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

Dear Friends,

Tadaima ("We're home!") is the traditional Japanese greeting for when you return from a trip. **After 3 weeks in America, we said *tadaima* to Japan again on March 8th.**

This time our travels took us from Southern California to Minnesota, to Virginia, to Pennsylvania, to New York City—which is actually less than we normally travel! (Of course, it was a lot more challenging now that we have Lela with us.) But along the way we were blessed to reconnect with friends and family members we hadn't seen in years and to introduce them to our new daughter. Our only regret is that we didn't have more time to spend with everybody!

While it's always difficult saying goodbye, after all of our traveling, we were also excited to settle back into our home in Japan and gear up for the new school year. The jet lag hadn't even worn off before we started getting ready for **Spring Camp (3/17-19)**. This was a time for our students and staff to come together to pray for the next year's ministry and prepare for our outreach during **Freshman Orientation (3/31-4/5)**.

As each year passes, it has been encouraging to see God add to our numbers and our student leaders take on more and more responsibility for the ministry. **This spring, we plan to pass out around 2,500 fliers on 7 different campuses.** Please pray that each one of them would find its way into the hands of those who need to receive it, both Christian and non-Christian, and that God would draw those students to us that He desires to get involved with our ministry on campus.

We trust the Lord has great things in store for us this new school year. Thank you so much for your partnership with our ministry and for remembering us in your prayers this month!

Yours in Christ,

Ryan & Jungshin



Visiting Ryan's grandparents in MN



Praying for our outreach to freshmen at **Spring Camp (3/17-19)**; the new school year starts at the end of March

PRAISES & PRAYERS

- *Praise* God for safe travels and a fun time with family in the United States!
- *Pray* we would prioritize our time with God each day in this busy season
- *Pray* for many new students to get connected as we pass out fliers during **Freshman Orientation (3/31-4/5)**

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