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Connecting You with the Benekes' Journey Back to Japan!

Dear Friends,

Less than 72 hours before we had to leave for Korea. and still there was no word on Jungshin's citizenship. The last thing Immigration told us was that they could not expedite her appeal. There was no telling when, or even if, another interview might be scheduled.

So with time short, and some big decisions to make, we did the only thing we could—we prayed. And God heard our prayers.

We went to sleep that night with confidence He had answered, and the very next day, we received a letter from Immigration. Mysteriously, they wrote to schedule an interview right after they refused to expedite our appeal. Why, we do not know. But we do know God is faithful.

Jungshin's new citizenship interview is scheduled for March 9th, and the letter from Immigration arrived just in time for us to re-book our tickets for March 26th. Please continue to pray that God would move the office in Boise to grant Jungshin's citizenship, so we can leave for Korea with her passport in hand next month.

Back in Osaka, our teammates are meeting to plan for the new school year, which begins in April. Lord willing, we hope to rejoin them then. But we have seen enough now to know that, while God's timing is not always our own, it is always best. So we wait on Him, and we look forward to what He still has for us in America. Thank you for your prayers, and have a great month!

Yours in Christ.

Ryan & Jung Shin



Yosuke (left) was a grad student and a new Christian when I went to Japan in 2004. Now he is married and working in Boise, and still growing in his faith!



Our beloved Osaka staff team. We are excited to rejoin them soon!

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

- Praise God for providing 100% of our monthly financial goal!
- Pray for Jungshin's new citizenship interview on March 9th
- Pray for our Osaka staff team as they plan for the next school year

WE'RE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT

Campus Crusade for Christ will be known as Cru in the USA beginning in early 2012.



After much prayer, God is leading us to change our name to enable us to do an even better job of connecting people to God's love and forgiveness. We are excited to help more people experience the good news of new life in Christ!

Thank you for your partnership in taking the good news to every person.

You can learn more about our name change by visiting www.ccci.org/cru



HERE'S WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT OUR NAME CHANGE:

I have worked beside Campus Crusade staff in evangelism and ministry for many years. I believe that Cru — formerly Campus Crusade for Christ — is more committed than ever to representing Jesus Christ and presenting the gospel boldly in the midst of the cultures of the world.

Tim Keller Pastor and Author Now that Campus Crusade for Christ is called Cru, a name they've used in-house for many years, there's no doubt in my mind that they will continue to proclaim Christ and seek to fulfill His Great Commission in taking the gospel to every people group on earth. We share that mission, and it has been our privilege to partner with them . . .

Bryant Wright
President, Southern Baptist Convention

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