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Dear Friend,

In Japan, it is that time of year again when we celebrate the graduating students. This is so important, because the whole vision of Cru is to, "Reach the campus today, reach the world tomorrow." One of my greatest desires is that each student moving on from college would walk with Christ for his or her entire life. Please pray that on March 21st, we could send off Mikoto, Mari, Mika, Rei, and Takuya to be lights in Japan.

The other exciting aspect of this is that I get to work alongside Kanaho and Yuriko, two soon-to-be sophomores, to prepare for the send-off. This time of planning for the upcoming event is a beautiful opportunity for these younger girls to grow and experience ministry. I have really been enjoying fellowship with them.



Planning for this year's graduation ceremony with Kanaho and Yuriko has been productive and allowed us to talk and pray together.

As a foreigner, Japanese students often open up to me relatively quickly, and these girls are especially transparent. Before starting our planning meetings, we've had times to pray for one another. Because both Kanaho and Yuriko were really honest, we could truly bond and pray for one another's needs. As the girls shared things they've been wrestling with recently, I could relate and share what I thought God taught me during my first couple years of college.

Please pray for my relationships with these girls. I believe they have a lot of potential to impact and influence their campuses with the love of Jesus. I really want this planning to be a chance for them to seek God and learn the importance of living for him at their universities and beyond graduation. Hopefully, I can also be a good listener and encourage them in their personal lives as well. It's clear that they have a lot on their minds, and that it's a battle for them to stay close to Jesus. Please pray they will choose to live godly lives among friends and classmates with almost entirely different values.

Like Kanaho and Yuriko, three of the students about to graduate planned the graduation party last year. We recently had a reunion of our planning team, and I was amazed at how they encouraged one another to live for Christ. Please pray that once they graduate they will continue to meet with other believers and live as a witness of God's love.

In Christ,

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Recently we had a reunion for the member's of last year's graduation planning team and all loved being back together one last time before they graduate.

Please join us in praying for~

- ❖ Mikoto, Mari, Mika, Rei, & Takuya who will graduate this month
- ❖ Kanaho & Yuriko who are planning the graduation ceremony & will in a sense fill the shoes of the graduates
- ❖ Spring planning, which will take place March 17th-19th