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**Kirsten and I loved our surprise encounter with Momo and Mizuki from Gakushin University.**

Dear Friends,

We've settled into the semester, and I'm grateful for many more chances to engage with all sorts of Japanese students. Students, occasionally alumni, of all ages, with various interests, talents, and plans. Also from various campuses, and over the past year I've run into girls from Gakushin University in a few different locations.

Our resources are limited, so we focus primarily on certain universities, but students from Gakushin seem to keep popping up. Kirsten, one of the interns I get to work with, and I had the

privilege of bumping into Momo and Mizuki at Waseda University last week. They were visiting for the first time to join a club for cultural exchange, but we beat them to the punch. While they were waiting for the activities to start, we found out they were freshman studying international relations. We talked about Mizuki's study abroad to Australia and Momo's desire to travel more. Eventually, they asked why we came to Japan.

As we often do, Kirsten and I explained that while we were college students, we were part of a Christian club. We really enjoyed what we learned about our faith there, and we discovered how Japanese students have very few opportunities to learn about Christianity. The girls then asked if we were Christians from when we were born. Their question opened up such a sweet time of talking about our families and testimonies. We could both share our background and how we personally came to know Jesus Christ.

Kirsten and I also shared some good laughs with Momo and Mizuki, and we're all in touch through Instagram. The girls really expressed the desire to meet up again, so please pray for our future times and conversations with them. Please pray that we can fully share the good news about Christ with them in the best way they can relate.

This is just a sample of how God has brought students unexpectedly across our paths. Please pray for all these kinds of conversations. All of the spring events were blessed, and I saw many students connected to Christian community for the first time. Please pray that each of them would continue to get glimpses of who Jesus is and accept Him as their Savior.

In Christ,

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Please join me in praying for~

- ❖ Christian students as they testify about God's goodness on their campuses
- ❖ Momo, Mizuki, and many others who are encountering Christ for the very first time
- ❖ Rina, Yuria, and others who engaged in our community at the Chronicles of Narnia movie night and other recent events
- ❖ Summer mission teams that will start arriving from America on 5/24