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Dear Friend,

Christmas with my family was a true blessing, and I can't complain about going to the beach on Christmas Eve either. None of my friends in Tokyo can believe it was that sunny in late December. California is amazing!

It was also a fruitful trip in terms of attending an annual student conference in San Diego. I was so proud of our very own Rena from Tsudajuku University, who shared in front of about 1000 students. She was interviewed by a Cru staff from Arizona in a main meeting, and gave a testimony about God's work in Japan. I'll save the story she shared of how Kanako came to know Jesus for another time, but it was inspiring to everyone at the conference to hear about her life change and recent baptism. It was also brave and impressive how Rena shared in English and without a bit of nerves.



Rena bravely shared a testimony of a friend's new faith in Jesus in front of 1000 American students.



Rena and I could also share about life and ministry in Tokyo with a group considering coming to Japan.

I was expecting to be the one to offer moral support, but conversely Rena gave me courage. After her debut in front of the whole conference, we then had various opportunities throughout the conference to share and invite others to join us in Japan. We were quite pleasantly surprised by the turn out at the Tokyo partnership dinner. Students interested in learning how to pray for Japan or in coming to Japan were welcome, and they filled up the room! Rena talked about her first time sharing the gospel on her campus, and I gave a general picture of life in Japan and fielded questions from the students.

We were also joined by my co-worker Qsang and presented in a conference staff meeting, and three campus meetings for CSU Fullerton, Cal, and UCLA (some of my rivals when it comes to football, but we're all on the same team when it comes to eternity.) Many students expressed interest in coming for a month this summer, and 10 students are applying to come for a year starting in September. Thankfully we could be a part of getting the word out about the need. Please pray that if it is God's will, more laborers will come to Tokyo!

In Christ,

Christina

Please join me in praying for~

- ❖ Those who attended Christmas outreaches to continue learning about Jesus
- ❖ Students in America who are considering missions in Japan
- ❖ Rena, who shared her own testimony and about friends who came to know Jesus