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## Dear Friend,

Thank you for your prayers! I am especially grateful for your prayers for us to use teaching English as a means to engage students with the gospel. Honestly, it has been challenging to gather students to formally teach English, but we tried something new recently.

Chihiro, staff trainee, has continued to show interest in improving her (already excellent) English and using English study for ministry. She suggested that we try just meeting up in a café and having free conversation. We also planned to work together with a short-term mission team in order to have more native speakers. The result was a better turn out and even more opportunities to talk at a deeper level about life and Jesus.



At one point I looked across from my table of four, because the students around Chihiro were all deep in laughter. Later she told me that a lot of their conversation revolved around what kind of person they want to date/marry, which is often a topic of interest in any country I suppose. Chihiro also said that one student, Shiori, was pretty negative about relationships and the idea of "falling in love" because of her parents' fading love for one another. But when Chihiro talked about choosing to love and her idea of love as described in the Bible, Shiori said, "We need to be friends!"



Another non-Christian student, who we have been meeting weekly on campus, also joined us. Miho had expressed no interest in English until a few weeks back. After meeting a mission team of Korean Americans, she mustered up some courage. She's been involved with us at Gakugei University, but I think meeting the mission teams and seeing their love for God and how they came all the way to Japan as students has really touched her. Please pray she would continue to deepen her understanding of the gospel and Jesus. Please also pray for the other friendships we started to build and for future opportunities to reach out through English. Thank you!

In Christ,

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