

April 10, 2011



I write this letter to you in light of the tragic events that have happened in Japan this past month. As most of you know, I have been asked to co-lead our Campus Crusade Summer Missions Project to Tokyo, Japan this summer. Many of you have been asking whether or not we will still be going and what we will be doing there. After a few months of intense training, evaluating applications, and planning, as of right now, we are still going and taking a team of 13 students with us from all over the US.

My heart breaks so much for what has happened over there and yet, there is a big part of me that can't wait to go. In such a developed and thriving nation, for them to be stripped of everything earthly, I feel like there is no better time than now for us to bring something of way more worth and eternal investment. Our original intent was to go and partner with the Japan Campus Crusade for Christ in an effort to build relationships and share God's love with students at Tokyo's prestigious universities. We are still going with the heart of reaching college students in Tokyo, as we believe that they are the upcoming generation of impact. The project will not become a relief trip. It will still primarily be a campus ministry trip. Many organizations are lending a helping hand to Japan, but not many are going over there to bring the hope of Jesus Christ to the Japanese people.

In terms of the questions regarding relief work, Tokyo's team do plan on sending relief teams up to the tsunami-stricken area as soon as it is safe to do so, and as soon as volunteers are needed. This means that, since we are helping JCCC in their ministry when we're in Japan, we could have the possibility of spending some time doing relief work and we would be more than eager to help. Now again, if it's unsafe to go up north, we won't go. And if volunteers are not needed and would be more of a burden than anything else, we won't go. But we do not plan on shifting the focus of our trip.

We will be gone from May 20-June 30 and in order for this trip to happen, I ask for your continued prayers! So much has happened already as we have been planning and the Lord has been so faithful. I believe that even now, He is still working on finalizing our team as students are having to step out and trust Him especially during this time. Some of them are eager and ready to go and they have seen all their support come in within a month's time. Others are having to step out and really battle against the enemy whether it's facing opposition from parents or struggling with support raising. In both cases, as directors, we can do nothing more than to pray and then pray some more, so I am asking that you would journey alongside us, as we continue to leave it in His hands. Please continue to pray for *1) the decision of our leadership and Worldwide Student Network as they continue to monitor the progress of Japan and the outcome of our trip, 2) the hearts and minds of our students going as well as peace for their parents, 3) the people of Japan and that God would already start a work in their hearts, and 4) that ultimately, we would continue to lead this trip under the headship of the One who is at work.*

It honestly though has been such a humbling experience already for myself as I have recognized that nothing would be possible without Him in this process. I want nothing more than this trip to be under the Lord's headship. I pray everyday in preparation for this project that He would continually remind me of what it looks like to remove myself from the picture and learn to lead fully in dependence on Him. In order for this to happen, a big part of this trip is the project expense. I know that in learning dependence, it means in every part, including the finances. I know that times are hard, but, I also know that He is a God who will provide. *Would you prayerfully consider partnering with me not only this summer in Japan but also long-term with Crusade. I need to raise \$5850 in one-time special gifts to help cover all the expenses of this project as well as an additional \$1500 monthly to help keep me on campus full time next year to continue working with the students in Hawai'i.*

God is doing amazing things here on the islands and He is definitely using it to reach the world. We had 5 students attend our Winter Conference in San Diego this past December. In February, we had 15 students attend our Epic Conference in San Francisco. This summer, we have 14 students going on summer projects (Japan, Santa Monica, South Africa, Seattle, East Asia, New York) -- which is the most from Hawai'i we have ever had!!! Out of those, 7 of them are coming with us to Japan! It is **honestly** because of your support and prayers already this past year, that these things are even happening. It is a blessing and an honor to partner with you and to see lives transformed for the sake of the gospel!



Compelled by His love,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "jamilam".

2 Cor. 5:14-21