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Dear Friends,

“For the first time, I was able to grasp that I should share the gospel. I thought about how I could use my talents for evangelism in the future.”

This was a comment I received from a student who attended **Film School** last month in Fukuoka. There we learned how to write, act, and edit short films before dividing into four teams and producing our own. Afterwards, we discussed how we could use what we created to start conversations about Jesus on campus.

While Film School focuses more upon the technical aspects of filmmaking than our vision for doing so, I was thankful that students like the one above were still able to catch our larger purpose: *to equip students with the skills necessary to produce media content that will effectively engage this generation with the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

Of the four films that were created at Film School, two will be added to our evangelistic smart phone application called “Gateway.” While we initially planned to use Gateway for outreach at our national conference this week, the conference had to be cancelled due to coronavirus. We are now working to create additional training materials so students can use Gateway once the new school year begins in April (Lord willing).

Speaking of coronavirus, our family is safe. There have only been a few confirmed cases in our area. However, for the time being, the government and Cru have requested that we work from home and suspend all official gatherings. Many Japanese people are anxious and fearful about the future. Please pray they would find peace in the Savior.

Thank you for your prayers. We don’t know what will happen in the next few weeks, but we know God is in control. We will keep you posted.

Praises & Prayer Requests

- Praise God for a successful Film School in Fukuoka last month!
- Pray God would use our films to draw many students to himself
- Pray for protection for family and friends against coronavirus
- Pray for many Japanese who are anxious and fearful to find peace in Jesus through this time



Yours in Christ,
Ryan, Jungshin, Lela, and Micah