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

Dear Friends,

Our daughter Lela turned 14 months old recently. Now that she has gotten bigger, we're finally settling into a regular routine here at the Beneke house. This means Jungshin has also been able to get more involved in campus ministry again.

At the beginning of this month, our organization hosted a **Women's Retreat** for staff members in the Japanese Alps. While Jungshin was gone for three days, I had to stay home and watch Lela all by myself! It was a challenge, but also a great opportunity to learn what my wife deals with every day in caring for our daughter. I gained a new appreciation for Jungshin, and she came home refreshed by her time away with the other staff women.

Since then, I have tried to stay home and watch Lela at least once a week so Jungshin can go to campus or meet with students. This semester, she has started meeting with two women regularly for discipleship. They talk about their lives, pray and study the Bible together, and share their faith with other students on campus. Jungshin has really enjoyed that chance to get out of the house and invest in the lives of young women, even for just a few hours a week.

The **Personal Evangelism Seminar (11/4-5)** fell on the same weekend as the Women's Retreat, so I could only join half of it because of Lela's schedule. But we had 30 people attend, including 8 people from local churches—our largest group yet. Today a pastor told me he even used the training he received there to lead someone at his church to Christ!

Although each new season of life has its own challenges, this Thanksgiving we are grateful again for you and your prayers and partnership in our ministry. Happy Thanksgiving, and may God bless you and your loved ones this month!

Yours in Christ,

Ryan & Jungshin



Jungshin with students and teammates
at Kwansei Gakuin University last week



Students practice sharing their faith at
Personal Evangelism Seminar (11/4-5)

PRAISES & PRAYERS

- *Praise* God for Personal Evangelism Seminar and Jungshin's ministry!
- *Pray* for wisdom to balance ministry and family responsibilities well
- *Pray* for outreach during Christmas season; it's the best time of year to share Christ with the Japanese people!

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