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After English class with two summer mission students
and Kaori and Mami from Kyorin University

Dear Friends,

After 15 months since starting an English class in our ministry, it's started to feel somewhat monotonous. Last week my feet were dragging as I headed that way. I had this doubt; maybe it's not the best way to spend my Wednesday evenings. But there was no shortage of evidence that it's worth it.

In June, we had the opportunity to bring summer mission students to university classes taught by a woman from my church. Kyorin University is a 10

minute walk from my apartment and also close to where we have our weekly English class. Last week, four students joined us from Kyorin, and two of the girls were in my group. As we were getting to know each other, it soon became clear that one girl was struggling with her sexual identity and had wounds from being mistreated for being only half Japanese (her mother is Indonesian.) We naturally landed on the topic of forgiveness. I couldn't help but feel Kaori needed to know about the forgiveness Jesus offers. However, it seemed too quick to jump right into the gospel, especially since her friend, Mami, clearly had a very different experience.

Since it dawned on me that I may not have another opportunity, and because I felt strongly Kaori needed to hear, despite my hesitancy I started to share our gospel tract with them. It turned out that Kaori's mother is Catholic and she had been to church with her in the past. Mami was also listening more intently that I'd ever seen anyone do. At the end, when I read the prayer of how to receive Jesus, Kaori turned to Mami and essentially told her this is good stuff. They both still have some thinking to do about it and perhaps don't understand fully, but it was their first time to directly think about sin and forgiveness in Christ.

When I got home there was a message from Mami (see right.) She erased any trace of doubt from my mind that Wednesday English classes are insignificant or a waste of time. I literally don't think anything could have brought me more joy. Please pray for Kaori and Mami and for the hundreds of thousands of students in Tokyo who have yet to hear the story of Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

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Please join me in praying for~

- ❖ Akane, Marina, Megumiko, Risako, Mayu, Shiho and more to keep growing in Jesus and sharing Him
- ❖ Praise for a great Friend's Night and good connection with students throughout the month
- ❖ Summer missions teams to share the gospel and connect students to us and the local church in Japan