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Dear Friends,

It is the season of school festivals. As always, the amount of work Japanese students invest in performing and preparing amazed me again this year. Particularly of note were the fried bananas my friends from Habitat for Humanity made, inspired by their time in the Philippines. Asumi and the belly-dancing members' number was also memorable, to say the least.

But my reunion with Rumi was the sweetest moment for me this year. We had several great conversations at the end of last semester, but we hadn't reconnected since. Thanks to the spicy chicken her and her department were making, we got to catch up! I thoroughly enjoyed their recipe and got her a chocolate covered banana from my new friends in the soccer club. I also found times I can hang with Rumi this semester.

It was also just really clear to me both at Rikkyo and Waseda Universities, that God was orchestrating each step. Along with a few of the interns, we of course visited and supported as many of the students as we could. But there were multiple instances of bumping into acquaintances from several months back, though the festival at Waseda is the biggest in the nation. I just love how even when I forget someone or fail to stay in touch with her, I'm provided with another opportunity. Please pray I can faithfully stay in contact with each student that I met or was reacquainted with. Yuzuko and Kurumi were some new friends that I met and feel excited to get to know better. Hopefully our schedules will coordinate well and God will provide opportunities to show His love.

I also would love to share more pictures and videos from the festival at Waseda, so if you have the chance, please check my blog: christinaeads.blogspot.com

Finally, I'm excited for a chance to visit California for Christmas and see many of you! If you are interested in hearing more about Japan in person and a chance to catch up, I will be having two open houses next month. My friends in Fullerton will be opening their home on the evening of December 22nd, and my family's home in Fallbrook will be open on December 30th. All are welcome! Please look for an Evite soon.

In Christ,

Christina

Please join me in praying for~

- ❖ Rumi, Asumi, Yuzuko, Kurumi, and others who were involved in school festivals this year
- ❖ Marina and Megumiko to continue growing closer to Jesus and sharing Him with their classmates
- ❖ Thanksgiving (11/18~19) and Christmas (12/16) outreaches and wisdom for those planning them