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Contrary to the ladies' serious faces in this photo, we had a light-hearted Girl's Night that strengthened our community!

Dear Friends,

It can be hard to know what Japanese people are truly thinking. It's a culture of maintaining the harmony, where the majority tends to hesitate to disagree. That's why I was so happy when Mayu, a key student leader, planned a girl's night.

Last year I got all the women together to bake and watch a movie. But I didn't know for certain if it was a desirable event until Mayu organized it again this year.

Again it was a great mix of both Christian and non-Christian students laughing together. We didn't have any spiritual content, but girls who have been hearing the gospel for months continued growing closer to our community. We made spring rolls and caramel brownies and watched a ridiculous movie. I loved seeing Mayu and other girls welcoming in newer members and creating an environment where it's comfortable to belong.

Mayu is a natural leader and just attended the Taiwan Mission Trip for the second year in a row. Her presence on the team made younger members from Tokyo have more courage to go as well. She has so much potential as a Christian leader in Japan. Please pray for her as she continues reaching out to her classmates at Aoyama University as well as supporting her fellow Christian students all over Japan. Please also pray other students will learn from her leadership and grow in their desire to follow Christ closely and share Him with others.

Finally, please also pray for our team of staff and interns. We are blessed beyond belief that we've grown unprecedentedly this year. However, we have limited long-term staff as five members are currently in Japanese school. Please pray we'll be sustained and for our partnership with the 16 wonderful interns. We of course desire to be faithful and that our labor on campuses all over Tokyo would be fruitful!



This past month, we've received four new staff and 16 interns, all who have been a joy to have serving with us in Tokyo!

In Christ,

Christina

Please join me in praying for~

- ❖ Natsumi, a brand new Christian freshman (she will meet our new interns next week)
- ❖ Praise for a great Girls' Night, Taiwan Mission Trip, and Fall Camp
- ❖ 16 interns (serving on 8 campuses) and four new international staff (starting language school)