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

Dear Friends,

The centerpiece of the **CHANGE Conference** every March is the Outreach. In the morning, students learn how to share a simple presentation of the gospel. Then, in the afternoon, they apply what they've learned by going out to start spiritual conversations with people around the city.

This year, **our Kobe team was in charge of Outreach**. We scouted locations, prepared maps, and assigned small groups. It all went according to plan—that is, until the third day of the conference. On that day, it was pouring rain.

While the conference leaders wondered if it might be better to cancel the Outreach, our Kobe students sprang into action. They came up with new locations where we could do evangelism indoors. Then they reassigned the small groups so they could help direct the others to the new locations. As a result, despite the bad weather that day, **69 people heard the gospel, and 9 of them prayed to receive Christ**.

Our experience leading Outreach showed what God could do through a team of faithful, committed students. So on the last night of the conference, we challenged them to come alongside our staff to lead the ministry and reach their classmates for Christ. Four responded to the challenge. With them, we formed our very first Kobe **Servant Team** this April. We communicate regularly about the ministry and gather together twice a month for planning and discipleship.

Please pray that God would use these student leaders this year to share Christ and make disciples on their campus. Thank you for your partnership in our ministry!

Yours in Christ,

Ryan & Jungshin



Our group from Kobe at the **National “CHANGE” Conference** in March



Commissioning our first **Servant Team** last month—four students committed to help lead the Kobe ministry this year!

PRAISES & PRAYERS

- *Praise* God for blessing the Outreach and the growth of our student leaders!
- *Pray* that each **Servant Team** student could make one disciple this year
- *Pray* for good time management and sufficient rest in this busy season

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