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Dear Friend,

A minor challenge in living overseas is the time difference. When I get home at the end of the day, it's around 3 a.m. in California. At times, talking with family and friends requires a bit of creativity. Another result is that college football is pushed back to Sunday. NFL fans can relate.

Many of you know that my alma mater is USC. You may also know that our football team played a top ranked Pac-12 opponent this past weekend. After watching the first half of the game (Stanford 10, USC 6), I hopped on the bus to go to church. At 11 a.m. Tokyo time, I was at Musashino Chapel Center for the English service.

Each week we take time to find out if anyone is new. This Sunday, Chiho was the only one who introduced herself. She's a fourth year philosophy student at Waseda University. **"I don't know about God, so please teach me," she said!**

After the pastor "taught us", I walked with Chiho back to the train station/bus stop. I learned that since high school she had been interested in the purpose of life and wanted to study it further at the university level. During her sophomore year, Chiho studied abroad in Portland. In America she met a lot of Christians and wondered why they were so nice. Finally, one of her friends from Portland recommended MCC as a place to learn more about the Biblical view of life and why many Christians are "so nice."

Chiho is genuinely seeking answers about why she exists. She has met people who follow Jesus Christ and wants to know more about Him. Although my football game ended in triple overtime, it was without a doubt worth missing for my new friendship with Chiho. We're planning to meet up for breakfast soon, so I may be absent for more USC football. By next season, I'll switch to the afternoon Japanese service ☺



One portion of the festival was a café where students and the community could connect with each other and relax (or play games.)

In addition to church, God has provided many opportunities to meet Japanese students. On the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, Campus Crusade for Christ held a huge festival to raise funds for Tohoku and the relief efforts up north. It was successful and supplied a rich time of getting to know both Christians and non-Christians.

I'm also rejoicing to have both arms free again! Thank you for your faithful prayers for my healing and the work God is doing in Japanese hearts! Please be praying for Chiho and for other students to seek and know Jesus. For more pictures and mini updates, you can see my blog at [christinaeads.blogspot.com](http://christinaeads.blogspot.com).

In Christ,

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