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Dear Friends,

There are some students that just bring me joy, and Natsuki has been one of them from the day we met. Since last spring (2016) when she entered Rikkyo University, she's engaged in all we are as a Christian club. Admittedly at times she mostly wanted to practice English, but she quickly became not just a participant but also a friend to me.



Shiho, Natsuki, Risako, Rachel, and I got ice cream before Rachel headed back to the States.



Nozomi, an alumna, was able to join Natsuki and I for our weekly Bible study at Rikkyo.

Rachel, an intern who just headed back to the States, and I have been doing Bible study together with Natsuki for quite some months now. She's always had great questions, and Rachel has been persistent in sending her articles and explanations of different passages. Also, some of my favorite moments have been walking back to the station just the two of us after Bible study, talking about anything and everything.

Well, recently Natsuki's language changed. She told one of our graduates, Nozomi, that she's been enjoying "walking with God." The three of us had a chance to study Luke 17, and when I asked for prayer requests, she said she'd like prayer for her faith because she only very recently actually accepted God.

It brings me so much joy that after months and months of seeking, Natsuki has finally believed in Jesus! She has slowly but surely gotten connected to Christian community as well. Please be praying. She had been to church with Rachel a few times, and I will go with her and her mother to that church on the 6th. Then on the 13th, we'll visit a church closer to where she lives in Yokohama, the neighboring prefecture to Tokyo. Please pray she can connect to the body of Christ and keep growing in God's Word there. Thank you so much!

On a more personal note, I got to climb Mt. Fuji this month, and I'll post pictures at christinaeads.blogspot.com.

In Christ,

Christina

Please join me in praying for~

- ❖ Akane, Marina, Megumiko, Risako, Mayu, Shiho, Riho, Natsuki and others to keep growing in Jesus
- ❖ Praise for another chance to see Mami and prayer relationships like these will continue next semester
- ❖ For the Taiwan Mission trip (Mayu and Chito from Tokyo will join members from Osaka 9/1-15)