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Dearest Supporters,

It feels so good to be back in Tokyo! Visiting other cities was exciting, but Mitaka feels like home sweet home after 10 days of bus trips, sleeping bags, and singing all over the place. Although we returned exhausted, the choir tour was worth every ounce of strength. I am in awe of how dedicated the students are and am very thankful to be part of this group!



During our first concert at a church in Osaka, two girls decided to accept Christ into their lives. Midori has been with the choir since the beginning, two years ago, but didn't really sing to Jesus until that night. After one of the songs, Nobu shared about how God is for everyone, whether they acknowledge Him or not. Midori said she finally believed it when he said this. Mika also started believing in Jesus after that first concert and began Bible study along with Midori this past Sunday.

Kohe became a Christian during our tour, too! Each night, we had time to read the Bible together and discuss it in small groups. After our concert in an orphanage in Nagoya, Kohe realized that the reason singing in the gospel choir is so special to him is because he does believe in Jesus Christ! He prayed to God and said he trusts in Him and wants to live his life for him. Now, Kohe is deciding on a church to go to and is learning what life is like with Jesus.

Our times in the Word of God and being together also blessed my life in huge ways. God seemed to be telling me that my growth during this tour was important, too. I learned a lot about patience traveling with such a big group. My heart was broken for the 1,200 homeless we fed curry to and sang for. I learned a lot about being thankful. The song "Created to Worship" really dug into me, helping to show me about the purpose of my life: to worship God. The song "He is Able" also impacted my faith greatly, reminding me of some ways God has proven capable in my past. This tour really was a life-changing experience.

Now that the tour is finished, I've started looking to the future. Our team will return to America this June. My team leaders will have a baby and then report to Cal State Fullerton. My roommate will either intern with human resources in Campus Crusade for Christ or go back to school for her teaching credential. I am strongly considering an intern position with either Athletes in Action or Campus Crusade for Christ. This summer, it's likely that I'll be back in Fallbrook to raise support for the upcoming school year. Please pray for me as I face this decision and may need to choose a university campus within this next month.

Clearly, there is still a lot of work to do in Japan first. I am thrilled to be here with the students in the choir and my other friends from last semester. Please also pray for my remaining time in Tokyo. I hope to introduce all of the students who I'm friends with to other Christians that are here long-term. This week, I'm having my old roommate Yumi over for dinner, along with two members of our choir's band and my current roommate. Koji and Akimasa are both Christians, and I'm really excited for Yumi to meet them and have the chance to hang out with us. God is already blessing my plans for the next few months!

Sincerely,

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