

## When It Rains, It Pours



*Taekwondo at the Korean Festival*

Summer rainy season in Japan is called *tsuyu* (梅雨). The characters mean “plum rain,” because now is the season when plums ripen.

It’s appropriate, considering summer is also when we get deluged with mission teams and ministry often starts bearing visible fruit. Here are just a few of the ways God has poured out his blessings on us over the past month...

**Korean Festival (6.15).** My church hosted this outreach event, which included taekwondo and a traditional fan dance. Most of the performers were either short-term missionaries or Korean exchange students from our ministry.

Everyone worked really hard, and I was so encouraged to see them using their culture and talents to share the gospel. God honored their efforts; close to 200 people came, and 30 of them indicated that they had trusted Christ through the program! Hallelujah!

**ACTS Message (6.20).** ACTS

is the name of our weekly worship service for students. I had my first chance to speak there last Friday. I talked about “accountability,” specifically the importance of mutual confession, prayer and burden bearing.

It was a good opportunity to grow in my teaching, as well as to try out some of the new Japanese I’ve been learning. Though I was complimented on my speaking, what made me happiest was seeing a student diligently taking notes during the message.

Afterwards, he spent some time talking and praying with another missionary before asking me for a transcript. It felt great knowing God used me to speak to him.

**Summer Missions (–7.29)** Throughout June and July, we’re blessed to have many short-term teams from the US and Korea join us in ministry. Their energy is always welcome at a time when we’re tiring as we approach the end of the semester.

These teams minister alongside us on existing campuses and also help to pioneer new ones. As I was writing this, I heard that a couple of students on a new campus trusted Christ today! Hopefully these two will get connected with us so they can keep growing after the teams leave. Lord willing, they may even be used to launch a new ministry on their own campus in the future!

This year, we’ll be hosting a record 12 *summer teams*, 10 of which will arrive next month. One large event we’re planning together with them for July is the “International Friendship Party,” which I’m in charge of organizing.

I’ve made it a habit to take a regular Sabbath recently, and have really felt the benefits in the midst of this busy season. But I could still improve on my time management skills. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support. They really do change things around here, including me!

## Prayer Requests

- Continued health and stamina throughout the summer
- Follow-up for those who trusted Christ during the Festival
- Housing and translators for all the Korean mission teams
- Preparations for our International Friendship Party (7.17)

*Ryan*



*Traditional Korean fan dance*