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Dear Friend,

In Japan, graduation comes quite a bit sooner than it does in America, so we celebrated the recent alumnae on Saturday.

There were seven graduates present, from universities across Tokyo. One in particular stood out to me (the only guy.) Akira went to the most prestigious school in Japan, Tokyo University.

Until age 18, when Akira went to college, he had never met another Christian his age. He attended church regularly growing up, but there were no peers for him in Sunday school. When he found Campus Crusade for Christ, he could finally pray and share about his life with people his age.

During the past four years, Akira realized that many of his peers' churches don't have pastors. He noticed this problem among several Christian denominations. This need inspired Akira, and he will start at a near-by seminary in April to help fulfill the lack of leadership in the churches of Japan.

I really can't imagine growing up with no other Christians my age, but Akira and the majority of these graduates did. They each mentioned how thankful they've been for the closeness of their Christian community since going to college. Please praise God with me that these students have continued following Christ and have found rich fellowship. Please also pray that they would continue to have supportive Christian family and friends around them now that they've graduated.

The younger students across Japan will also have a huge opportunity to worship God and learn from the Bible together next month. It is truly rare for students in Japan to be surrounded by other believers in Christ. Please pray for the CHANGE conference to impact and encourage hearts and lives for God's Kingdom.

Finally, next month is also the anniversary of the massive earthquake and tsunami. Please pray for the Japanese people as they commemorate last year's tragedy.

In Christ,

Please pray for:

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- ♦ Recent graduates Akira, Eriko, Eri, Chihiro, Yuka, Kyoko, Mana, and Yuri
- ♦ The national Japanese Campus Crusade for Christ conference (March 12th -15th)
- ♦ Japan, as they anticipate the anniversary of the national disaster (March 11th)

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