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Dear Friend,



Yuu brought her friend Haruka along for English practice, and getting to eat waffles was a fun surprise too.



Once again, the English appeal is in my favor. Mrs. Joel, a friend from my church, teaches English at two nearby universities. One of her students, Yuu, is particularly eager to improve but doesn't feel she has enough chance to practice conversation in the classroom. So Mrs. Joel is taking her lunchtime each week to chat with Yuu in English. And she also graciously introduced us.

Yuu studied for a short time in Chicago and has plans to go to England this summer. It seems that when my friends study abroad, it's a little bit addictive. But going abroad is also often an opportunity to learn new cultures, and in many cases to visit church or hear about Christianity. Her last host family was an elderly Christian couple, which gave Yuu a chance to think about the Bible in a new light. Her university is actually Tokyo Women's Christian University, which means she attends chapel there. However, both her and Haruka said that the Bible they read at school uses old language and is hard to understand.

What I love though, is that God has given them the Bible plus chances to meet several Christians, at home and around the world. I loved talking with the girls about studying a foreign language and movies, but topics like happiness and motivation also came up often. English conversation gives us a chance to talk about life, which allows me to share how Jesus gives me my hope and joy. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would give me wisdom on how to best share God's love with Yuu, Haruka, and the others he directs into my path.

In Christ,

Christina

Please pray with me for~

- Yuu, Haruka, and blessings for our next English conversation time
- Continued prayers for Wakaho, Rieko, and Naomi, sometimes coming to church
- My Japanese teacher Watanabe Sensei, who came to church to hear my testimony