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*“Connecting You with Ryan & Jungshin’s Journey Back to Japan!”*

Dear Friends,

“Man. Woman. Cat. Dog. Sit. Stand. Walk. Run. Lie down.” If you visited a park in northern Colorado last month, this is what you might have heard in Japanese (and half-a-dozen other languages!) It was all part of our cross-cultural training, called “**X-Track**,” for Campus Crusade staff members preparing to serve overseas.

We’re now almost four weeks into our time here, and one of our main roles has been as “**language coaches**.” That means we’ve been teaching some fun, interactive ways to learn languages, as well as helping people develop plans to study those languages after they arrive in their new countries.

Obviously, speaking the local language is a big factor in how effective missionaries are in their ministries and lives overseas. It’s difficult to share the gospel (or even buy groceries) if you can’t communicate! So we’re happy to be using our gifts and passions to serve others as they get ready to head all over the world. It’s been a great way to multiply our impact for Christ.

We’ve also enjoyed the great teaching we’ve received during our time at X-Track. Even after years of living overseas in Asia, we’ve found plenty of new things to apply in our ministry. Now we’re just excited to get back to Japan so we can put them into practice ASAP!

X-Track ends next week, and then we have CCC’s National Staff Conference. After that ends on July 26th, we’ll be traveling to San Diego to resume our ministry partner development. Until then, please continue to pray for a fruitful time of learning here in Colorado. Gratefully Yours in Christ,

*Ryan & Jungshin*



Teaching some basic Japanese to a staff member heading to Tokyo



Jungshin singing with the X-Track worship team

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- For our future missionaries to learn their new languages *well*, by God’s grace and for His glory
- To continue growing spiritually through X-Track and the Nat’l Staff Conference (7/18~26)
- For safe travels and a smooth transition back to ministry partner development in San Diego