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Dear Friends,

In ministry, there are times when I can get skeptical. Since starting training in campus ministry, I've been hearing about finding a "person of peace." It made complete sense in theory, but until very recently I hadn't seen such strong evidence for the benefit of finding someone well connected on campus.

A couple weeks ago, as we were preparing for our weekly lunch at Rikkyo University, we ran into Saki. She recognized one of our interns, who knows her friend Yui. Before we knew it, at least 10 new students, all friends of Saki, were coming and going at various intervals.



Among these friends was Natsumi. She had lived in the States in high school and was clearly enjoying meeting Americans. She had a prime spot in the center and basically met everyone there that day. A few days later, a summer mission member met with her again, shared the gospel, and she prayed to receive Christ. Since all the interns and summer teams were leaving Japan, I got to meet up with her before our next Rikkyo lunch. Actually, before I got news she had trusted Christ, we had been messaging to meet up again. When the summer mission member mentioned that I could tell her more about Christianity, she replied "that sounds lovely."

Indeed it was lovely. Natsumi had so many great questions about Christ and his sacrifice for our sins. She asked with genuine interest, piecing everything together. We also did the first lesson in a series for brand new believers. We had so much fun talking about faith. Although she was hesitant to call herself a Christian at first, through discussing it she saw that she didn't need to read the whole Bible before she could call herself a follower of Christ. Afterward, we had lunch with a few girls, including Natsuki who became a Christian last summer. The three of us met again a week later to do the second lesson. It was sheer joy to see Natsuki, just one Please be praying for these girls and their continued growth in Christ!

In Christ,

Christina

Please join me in praying for~

- ❖ Natsumi, a brand new Christian freshman
- ❖ Girls' Night (8/17) to be a fruitful time of fellowship and outreach
- ❖ Our four students from Tokyo going on Taiwan summer mission (9/1~15)