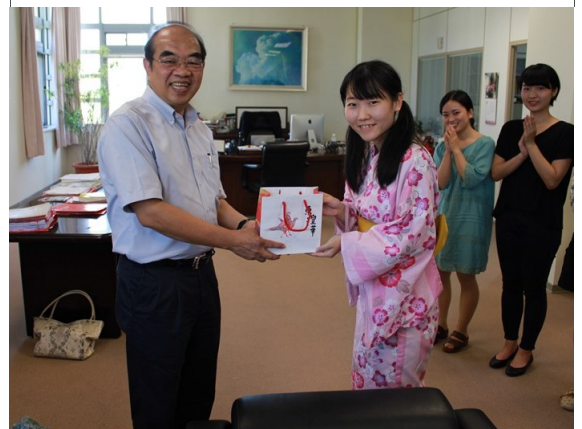
"Before I went to Taiwan, I never really told people that I was a Christian or tried to share the gospel. But through this Taiwan Mission, I could feel the need to share and gain



Kaho (right) sharing the gospel with a Taiwanese student in the dormitories



Our team wearing traditional Japanese yukata for freshman orientation



We even met the university president, and he encouraged us to share our faith!

the courage to step out and trust God. Now I want to put what I learned into practice by actively testifying that I am a Christian and sharing the gospel with those around me.”

In all, during our two weeks in Taiwan, God used us to share the Good News with more than 77 students—21 of whom prayed with us to receive Christ! Some of these have now gotten involved with the local ministry and are being followed up by Taiwanese believers. Praise God!

Like Kaho, many students also returned to Japan with a greater passion for evangelism because of their experiences in Taiwan. This semester, students have been organizing regular “prayer walks” to intercede for their campuses. Many are going out weekly to share the gospel. Some have even seen other students pray to receive Christ and begun meeting with them for Bible study.

Even our youngest members have gotten excited about sharing their faith. Earlier this month, we held our annual **Personal Evangelism Seminar**. Five of the seven students who completed the training were freshmen, and two of them were new believers who had only been baptized the week before! Each of the training sessions was also taught by an older student who participated in the Taiwan Mission.

Now Christmas is coming, and there is truly no better time of year to talk with Japanese people about Jesus. Our students are currently planning a **Christmas Party (December 12th)** where they can invite their friends to hear the gospel. The party’s theme is “True Christmas.” Please pray that many students might come to understand why we celebrate Jesus’ birth, and that many might also attend the follow-up **Christmas Worship (December 19th)**.

We are truly grateful for the work God has been doing in our students’ lives. It is a great privilege to be able to serve Him in Japan, Taiwan, and wherever He leads us. Thank you so much for your partnership and prayers this past year!

Merry Christmas,

Ryan & Jungshin



Eri and Akitomo (center) both came to Christ through Summer Mission Teams. They were baptized on November 2nd!



Group prayer time at our Personal Evangelism Seminar earlier this month

PRAISES & PRAYERS

- *Praise* God for our Japanese students’ growth and the many who heard the gospel through the **Taiwan Mission**!
- *Pray* for the continued follow-up of those who received Christ in Taiwan
- *Pray* that our evangelism would bear much fruit on campus this Christmas
- *Pray* that many students might believe in Jesus through the **Christmas Party (12/12)** and might also attend our **Christmas Worship (12/19)**

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