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Dear Friends,

While it seems like so many are burned out from excessive Zoom meetings, Tiffany had a really good report. I was so happy to hear her talk excitedly about Vision, the annual conference held by Bridges (the international branch of Cru.) "I'm amazed by technology nowadays. There was a great sense of community with so many people wanting to worship God. Everyone was passionate and kind."

Before she came to the U.S. to study at UCSD, Tiffany had a rare chance in her country to know Jesus. But the surrounding values there and in the college environment are often conflicting. While Tiffany has a wonderful heart for her friends and classmates to know Christ, she's often bogged down by the pressure to succeed. At the conference, she had the sweet reminder that many share her biblical values. There was practical teaching that helped her remember the importance of her life in Christ and reset with a healthy perspective on success.

Tiffany was too shy for me to share a picture of her but would greatly appreciate all of your prayers. Please pray that while being a responsible and diligent student, she could also set aside time to continue to read the Bible and invite friends into a Christ-centered environment where they can learn more about Him. Please pray that she can find balance in life instead of constantly pulling all-nighters and seeking the best next internship. She knows that she devotes plenty of energy to creating a promising future for herself. She is also a great friend to many and a strong witness of the gospel. There are a lot of challenges as an international student, but she wants to learn more to rest and take care of herself instead of giving into the pressures she grew up with.



My fiancé Cal and I snuck in a miniature golf date.

As I update you about the conference over winter break and an awesome student leader, I also have a really exciting personal update! I am SO sorry that the news is coming so last minute. It has been a whirlwind!

You may have read that a relationship that began November 2019 is what has kept me in San Diego and from returning to Japan (I was scheduled to return in March 2020.) Well, I am extremely pleased to report that we were engaged on our one year dating anniversary and will get married this Saturday, January 16th. Many of you have prayed for me personally as well as for the students with whom I work. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers! It is such a joy to finally see the Lord bring me together with a godly man.

In Christ,

Christina

Please join me in praying for~

- Tiffany to keep growing close to the Lord and find more and more freedom from the pressure to succeed
- Mayu, who is joining staff with Cru in Japan, who will spend six months in Nagoya for her training
- For the start to my marriage on January 16th