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Dear Friend,



We had so much fun with our interns this past year, right up to their going away party.

There was a lot of excitement in June with two mission teams visiting from the U.S., one from New York and one from California. I am so grateful for students who took time out of their summers to come show love to Japanese students. They worked hard to be culturally sensitive and shared the gospel when given the opportunity.

It was sad to say goodbye to these groups, and we also just said goodbye to our team of one-year interns. Watching them go was particularly hard, because there is no new team coming to Japan this fall. Please join us in praying that more laborers will come next year!

I would also like to ask your prayers for a girl I've been growing closer to recently. She is really struggling in her faith. She will remain nameless, because she confided in me with quite a bit of trust, but it would be such a huge help if you will pray with me.

This student grew up in a Christian home, so for a long time she just accepted various truths about God and went to church because she was brought there when she was young. However, recently the only thing keeping her at church is the painful thought of losing all of her Christian friends if she doesn't keep acting like she believes in God. At first, she expressed her doubts to her pastor and some close friends, but after a while she felt that it was pointless to discuss her concerns with other people. She felt like she was wasting their time, because nothing was changing.

As she recounted these past months, it sounded so painful and lonely. Though she's been pretending to want more of her friends to know God's love, underneath she's been wondering who she is and if God even really exists. She's been thinking deeply about life and the world and God but is tired out and doesn't want to think anymore. Please pray that I will have more opportunities to listen and encourage her if I can. It seems that the last few sermons from my church apply in some way, but I really feel that I'm in need of more wisdom and love.

On a brighter note, two of the girls I do Bible study with each week had a mini baking outreach. The girls invited some friends, and one girl named Ami joined us. We made marble pound cake and then chatted over dinner while waiting for it to bake. It was so fun to watch Mikoto and Mari express faith by inviting their classmates and then to show God's love for one another and in how they interacted with Ami.



Ami joined us for baking and dinner.

In Christ,

Christina

Please join me in praying for~

- ✧ Students who met the summer mission teams and our continued outreach to them
- ✧ A student who is questioning God and fears being open about her struggles
- ✧ Ami, a student who joined us for a baking night, to fully understand God's love