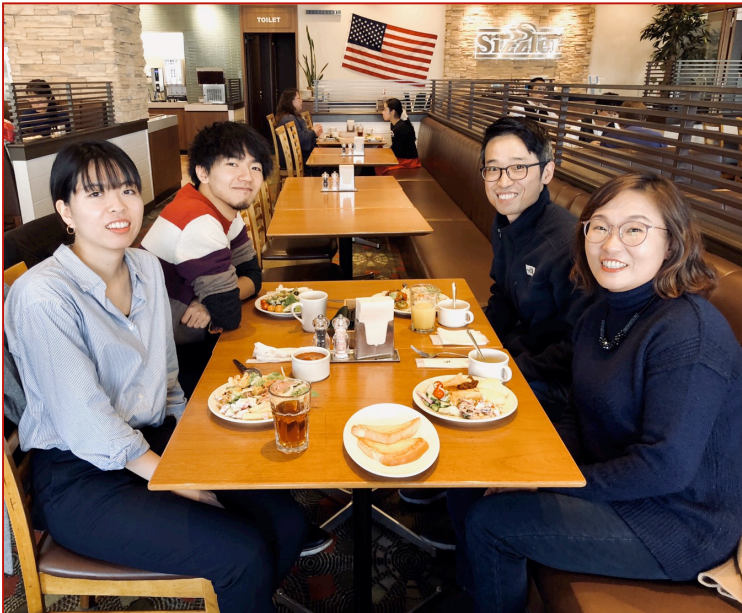


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Dear Friends,

Just like many of us, Mayu and Kouki were forced to make many adjustments to their plans in light of COVID-19. They were celebrating the official start to becoming staff with Cru in Japan but forced to receive training and begin developing their financial and prayer partnerships through video calls.

These two new staff trainees from Tokyo, as well as two more across Japan, are thriving despite plans being derailed. Although they were prevented from meeting in person, they are creatively and passionately sharing their vision using technology.

Similarly, instead of meeting with students face to face, I will likely lead a group of students from across the U.S. on a digital summer mission.

Details of this experimental mission are still in the

works, but it's possible that our target audience may be Tokyo! I never imagined that even after returning to the States I could engage in such a close way with Japanese students, but I may be able to do so while working alongside students here.

We hope to use social media and other digital platforms to meet students. While restrictions are loosening both here and in Japan, it's still not possible to send a group of students on a traditional mission trip. However, since current circumstances have led to larger group gatherings and activities being cancelled, students are available. And we know many Japanese students have an interest in cultural and language exchange. We also believe that ultimately they have a desire to know their Creator. It is a huge blessing that students want to share testimonies of what Christ has done for them, even if they can't physically go to Japan!

In addition to being involved with summer missions, I will also be working together the San Diego Cru team this summer and going forward. We are also excited to come alongside students to help them grow in their faith and share it on their campuses. Since a lot has changed since last school year, there have also been many changes in how we approach ministering to the men and women on colleges around San Diego. Please join us in praying for at least 20 freshman on each four year university to become involved with Cru and grown up in their faith. Please also pray for the many students that don't know Jesus yet. They are entering college at a strange time, and our hope is that our students and staff can help point them to Christ.

In Christ,

Christina

Please join me in praying for~

- Students in Japan as they begin a new school year in April (some delayed due to Coronavirus)
- Mayu and other seniors as they transition to working full-time
- Michelle as she grows in being an ambassador for Christ on her swim team and campus