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CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

My Buddy Bun



I want to introduce you to my good friend, **Bun** (pronounced "Boon"). He is a sophomore at Waseda University here in Tokyo. Early last summer Bun met a short term Crusade missionary on campus and received a Bible from him. The more of the Bible he read, the greater Bun's intensity to study

the Word grew. He soon realized that the Bible could never have been written by man, but that it must be from a transcendent God. **Last summer Bun decided to trust his life to Christ** while a Crusade Summer Project team was here in Tokyo.

I met Bun when we arrived here in September and he has been a constant source of encouragement and joy to me ever since. Bun's desire to know God more and to study scripture has been amazing to witness. **He is truly a shining light on his dark campus.** The highlight of my time here so far was when I took Bun out to share his faith for his first time. Bun was really nervous, but our first time went really well. Bun was able to help me explain the Gospel to two students in Japanese. Afterwards he confessed to me, "**that was a lot easier that I thought it'd be.**"

God has been moving in Bun's life. He has since been crazy for telling people his testimony and sharing the Gospel with students on campus. He is now doing it on his own and is excited about helping us get the ministry launched at Waseda.

Last month at our Christmas outreach **Bun did great job sharing his testimony** (see the picture below). I am so proud of him and the amazing way he explained what Christ has done for him! **It has been a joy to share my life with Bun and to see him grow.** Please pray he would stay close to the Lord and be able to lead many Waseda students to Christ. Also pray for more Buns on all of our campuses here in Tokyo!



Thanksgiving Outreach, A New Japanese Believer!

Our Thanksgiving Outreach went amazingly well! **Thank you all for praying!** Can you believe I cooked three turkeys?! We prepared a traditional Thanksgiving meal, with all the trimmings, for college students from all over Tokyo. **We served more than 150 plates of food!**

Jeremiah is a short



term missionary here with Athletes in Action. He leads a Gospel choir as a ministry open to any college student in the city. In the past year **all but two of the choir members have accepted Christ!**

We asked the choir to perform at our Thanksgiving Outreach. Throughout their performance Emily, from my team, shared the gospel and her testimony. **Nearly 100 students heard the Gospel that night!**

The next week, SooJin, from my team, scheduled an appointment to talk with her friend **Maoko**, a Waseda student, to get her thoughts on the Thanksgiving Party. Maoko explained to SooJin that she wanted to become a Christian. **She prayed**

to receive Christ that day! Praise God!

Maoko recently sent this e-mail to SooJin:

"Since that day I have made relationship with GOD, actually I have heard the God's Voice. For example, I received offensive E-mail from my best friend. If old me(before relation with God), I was so angry and mailing her [I'm so mad!!]. But now new me(after relation with God), I could hear the GOD's voice. [Don't mad.Do'NT mad.To be cool.]



Maoko & SooJin

Now I read the Bible, JOHN. I wanna become friend with CCC members. I'm so looking forward meeting people who go to Church.

And I'm so so gratitude your kindness. You readed me to God. Thank you so much. I can't wait my Christian days!"

She was also excited about spending her first Christmas as a Christian! Please pray she would grow to be bold in her faith!

Japanese Students Learn True Meaning of Christmas

The **Christmas outreach concert** is one of the greatest opportunities in our ministry all year to reach students. The Staff team here produced a Gospel music CD as an evangelistic advertising tool for the outreach concert. Included with the CD is an outline of the Gospel and other materials about Jesus.

Over the month of December our team worked hard passing out CDs on all of our campuses and inviting students to the concert. **Our team of nine passed out over 4,000 CDs on 6 different campuses!** It was an



Jeremiah and friends sing on the campus at Waseda



Makoto and Daichi share with a student at Waseda.

awesome time and opportunity to meet students, invite them to the concert and explain the real meaning of Christmas to them.

A few days before the outreach, Jeremiah and his friends came to give an **open air concert in the middle of the Waseda campus** to promote the event. While the choir was singing we passed out CDs and personally invited students to come. After the concert, many Crusade students stuck around Waseda for the rest of the afternoon to share their faith. It was so cool! Although they are few in numbers, **I am continually impressed by the faith and boldness of the Japanese students who are Christians!** During our Christmas campaign promotion **we were able to share the Gospel a total of 139 times, 36 of those being Christian students sharing on their own!**

Jeremiah had three friends come from

America to join him for two amazing nights of concerts. The hundreds of students that came heard some amazing gospel songs and also heard Jeremiah share *the* Gospel of Christ. Please pray that we see more students accept Christ as we follow up with all who came to the Christmas Outreach! **The staff here in Tokyo saw five students accept Christ** during the promotion of the concert (sharing our faith while we passed out CDs). There's no telling what He will do as a result of the actual concert itself!



Jeremiah, me and Bun after the Christmas outreach.

Please Pray for My Team

I hope you all had an amazing Christmas and New Year's Eve with your family and friends. I was sad I could not be home for the holidays, but I was more than happy to be celebrating with **my team family** over here in Japan. I have really loved getting to know my team on a deeper level these past few months.

Please pray for us, that we would be filled with the Spirit as to be able to love each other as Christ loved us. It is not always the easiest thing to do as we live together, work together and play together. **Please pray that all men would know we are His disciples by the way we love one another!**

Thank you so much for

all of your love and support. It amazes me every time I look over my supporter list as pray for you guys. I know a lot of you make sacrifices to give to my ministry and I just wanted to let you know **that I am encouraged by your faithfulness.** While He rarely moves in ways I either expect or ask for, **the Lord is definitely moving in Japan.** Thank you for assisting Him in that with your prayers and finances.



Opening presents Christmas morning with my team!



Please use the bookmark I've enclosed this month as a reminder to pray for us!

I'd love to hear from you!

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