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Dear Friend,

Thank you so much to those who prayed for our Tokyo Mission (the first week of this month.) There is nothing like a full week staying at the same church and eating all meals together to bring a group closer. It was a quality time together, with opportunities for students to experience deeper training and put into practice communicating their faith. Most of our time in outreach was spent on college campuses right outside of Tokyo, or at the nearby park or mall. We also had the chance to fellowship with the church community where we were staying, as well as attend service there and play sports with the youth group.

Over the week, I loved seeing the change in Izumi, a 3rd year student studying nutrition. The first couple of days she was shy around our team and hesitant to initiate conversations during outreach. However, by the last day she was basically fearless. Although several people responded to us saying either they weren't interested or didn't have time, Izumi gladly persevered until we met Yuka. Yuka is in her first year of high school (although she seemed much older) and has interest in the Bible because her older sister recently bought one and started reading it. Yuka hadn't ever seen it, but she was more than happy to talk with us and discuss the Bible.



Izumi (Center) grew in boldness throughout the week and led Yuka (Left) in prayer to receive Christ on the final day.

As we explained in more detail, Yuka said that she was surprised the Bible was that easy to understand. When Izumi explained that she could pray to God to confess belief in Him and accept His forgiveness, she said yes, she never expected to understand the Bible but now she does. So we prayed together and then continued chatting over coffee, getting to know each other. Since we're now back home, please pray we could continue the relationships with those we met. Please pray especially for those like Yuka who decided to follow Jesus, that we could help connect them with a close-by church and that they could grow in understanding the gospel!

In Christ,

Christina

Please join in praying for:

- ❖ Yuka, Momoka, Koume, and Fume, who believed in Jesus during our mission trip
- ❖ For those of us returning from the trip to continue following Jesus closely
- ❖ For planning for the new semester (Sept. 14th-16th) and arrival of this year's interns (TBD)