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Dear Friend,



I loved praying with Mikoto, Mari and Yuri for God's glory on their campus.

Recently, I've continued to feel like I'm faced with many challenges working in Japan. I am blessed with a handful of amazing students to work with, but it has felt ultra slow-going. However, this semester a few of the girls I meet with regularly have started thinking more seriously about how to share Christ with others and reach their campuses.

Mikoto in particular (who you have prayed for before) came to me with encouraging news. All along, I've been excited about her heart to obey God and share him with her friends. But she will graduate in March. So, when she shared that she wants to start mentoring a sophomore girl named Yuri, I was thrilled. Similarly to how I encourage Mikoto to continue following God and making disciples, she is now coaching

Yuri. Now, when graduation comes, there will still be a mature follower of Christ on their campus.

The girls were motivated by the prayer walks they heard about on other campuses, and they decided to host their own time of prayer this past month. During that time, I saw that both Mikoto and Mari long to see Christ known on their campus even after they move on in March. It was also clear that Yuri is passionate about seeing more people experience the joy she has in her relationship with Jesus.

Please pray that more students in Japan will long to reach their friends and classmates with the love of Jesus. Please also continue to pray that many will see the hope found only in Christ. Like last year, the girls will be hosting an event at their school festival (11/8). This time they're planning to have worship music and hope to catch the attention of many on their campus. Christmas is also a beautiful chance to talk with friends about our faith, so please pray for the girls as they think through how they might want to try to reach their friends at Christmas time.



Kouki also joined us in praying for the girls to shine the light of Christ.

Right after joining this prayer walk, I had the chance to attend an international Cru staff conference in Korea. I learned a lot about ministry but was most impacted by the faith and courage of some of the other staff I met there. Many of them work in countries where there is hostility toward the gospel. After hearing their stories, I immediately repented of my complaints about the challenges in Japan. We face obstacles, but we are so very blessed to be able to share our faith in Christ freely. Please pray for us to do so with wisdom and love.

In Christ,

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