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It's rather difficult to sum up a 6-week international ministry experience in one page, but we're going to attempt it. We set out on this adventure at the end of May with 3 staff and 10 students from around the country. Our team endured sickness, fatigue, frustration, and the Japanese rainy season to have one of the most rewarding and life changing summers of our lives. Our missions adventure (and the wonderful train system) took us all over the Tokyo—a metro area of 35 million people where less than 1% know Christ and most have never heard. Enjoy the "tour" through our normal stops as you get a taste of our summer.

Koenji 高円寺

This was home for 5 weeks. An area of Tokyo known mostly for it's second-hand, vintage shopping. We had great apartments at "The Rain Palace"...only a 2 minute walk to the train station!

Mitaka 三鷹

This is home of JCCC (Japan Campus Crusade for Christ) in Tokyo. They have an amazing building there that God provided just a couple of years ago. It includes offices, meeting space, a kitchen, and even a place for guests to stay.

Yotsuya 四ツ谷

Home of Sophia University, where we spent at least 2 days a week doing ministry. On Mondays and Thursdays we would attend the CCC English Lunch. There is actually a recognized student group on campus and 20-50 people attend these lunches, however only about 5 of them are Christians. Yuko and Aya, 2 of the student leaders, were awesome. Though both are fairly new believers, they are bold in their faith and have a heart to bring other students to Christ. Our team was able to bring some man-power to share the gospel with many of these students. It seems that many here are spiritually open, they just have never heard or thought about who God is. We made great friendships and are praying that God will continue to water the seeds that have been planted.

Waseda 早稲田

Location of Waseda University, the bigger of the 2 campuses. Although there is no recognized CCC group here, there is a lot of freedom to meet students and pursue getting one started. We also attended and English lunch here on Wednesdays. It's a much smaller group than at Sophia, and we are definitely still tilling the soil, but this is where we actually saw the most fruit over the summer. One student, Emily, that we met within the first few days, became a follower of Christ! And others are close to making that same decision.

Ochanomizu 御茶ノ水

This is where we went to our church for the summer—New Hope Tokyo. This was a very fun and refreshing experience for us each week. The church is a plant from Hawaii and holds the service in both Japanese and English. It has a very international flare and we loved getting to sing in both languages.

Thank you for reaching Japanese students with the Good News!

Romans 10:14-15

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Pictures from top: *Paul, Bo, and Mike with Hiroshi at our banana split party; Paul with Yoshitomo and Yuji; Trina with some of the girls at "Discover Friends"; Trina and Eriko; Trina with Sayuri and Kaori at our American party outreach; the summer project team with the JCCC staff team—Taketo & Naomi, Ayumi, Kaori, and Omar*