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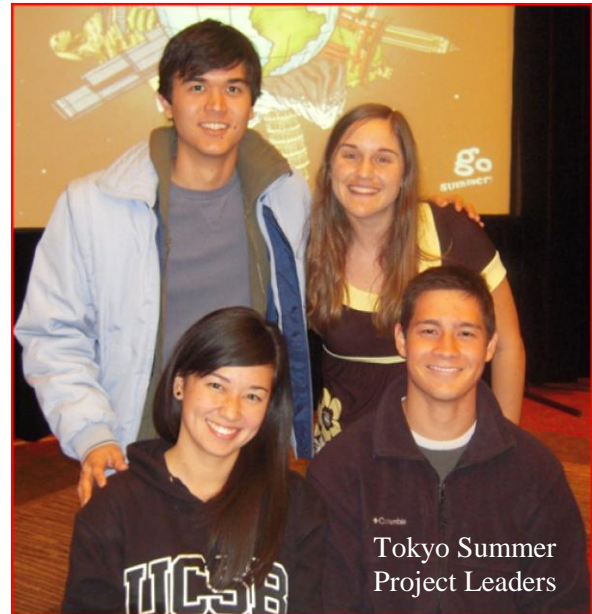
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Dearest Friends,

February finished well! Thank you for praying as the men and women retreated last weekend. The guys definitely bonded, attempting to overcome the rainy weather during their camping trip. Ironically, the ladies learned about thirsting for Jesus; we also had very sweet time of fellowship.

On top of the excitement of this semester, summer plans are also looking bright. My co-worker Ryan and I will be leading a team of students to Tokyo in June! Jennie and Dean (interns from UCSB and UCLA) will follow us in July with another team.



As I've talked with some friends in Japan, they've reminded me of the desperate need for missionaries in their country. Christians in Japan frequently feel alone and over-worked and have an extremely hard time standing for their faith. Already thrilled to serve alongside them, I've been even more inspired to share this ministry with more students.

Several applications for our team have been processed, and my eyes have been moist with tears of joy and gratitude. Each student coming with us has a very specific reason for wanting to share Jesus in Tokyo. Casey is a Sophomore from James Madison University. Her family did ministry in Uganda for a year in her early teen years. Now, Casey's eager to visit Tokyo since her "uncle and his family lived in Japan for many years and have always told [her] stories that have given [her] a passion for the people."

I couldn't ask for a group of students more fervent to share their faith with the Japanese. However, there's one catch and your prayers are needed! So far, we're bringing 9 students. We have the capacity for 15 and would love to bring more males (we only have 2 at the moment.) Please pray with us that our team would grow in the next week, if that's God's will.

Please also pray as we plan and prepare more details for the trip. As leaders, we need to guide students from all over the country in raising support and preparing for a month abroad. Thank you for your involvement in this tremendous privilege!

Grace and Peace Multiplied,

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