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## Dear Friends,

I am so proud of the students and interns for the initiative they're taking to start off this new school year in Japan! Everyone has been teaming up to help each other pass out flyers on several campuses other than their own universities. We've been able to get the word out about our club on more campuses and flyers in the hands of more students than any of the past several years!

Please be praying for the continued efforts to bring freshman and new students into our community. We're all very excited for the potential for many of these students to get connected and learn about Jesus with us!





In particular, I'm feeling hopeful at the start of a new year since Ayaka just put her trust in Christ this past month! Ayaka has been exposed to Christian community for about two years, beginning while studying abroad in Seattle. Then almost exactly one year ago we got connected when she returned to Tokyo. Ayaka has done various Bible studies in both English and Japanese with a handful of interns and staff. She's joined some of my co-workers and I during morning runs and spent the night at our apartments. She finally decided to follow Jesus.

Like many Japanese students, Ayaka started feeling pretty lost and overwhelmed in the midst of job hunting. But instead of despairing, she saw that as an opportunity to reflect on her life and see her weakness and uncertainty about the future. She recognized that her understanding of the future is limited and decided to trust God for what she can't see. Since putting her faith in Him, she has confidence that God will guide her future and give her the strength she needs.

Please join me in praying for Ayaka for an even deeper understanding of God's love for her and Christ's work on the cross for her!

In Christ,

Christina

Please join me in praying for~

- Opportunities to meet freshman students who are interested in Christianity
- Upcoming events (mainly our sports picnic on 4/13 and Easter outreach on 4/26
- Protection for Ayaka's brand new faith in Christ and for her growth