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Dear Friend,

It was so refreshing to see my entire family and many great friends over Christmas time! After 15 months living in Japan, it felt a little strange to keep my shoes on inside, but I adjusted. And now I'm back in the swing of learning Japanese and eating lots of rice balls (onigiri)!

It's also been quite a joyful time reconnecting with my friends and "family" here in Tokyo. I've had the privilege of taking my friend Rieko (along with her one year-old son Shunei and friend Wakaho) with me to church twice. This week Rieko's husband, Ray, will



also join us. They have been coming to the English service to practice English, but I have no doubt that God is also showing them something unique about Christian community and Himself. I covet your prayers greatly.



I've had many cherished times with my Japan Campus Crusade for Christ family as well. Yurika is one reason why. During our weekly meeting last Thursday night, there was a time for open sharing. Yurika decided to share with her fellow students about reading the Bible and how it's affecting her life. Recently, she was reading how Jesus offered living water to a woman at a well. That got her thinking that she could go to Jesus for absolutely anything.

When Yurika thought about what she truly wants in her life, she decided she wants to be sharing her faith with other people. And because she knew she could go to Jesus for anything, she asked for a chance to tell others about His love and salvation. Yurika shared with us that before she finished praying, God brought one opportunity. Since then, one college friend and one former elementary school classmate have been asking Yurika questions about believing in Jesus. Please pray that we all seek God for moments like those!

In Christ,

Christina

P.S. If you are wondering how time with my friend Azusa was in America, I think it's an understatement to say she enjoyed it. Her next trip to Southern California is next month (to try English language school.)

Thank you for continuing in prayer for: Rieko and her family & Yurika and her classmates