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Dear Friends,

Lately I've felt particularly like God is bringing great new freshman girls into my path. As the semester goes on, it can be tough to connect with new students. But at this point I feel encouraged!

Last week, a couple of the interns and I met Yurino and Haruna. They were enjoying the garden at Waseda University on what was forecasted to be the last sunny day before entering into rainy season. It was a conversation that just flowed with ease as we all answered questions from a deck of cards. The topics range from "What food makes you happy?" to "What do you want to be remembered for after you die?" The girls engaged and seemed truly excited to meet up in the future as well.

I'm hopeful to connect with Yurino and Haruna again, partly because I've seen growing friendships and trust being built with girls we met earlier this term. Last month, I mentioned a girl named China, who seems spiritually open, and her friend An. We've continued to have wonderful times over lunch. Sometimes we connect more deeply, talking about relationships or hopes for the future. And sometimes we just help the girls with their English homework. But we always mutually enjoy some laughs and deepening our friendship.

We were also blessed to be meet up with Satsuki and Haruka for a second meeting. Our initial conversation basically consisted of talking about food. This led to going out for pizza and getting to have conversation about much more serious topics. We first got to hear about the girls' travels over a recent holiday (Golden Week.) We then naturally got to talking more deeply, and the girls really opened up about some challenging experiences they've had. We were able to learn about them and their families and share testimonies about how we've continued in prayer

and seen the Lord's faithfulness in our lives.

In Christ,

Christina



Please join me in praying for~

- * "Friend's Night," our last outreach before the interns return to the U.S. (Ayaka will be sharing her testimony)
- Students like Satsuki and Haruka who will hear the full gospel for the first time at "Friend's Night" (6/13)
- The Christian students to implement what they learned the past 2 weeks about evangelism and discipleship