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Dear Friends,

It is with very mixed feelings that I share with you my decision to postpone going back to Japan. I was scheduled to return in early March but will remain in California until at least July. The reason is not related to ministry, but is atually something exciting for me personally. During my time back, I began a dating relationship. My leader in Tokyo was completely supportive of me posponing my return. While it is sad to delay a reunion with my Japanese friends, I'm excited about the opportunities surfacing in San Diego.



I had a very warm welcome to Cal State San Marcos, and Michelle is on her way to sharing her salvation testimony.

Since I have an exteded time back in the States, I get to step back onto American campuses. During my very frist day at Cal State San Marcos, a delightful Cru intern named Anna introduced me to some Christian students and did outreach together with me. We met a student named Michelle, who was preparing to lead worship at her church for the very first time. In talking about her activities on campus, we found that Michelle is the only Christian on her swim team, and that she'd like to grow in expressing her beliefs to her teammates. The three of us then met again the following week to discuss sharing our testimonies of coming to know Christ.

I'm looking forward to meeting more students like Michelle. I'm also eager to meet more students who have yet to put their faith in Christ but have great questions and are open to discussing deeper topics and their goals and dreams. It was amazing how many students engaged with us and how many promising connections were made already.

However, I made another hard decision to switch to part-time field staff during my remaining time in the States. In the ocassion that I make a permanent move back from Japan, I have quite a bit of interest in teaching Japanese. While the need for Japanese teachers near me is limited, I did find a part-time job at a private high school in San Diego. It will take a little bit of time to trasition to part-time field staff with Cru, so I plan to take a month to adjust to the teaching job and then return part-time to ministry on college campuses. Please pray for me in this transition (I have been full-time with Cru since 2007) and please continue to pray for the students in Japan! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I still rely on the monthly gifts of you my ministry partners and covet your prayers for the students in Japan and here as well as for my future.

In Christ,

Christina

Please join me in praying for~

- Students in Japan as they begin a new school year in April (some delayed due to Coronavirus)
- Mayu and other seniors as they transition to working full-time
- Michelle as she grows in being an ambassador for Christ on her swim team and campus