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Dear Friends,

With the cherry blossoms, and this year with Easter, comes the new school year in Japan. While exhausting at times, God always sends just the right encouragement.

At our spring camp in March, the students talked about their desire to see classmates learn about Christ. Natsuki in particular surprised me with her eagerness to try reaching out to others for the first time.

Natsuki just trusted in Christ in August, so when I contacted her to meet at her university, I tried to gently feel out how she was feeling. But she was as eager as ever to reach out to fellow students! We briefed and prayed for less than a half hour, and she was ready to give it a try. We talked to almost 10 girls, most of who were freshman, new to the campus and looking for a place to belong. Natsuki was giddy with joy the next day when we got a reply from the first girl we talked with, Waka.



Posing at our first lunch of the semester at Rikkyo, with a handful of new friends, including girls from Natsuki's first outreach time.

Waka had been shy and quiet but hung on Natsuki's every word. She shared with Waka about how two years ago as a freshman she had never met a Christian in Japan either. Then she mentioned how reading the Bible and experiencing Christian community had touched her and led her to believe in Jesus. We invited Waka by text to join us for a weekly lunch on campus. She replied saying she would come and also had a friend, Miyu, who really wanted to join us too! Plus, another girl we met, Misato, also came. Needless to say, this was a HUGE encouragement to Natsuki of the impact she can have with fellow students!

Please pray that all of these new encounters would lead to new brothers and sisters in Christ! We've got lunches on four campuses, English classes in two locations, and a series of events to kick off the school year. Please pray we'd be sustained and faithful and bold to love and share Christ when given the opportunity.

In Christ,

Christina

Please join me in praying for~

- ❖ Natsuki and other Christian students as they testify about God's goodness on their campuses
- ❖ Waka, Miyu, Misato, and many others who are encountering Christ for the very first time
- ❖ Praise for a fruitful trip with Yuka, who I went to Hong Kong with over Spring break
- ❖ 4/21 Sports Picnic, 4/27 Easter event, 5/11 Movie Night (Chronicles of Narnia)