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Dearest Supporters,

I have some really mixed feelings facing my final two weeks in Tokyo. This past month has been unbelievable! I've been so blessed by so many people, again both here and at home. Plus, God has now allowed me to see three people accept Jesus into their hearts!

Hiromi is a student in a gospel choir led by a woman named Beth from my church. Beth invited me to join their choir a few months ago to meet Hiromi so she could practice her English. I had the opportunity to share a little bit about God's love with her, but the

language barrier was difficult. When she came to one of our outreaches, my friend and co-worker translated so we could more fully discuss the gospel. Hiromi believed that God had led her to sing gospel music, meet me, and come to our picnic. She prayed to ask Jesus to come into her heart and life. "Surely this is our God; we trusted in Him and He saved us." Isaiah 25:9

At Toyo University, I met Miho two weeks ago. She had never come to our lunch or met any of us. Initially, she didn't want to talk about church or God, but when she asked me about my job I couldn't avoid mentioning the Bible. Surprisingly, she gladly continued to listen as I shared about Jesus with her. Miho also decided to believe in Jesus as her Savior!

Keiko is our neighbor. We've baked cookies together and she came to one of my gospel concerts along with her daughter who is in high school. My roommate takes piano lessons from her and started doing a Bible study to help her study English. Last Friday, Keiko came with a couple questions and told Shyla she thought it was really important to receive Jesus. She prayed too!

I also had a wonderful time visiting Nao in her hometown near the ocean! Her family was extremely hospitable and cooked two great meals for me! Nao and I also had the chance to visit Tokyo Tower along with Keiko and Haruna. Then, a week later, they all came to my apartment for a taco party. These girls are so easy to talk to about Jesus and just life in general. I also enjoyed playing badminton with Nao and Keiko for my last practice this week. I will definitely be staying in touch with these girls! I'll see them one more time at an outreach on June 12<sup>th</sup>, my last full day in Tokyo.

Yumi and I have a couple more opportunities to meet. She and her dad are still excited to have a bunch of us over for a BBQ. Yumi also almost accepted an invitation to come to church last week, so maybe she will be ready one of my final Sundays in Japan. It's so crazy because I can almost picture myself staying here. Thankfully, I have the most amazing family to return to and am so excited to spend time with all of you in America! See you soon!

Sincerely,

Christina

