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Dear Friend,

After our national conference, I really liked seeing feedback from the students for more outreach time! Two out of the four days we were sent out into groups all over Osaka, Japan to share our faith. My group was at a giant shopping mall, and my partner was Charissa, an international student from Florida.

Charissa and I found plenty of people sitting on benches around the mall, but she was hesitant to attempt talking with them. I was nervous too, because we normally share on campus, which feels quite a bit more natural. Also, it was Charissa's first time to share her faith in this way, so I really wanted her to have a good experience.

After praying, we just had to trust that God would give us an opportunity if that was what He wanted. And He did. The first girl we greeted talked with us for the entire time (over an hour.) Her name is Misato. She was attending church until she recently became busy studying for university entrance exams. She's not a Christian but is very interested in learning more about Christianity. Now that she's been accepted (starting school this week) Misato was really excited to hear about a Christian club she can join on her campus.

Misato was extremely open to talking about the Bible and Jesus. She knows more than the average student in Japan but still has some major questions about God. She also definitely has hesitations about believing in Him. She accepts that all people are imperfect and that everyone sins, but she also sees Japanese people as basically good. That makes it hard for her to see any need for God.

Yet, Misato has observed that Christians seem quite different and says they seem to shine, which is why she initially decided to go to church. She also still has enough curiosity to carry on quite a long conversation about Jesus. At first she was only planning to talk with us until her boyfriend came back from a cigarette break. But when he came back, he ended up joining us too. I am so grateful Charissa and I could see God lead us to someone who was not only willing, but very eager to talk about Jesus. Charissa is now back at Hiroshima University and is excited to talk with more people about her faith. Please pray we can continue sharing back on campus, and that students like Misato will keep seeking God and find Him.

In Christ,

Christina



Please join me in praying for~

- ✧ Thanks for our national conference, CHANGE, (3/11-14) where students and staff could share Jesus' love while learning to trust more in Him
- ✧ Shiori and Mari's continued trust in God's leading for their lives
- ✧ Mio, who spent her 27th birthday in the hospital (fifth birthday in a row)