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Dear Friends,

Last week, our staff team gathered with our interns to plan for the upcoming school year. That means I am bursting with prayer needs, but first I'd like to share about an exciting encounter I had at Mr. Donut.

I hate to admit this, but when they took out the Mr. Donut near my train station, I felt it a little more than I expected. ☺ So, recently I took advantage of the chance to stop in at another branch that's still going strong. As soon as I pulled out my Bible for a little reading, it came to my attention that the three girls next to me had just graduated high school. They were chatting about how they want university life to start, but at the same time they don't. Even though it's exciting, there are a lot of unknowns making them nervous. Eventually, they mentioned to each other the desire to learn English. That gave me the perfect opportunity to introduce myself. It turns out that Hikari will go to Rikkyo University, and Sakura and Hinako are still waiting for test results but hope to go to Waseda University. Since both are campuses that I work on, we connected on Twitter. The girls seemed open to the idea of plugging into a Christian club on campus and eager to practice English with native speakers. Please pray for ample opportunities to continue to get to know these girls, help them with English, and share Jesus with them as they enter their universities.



As we planned this past week, we anticipated meeting many students like Hikari and her friends. Freshmen are so unsure about the future but come in with energy and excitement. We will come alongside our students to help them reach their friends and incoming students during this high momentum time. Please pray for our Spring Camp next week. Students will be coming to grow in community and then implement specific plans about how to reach their campuses with the gospel this year. Please pray that each of us could use our gifts to contribute to the work on each campus. I'm particularly motivated to involve more students who are interested in English lessons and cooking together. Among our staff and students, there are several opportunities like these, so please pray that we can support one another and be good stewards of the relationships we're given with each and every student we encounter.

In Christ,

Christina

Please pray for~

- ❖ Hikari, Sakura, and Hinako to connect to Christian community as they enter their universities
- ❖ Yuri-chan as she helps organize Spring Camp and starts a weekly seekers Bible study with friends
- ❖ For our Spring Camp (3/15~17) to be a bonding time and effective time of executing plans with students for the new school year.