Building Spiritual Movements Everywhere

December 1, 2007

Dear Mr. and Mrs.,

It is such a great privilege to be serving Jesus in Tokyo with you as part of my supporting team! Thank you for your participation in God's plan for my life and the lives of the students I am meeting. Your willingness to obey the Lord by giving financially and praying to Him is a remarkable blessing to me! I continually thank our Great God for the ways that He faithfully provides for my needs through you.

I would like to tell you about some recent events in a little more detail. My hope is that you will have a clearer picture of what you are investing in and possibly consider contributing more in the near future. October and November were very busy months of ministry. It has been such an awesome experience to see hundreds of students gather for our Halloween and Thanksgiving outreaches! Seeing these events has been very different than I would picture them in America. Normally, when you and I walk down the street, we can assume that many or most of the people we see have heard about Jesus. When there is a large room full of Japanese students, however, it is safe to say that very few believe in God and most have little or no concept of Who He is. For this reason, watching my team leader share his testimony about how God requires no masks but loves us for who we are impacted my heart in a very big way! Listening to hundreds of Japanese students sing along with our gospel choir also brought tears to my eyes and forced me to glorify God with all that I am! Many students are starting to learn about Jesus and have the opportunity to build friendships with my teammates and me.

The highlight of the Halloween party for me was that my old roommate, Yumi, came and enjoyed herself very much. She dressed up like a pirate and really loved my power ranger costume. I had been nervous that she wouldn't like the discussion questions and might even be upset with me for inviting her to an event centered on Jesus. It turned out that she was happy to translate for me during the discussion. She was also eager to come to my apartment for dinner the following week, and we watched a movie with some of my teammates! Yumi is being exposed to the body of Christ and learning what Christianity is really about.

Thanksgiving was also an event where God's presence was really clear to me. At first I was disappointed, because only four people I invited purchased pre-sale tickets. By the end of the night, I was thankful for those who had part-time jobs and couldn't attend, because they wouldn't have been able to eat or sit down. We had so many more people than we expected! It was fabulous to see everybody working together to cook and distribute an incredible amount of food! I could see unity in every detail from carving the turkeys to washing the floors at midnight. A highlight was also seeing Mai in the crowd as I sang on stage in the gospel choir. During her school festival, Mai invited me to watch her sing and dance, and then she also came to my debut performance. Afterward, she wouldn't stop telling me how much she loved our concert. The whole audience got to join in during one song, *Friend of God*, and it was exciting for everyone!

I hope these stories have been an encouragement to you too! I am so pleased that God is blessing us in these ways! He has been so faithful and loving as always! Whether or not you are in a position to give financially at this time, it is an honor to be able to share my excitement with you.

Currently, I have raised 97% of my support for this year through special and monthly donations. My hope is to finish before Christmas, because then we will leave for our staff conference and begin preparations for the new semester. As you are thinking through your end of the year giving, would you please consider giving a special gift to help me complete my support with the last \$2,000 that I need? If you would like to contribute at this time, please make your check payable to *Campus Crusade for Christ*. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

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