

# THE BENEKES' JAPAN JOURNAL

Building Movements of Spirit-Led, Disciple-Making Disciples on Kobe Campuses



## Praises & Prayer Requests

- Praise God for sustaining our family in this busy season!
- Praise God his Kingdom is continuing to expand online!
- Praise God for his gift of new life—spiritual and physical!
- Pray for new believer Meika and all our students to grow spiritually over summer break
- Pray for a healthy pregnancy for Jungshin and baby #3
- Pray for our family's renewal through next week's rest
- Pray for wisdom how to equip others to lead so I can better prioritize my relationship with God and my family this fall

Dear Friends,

It's been too long since I wrote you! Last week, we *finally* finished the spring semester. Here are some highlights from the past four months.

- I used the skills I gained at **Film School** to edit video for our online worship services in Kobe (see above), which have received hundreds of views. Despite not being able to go on campus or gather due to Covid-19, we saw 4 new students join our weekly Zoom fellowship. One student named **Meika**, who was attending our Korean classes online, recently visited our church and prayed to receive Christ!
- The national **Digital Strategies** team that I lead promoted a 40-day prayer campaign by posting daily videos online. We also hosted two Zoom seminars on how to use social media effectively for evangelism.
- I successfully completed my busiest semester and 3rd year of seminary overall. As of this fall, I will be 2/3 done with my Master of Divinity degree! I am currently on track to graduate in August 2022.
- Our daughter Lela started kindergarten in June after a 2-month delay (see right). In other family news, we also learned that we are pregnant with our 3rd child! Jungshin's due date is **December 21**.

Cru in Japan recently made the decision to continue ministering remotely through at least the end of 2020. Please pray that God's grace would help us not only survive, but also thrive amidst the unique challenges of this "new normal." For now, our family plans to take the next week off to rest and recuperate after a hectic few months.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership with our ministry in these uncertain times. We rejoice that God is good and in control. May He bless you and keep you this month. We will write again soon!



Yours in Christ,

Ryan, Jungshin, Lela, and Micah