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Dear Friends,

Mayu just became a believer at the beginning of this year, but she's dedicated herself to growing in Christ. She was baptized in June and went on a mission trip to Taiwan in September. Since interacting with other students committed to sharing Christ, Mayu has been even more enthusiastic about knowing and encouraging others to know God's Word.

It can be easy to forge that Mayu just came to know Jesus this year. While studying the Bible together, I assumed she had heard Joshua 1:9 before, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." When she said it was her first time to read it, that made sense. It struck me what a privilege it is to walk beside someone so young in her faith. I get to share with her verses that have been an anchor for me and point her to Christ in ways she hasn't discovered yet. We can also learn together, and some of those passages most Christians have read 100 times still hit me in a new, fresh way as I get to see Mayu open it for the first time.



Having lunch with Mayu, Alison (the sole new intern from Australia), and other students at Aoyama



Posing with Mayu and Miho (from Gakugei University) after watching the Jesus film. Miho was among those who heard the full gospel for the first time.

On the other hand, Mayu astonishes me with her maturity and how assertive she is. We had an event to show the Jesus Film (translated into almost 1,500 languages) and Mayu was near the door greeting anyone who came for the first time. She also served as the emcee and led and encouraged other students to lead discussion groups. She clearly has a passion to see students from her own campus (Aoyama University) and all people come to know Christ.

Please pray Mayu will stay close to Christ and continue seeking God's wisdom in reaching out to friends and students around her!

In Christ,

Christina

Please join me in praying for~

- ❖ Ayaka and others who recently watched the Jesus Film (many hearing the full gospel for the first time)
- ❖ Praise Natsuki is growing in faith as a new believer and more fully connecting to Christian community
- ❖ Praise that Mayu is showing even more leadership and desire to share Christ with her friends