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Dear Friends,

At our national conference this past month, I had the privilege of watching students learn from those that are just a step in front of them. Alumni from Cru in Japan shared with those getting ready to graduate and enter the work force. They shared respectively about their five years, three years, and one year of experience living as a Christian after college.

It was impressive how they shared honestly about the good and rough aspects they have tasted or are going through. They also gave a balanced presentation, covering important details of the realities of working in Japanese society, as well as discussing church and spiritual life.

It was exciting to hear how in just under one year, Eri had the opportunity to invite the president of her company to church. She happened to become close with his wife in the cafeteria, and she took an interest in Eri's hand bell performance. As she told her fellow Cru members the story, I sensed that Eri was genuinely humbled by the opportunity to share the gospel with the president and his wife. She knew that amidst the challenges of adjusting to a new environment in the work force and fumbling to continue walking closely with Christ, it was only by God's grace that she had been given such a wonderful opportunity.

As the third alumnus stood up and began sharing, a realization hit me that was the most impact that day. All three of the alumni had come to Christ as college students. It was beautiful and overwhelming to see that even after a short time of knowing Christ, all three graduated and continued in their faith. Sure, there are challenges, but all three of them are fighting to stand strong in the Lord in one of the most secular societies in the world. Not only are they getting by, but they are also sharing about the faithfulness and worthiness of God with the next group of graduates.

Please pray with me for Eri, Kengo, and Ayana to continue thriving as lights for Jesus Christ in the workplace. Please also pray for others who are serving God faithfully after graduation and for those who will join them soon. From Tokyo, we have Megumiko, Nanako, Risako, and Chito graduating this month. Please pray they will be able to execute their plan to continue gathering monthly and remain in fellowship through their churches as well. We are excited for the potential of each of these men and women to continue finding joy in Christ and spreading his love and truth in Japan.

In Christ,

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Please join me in praying for~

- ❖ Graduates of Cru to keep shining for Christ in the workplace
- ❖ For our spring camp, March 19th~21st, to be a time of vision, encouragement, and effective final planning for the new school year that starts in April
- ❖ For the hearts of the students we'll meet leading up to the new school year and in April