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Dear Friends,

I forgot some of the stress that comes along with helping to lead a summer mission trip, but I'm very glad each of us participated in this year's Okinawa Mission. 14 days with those guys, and I'd say we sharpened and encouraged one another quite a bit. There's really nothing quite like it.

From joining prayer meetings to pizza parties, we had all sorts of opportunities to fellowship and do outreach together with the churches in Okinawa. We primarily partnered with two churches, both of which received us incredibly warmly!

One of the greatest opportunities for growth for the students was the numerous opportunities to practice sharing their salvation testimony. They gave it in 90 seconds and in 3 minutes, in front of large crowds and in front of intimate groups. I'm confident that any of them could explain how he or she received Jesus, clearly and concisely, at any time.

Marina shared her testimony with the pre-school teachers at one church when we cooked dinner for them. Afterward there were chances to talk more personally, and Marina was able to share the gospel with one teacher. Since coming back to Tokyo, Marina and I meet weekly, and she said she wants to keep praying for the women she shared with in Okinawa.



Megumiko has also expressed how the trip inspired her to pray for others. Throughout our time, there were many chances to share joys and struggles we faced each day. As Megumiko saw others genuinely concerned and willing to pray for her about daily concerns as well as harder issues she's facing, she discovered the importance of praying others' needs. Please pray for all the Tokyo students, Marina, Megumiko, and Kouki, to continue growing in what they learned in Okinawa. And for those to whom they ministered!

In Christ,

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