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Maho brought tortilla chips as a snack, which were a great addition to our conversation on the nature of society and how Jesus Christ restores it.

Dear Friends,

Two weeks ago, I had one of the most encouraging times that I've ever had. It was at Rikkyo University, which I had to stop visiting regularly about a year ago. But Maho and I stayed in touch. Despite some miscommunications that kept us from meeting for months, we finally got together.

It was exciting but strange to visit Rikkyo after so long. As I approached the beautiful campus it dawned on me that I hadn't asked anyone else to pray for this appointment. Then, as I neared the cafeteria, I spotted two summer mission team members. They joyfully said they'd pray for us, and I got to briefly introduce them to Maho.

There were hints that it might be a good conversation with Maho. Through some of our messaging, she said that job hunting had made her question certain aspects of Japanese society. Since I knew she'd been thinking deeply, I was excited to hear more about it and how she was doing.

Her main qualms were in regards to women's rights. She was appalled at the hostile response of some men in Japan to women who advocated for less stringent dress codes (mainly lifting the demand for women to wear high heels to work.) At one point Maho decided she would escape Japanese society and seek a job in Europe. But as she researched, she discovered societal problems there also.

As we talked about these issues, the conversation transitioned beautifully to how Christ meets our broken world. Maho had learned some new things about Jesus at

our Christmas party two years ago, but this was the first time she was able to hear the gospel in full. She asked several insightful questions, to a degree which I've never seen from someone hearing for the first time. She was flabbergasted when she asked if even murders can be forgiven for their sins, and I said yes. After several more questions, she asked me how I became a Christian. In my testimony of coming to know Christ, I mention that when I first started reading the Bible, I didn't understand much but gradually started to see God's love for me. Maho asked, "Christina, do you think if I read the Bible I'll feel God's love too?" So even though I only had an English Bible in my purse, I gave her my Bible on the spot. I was since able to get a new Japanese Bible for her that I hope to give to her soon. Please pray that Japanese students would seek and find Christ!

In Christ,

Christina

Please join me in praying for~

- ❖ Maho to feel God's love and come to fully understand and accept Christ's work on the cross for her
- ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> year Christian students to develop deeper roots in Christ (they now only have one more semester in college)
- ❖ Students going on Taiwan mission to trust in the Lord for the support they need and strength for the mission