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Dear Friend,



I took the summer team leaders, Beth and Tori, for a cultural experience: takoyaki, made from octopus.

The team of students that came to Japan last month blew me away. The leaders are still college students themselves, but they guided their group into powerful gospel-centered conversations with Japanese students. Two girls accepted Christ, and many heard about Him for the first time!

It was such a joy to work together with this team, especially because I knew the leaders from my time with Campus Crusade for Christ at CSU Fullerton. Familiar faces in Japan are so fun and comforting. Plus, this group had some entertaining personalities and a strong passion to use their time in Tokyo to glorify God's name.

One of my favorite moments was with Courtney. At Waseda University, we met a freshman named Saki who excitedly brought us to meet her friends inside a nearby garden. Before long, we learned that the girls were all involved in the same group on campus: the nap club.

So, this may or may not have been the most motivated circle of students, but they were elated to meet Americans. We started building a friendship and could talk a little bit about the Bible. Courtney and her leader Beth were able to meet up with Saki throughout that week, and I plan to nap with the girls soon. ☺



Courtney and I loved meeting Sumire and others from Waseda's nap club.



The summer team's Sayonara Party gave me the chance to see Hiro and meet her friend Leimi.

The most encouraging night was the Sayonara Party. After dinner and "Minute to Win It" games, almost everyone was talking about the gospel over dessert. This was the point where two students prayed to receive Christ into their hearts! I also felt that talking with Leimi was very fruitful. Although she doesn't see a need for God in her life, she considered some questions about forgiveness and human imperfection for the first time. Leimi came with her friend Hiro, and I absolutely can't wait to spend time with these girls again! **Please join me in praying for the new Christians and the many questioning God's presence!**

In Christ,
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