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CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

Summer Teams in Tokyo

We've already seen three summer mission teams come to Tokyo with many more still on the way. A group of Korean students came from NYC, one group came from Singapore, and another from USC. This extra manpower has meant that we can talk to many more students on many more campuses here in Tokyo during the summer time. We had an outreach party two weeks ago and saw **over 250 students** come! That's more students than we've ever seen come to anything here in Tokyo! It has been amazing to see this all happen. The teams have seen **more than fifteen students accept Christ** so far this summer. That blows me away!



Girls from the USC team hang out with Waseda girls.

I have really been energized and encouraged by the vitality they have brought. I was put in charge of leading one group at Waseda this past month. I have loved getting to know

them and seeing them in action. They have really been bold in stepping out and sharing their faith with students. One girl on the team, **Cherie**, shared her faith randomly with a Waseda student named **Hitomi**. That day on a bench on campus **Hitomi decided to trust Christ to take care of her sins**. **Cherie** met up with her the next day for follow up and **Hitomi** was so excited about being a Christian that she had brought her boyfriend so that he could hear about Jesus too. God has really been using this team.

Campus Mission 2007 Busan, Korea

As you read this I am probably in **Busan, Korea for CM2007**. (June 30 – July 5) I am so excited to be leaving tomorrow to join about 15,000 college students from all over the world for this incredible missions conference. Students from poorer countries have been supported to go by students from more fortunate places so that they, too, can come learn how to plant Christian movements back on their campuses in their home country. What a cool thing! I want you guys to know that **you are all a part of all this**. You are part of making it happen through giving your finances and prayers. By this time next year there could be a thriving ministry somewhere

in Ghana that God used you to help start.

I can't wait to meet and learn from Christians from all over the world. It will definitely be a crazy time! Please pray that the Lord would speak to everyone in attendance in a special way about His future plans for missions around the world.



Here I am with Yoshitaka, the Japanese Crusade director. He keeps asking me when I'm coming back.

Finishing Well

Upon returning from CM2007, I will officially be "off campus," but I will remain in Japan for a few weeks to tie up loose ends for our team, help set up the teams coming next year (there will



To show my appreciation for my team, I painted them each a unique "STINT diploma." Here is Emily with hers.

be 12 Stinters in Tokyo next year!) and prepare for transitioning to life back in the States.

I want to sincerely thank all of you who wrote to encourage me after my last letter. I remember feeling much better the week after I sent it out (the week you were probably all reading it and praying). I have been working hard the past few weeks to make the best of my remaining days in ministry here. It is hard to stop, knowing that so many students here have no clue about Jesus. I continue to meet new students and I will share with them until I have to leave. Please pray for **Kazu & Umeda** at Gakushuin University and **Hide & Shoto** at Sophia University, all of whom I have been

meeting with lately. I have loved getting to know these guys; please pray that God would move in their hearts.

My future is still up in the air. I'll be back in America by the next time you hear from me. I covet your prayers during this important time of my life when I am making a lot of decisions. Please pray the Lord would give me wisdom in what He would have me do with my life. It has truly been a privilege to be serving our Lord with you in Japan this year.



Joe