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Dear Friend,

One of Tokyo's largest churches was hardly able to hold all of the students that came for the "Night the Light" concert. Honestly, I couldn't have imagined that a Christian band would sell out in Japan. Thank you for having faith and praying with me for the event on May 10th!



About a week after the concert, Ayano decided to believe in Jesus Christ. My friend Natsuki has known Ayano since they were in a junior high missions school. There, they read the Bible for class, but the great majority of students never stopped to think about whether it was really true.

I'm very thankful that Natsuki has continued to reach out to Ayano and invited her to a concert that made her question if God and Jesus are real. Ayano loved the music and band, and she particularly enjoyed the lyrics. Natsuki and my roommate, Kazuko, were later able to discuss with her what the songs were truly about. After being impacted by the music and hearing the

meaning more clearly, Ayano could see that the message of Jesus applied to her own life. And she believed.

Kazuko is continuing to meet weekly with Ayano to study the Bible in a fresh way, knowing that it is relevant to her own heart and life. Please pray that Ayano's faith will be strengthened. In Japan, there is no blatant persecution for becoming a Christian. However, there are subtle ways that a Christian is made to feel like an outcast for going against the Japanese norm and tradition. I can't fully understand that as an American but truly believe that Christians in Japan need the prayers of their family around the world!

Please also continue to pray for the Tohoku people (those affected by the tsunami.) Hearing stories from the victims last month, I continued to realize the horror they faced and the need of God's grace in our all of our lives. Thank you!

In Christ,

Christina



Please pray for:

- ◆ Ayano's new life in God's grace and truth
- ◆ Continued healing for the Tohoku people
- ◆ My witness at Japanese school and my Intercultural Communications class