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Walking to ICU in the rain...

Prayer Corner

**Praise the Lord for new believers (ICU junior) Haruka and (JLC freshman) Rina and the 15 students in Hokkaido who received Christ with our student summer mission team. Please pray for their faith to take root and grow strong in a Christ-centered community.*

**Praise God for 5 ICU students who are helping with our ICUHS ministry - Yusuke, Josh, Mariko, Kazu and Casey. Pray for wisdom for our staff team (John, Omar and me) as we consider shifting our focus from the HS to discipling the ICU students so that THEY can reach ICUHS.*

** After living by myself for a year, I'll be moving to live with 2 other JCCC staff next week. Pray for the packing and adjusting process. I'm excited to have new roomies, but I'm still not very good at the moving process!*

✧ Autumn Rains ✧

Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. James 5:7-8

Temperature wise, August was pretty awful. No rain for a month led to record breaking temperatures and oppressive heat. Then September came and though I had high hopes for cooler weather, summer dragged on.

September 22nd was 96 degrees, but suddenly, the next day on the first day of fall, the temperature dropped 36 degrees to 63 degrees and it's been cool ever since!!

Sometimes, especially when we're in a difficult season of life, time seems to stretch on and on and patience wears thin. During those times, God's Word reminds us of how short LIFE actually is and instead of impatiently waiting for

the next season, it's best to be in the present and use each given moment for eternal purposes. But seasons DO change (as I've seen!). This past month our students have been excited to share their faith. Mana and Rina (two of our recent

new believers) led their two friends (Haruka and another Rina) to Christ. And our students who returned from our Hokkaido mission trip also had much to share. Saya, a freshman who had never shared her faith before



Rina, bottom left, the night she came to Christ

Hokkaido, told me she prayed with seven Hokkaido University students to receive Christ! Getting to be a part of everyone's celebration is truly wonderful! As a ministry partner, you're also a part of the celebrations...thank you for coming along the journey in every season!