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Dear Friends,

The start of the school year this April has brought a lot of hope to my teammates and me. It's amazing what a crowd an International Food Night can draw. And before our "Kick Back" BBQ, I've never seen so many Japanese girls throwing around the football or Frisbee.

We've started weekly English times and had a series of events where we truly enjoyed getting to know many new students. One girl who keeps showing up is Eri. She's one of the many English majors we got to

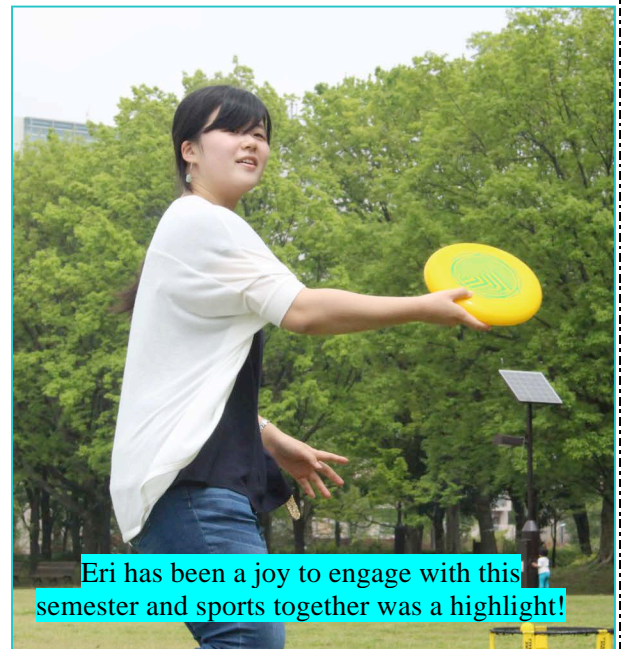
connect with before the start of the semester. After enjoying cuisines from around the world, her and Haruno seemed to be getting a little sleepy. Haruno said she was tired from speaking English, so Eri switched to Japanese. Immediately we switched from talking about high school stereotypes to much deeper conversation.

It turns out that Eri's mother told her she can't become a Christian while she's under her roof. However, Eri figured she can at least study about Christianity while she's a student. We talked about some misconceptions she got from the internet, and both girls seemed to be following and enjoying the topic. I hesitated because it was getting late, but it was too natural not to introduce a tract explaining the gospel. Both girls said they weren't sure about receiving Christ, but Eri had several great questions and seemed eager to keep learning more.

Thankfully, Eri was among the girls that really impressed me on the field at our BBQ the following week. Please pray we could start an exploratory Bible study with her soon. Please also continue to pray for the many other Freshman and new students we've been meeting!

In Christ,

Christina



Please pray for~

- ❖ Eri, who is showing genuine interest in how to become a Christian
- ❖ Praise for a bright beginning to the school year and opportunities to connect VERY well with students
- ❖ Christ's love and truth to continue to be reflected in all of us and at all of our gatherings