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Dear Friend,

Involving others in ministry is one aspect I love about my job. Rebecca is a recent graduate from Cal State Fullerton who will serve in Australia this next year. She just reminded me that I was alongside her the very first time she shared her faith. Getting to be with Rebecca during those initial scary steps to talk about Jesus and to now see her passion to go overseas is amazing!

A couple of weeks ago, I stumbled across an opportunity to bring my dad into ministry with me. It began when he directed a young student from his church to connect with me about Japan. Michael told my dad at a prayer meeting that I was really lucky to be going to Tokyo. I invited my dad to join us as we got together, and at the last minute Michael asked if he could bring his Japanese friend. I said yes, of course.



Our time with Miho was the classic example of what it's like to meet a student in Japan.

Immediately, my dad complimented Miho on her outstanding ability to speak English, though she had only been in America for about a month. She was reserved, but excited to talk with us. She was polite, inquisitive, and adorable. When she asked about my previous time in Japan, the conversation shifted toward God. Miho then asserted that Japanese people are not religious, the recurring response from students in Tokyo.

My dad managed to continue by asking Miho if she ever thinks about the world around her or her purpose for being here on earth. Again, with a typical answer, Miho said no. She hadn't ever thought about

how Mt. Fuji came to be or that maybe she was created with a purpose. My dad, a proponent of the All Nature Sings DVDs, which display the awe-inspiring beauties of God's creation, responded that he believes everyone thinks about it. My dad's enthusiasm for the wonder of God's handiwork allowed him to share with Miho that there's a God who loves us very much. That evening was a perfect glimpse into a day on campus in Japan.

I praise God for his design to have people serve together. Thank you so much for your support as I prepare for Tokyo!

Hope in Christ,

Christina

## Please pray for:

- Rebecca and other graduates who are being sent into ministry or the work force
- ➤ Miho's continued understanding of Christ
- My upcoming training for International Campus Staff (June 10<sup>th</sup>-July 15<sup>th</sup>)

