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Dear Friend,

Because a lot of the university students I know are on mission trips or vacations for their summer breaks, I've had extra time with my classmates from Japanese school. I am really thankful to God for these opportunities!

The past couple weeks, one of the biggest encouragements has been having the three Taiwanese women in my class be interested in coming to some various events at my church with me.



Maki invited my classmate Tei and me over for springrolls.

Tei had never been to church, but she joined me for International Student Fellowship. Some women greeted Tei warmly and got to know her as we ate dinner. Then, we had discussion in small groups about distractions and how they affect our lives. Tei said that it had been a long time since she had a deep conversation like that. As we walked to the train station she said she loved the atmosphere, and my friend Maki invited us over for lunch the next week. That was also a time of great food and rich conversation, where Maki and I could mention how God is involved in our lives.

Tonight, another classmate, Peko came to our monthly Coffee House to hear a Japanese gospel artist. A while back, Peko had asked me for recommendations for Christian

music, and she was eager to go to this concert to hear live music. She really enjoyed tonight's singer and on our walk home, she also said the church atmosphere was comfortable. She said she liked that people didn't try to push anything on her, because she can decide for herself.

Finally, Chunmei and I had lunch last week, and she is considering coming to church with me for an introductory course on Christianity.

Please join me in praising God and asking for His continued blessing on these ministries of my church. As I minister to students on campus, these are great opportunities for Japanese students to come to church in a relaxed atmosphere. A regular church service can seem overwhelming and too foreign for a lot of people, but thankfully there are other ways for them to interact with the body of Christ at church!

In Christ,

Christina



At the concert, Peko and I met Yuri and a missionary from Hong Kong.

Please pray for:

- ◆ The ministries of my church and the lives they are influencing
- ◆ My teachers and classmates from Japanese class, as we have increased chances to talk about Christianity
- ◆ My times with students as many of them return from summer missions trips or vacations