

*How awesome is the LORD Most High, the great King over all the earth! Psalm 47:2*



I *finally* got to visit my "real" family  
(on my mom's side) in Japan



Shah and me on the  
bullet train



STINT "family" at a college symphony  
performance celebrating Jody's birthday

## Updates and Praises

\*I've truly been enjoying a period of intimacy with Jesus this month – why? Who knows? But I do know that God answers prayer.

\*Though I'm not 100% sure about what I'm going to do next fall (another year of STINT, ICS/long-term commitment, UCC internship?), I'm much more at peace about the future than I was earlier this month.

\***Maoko**, last month's new believer from Waseda, has been meeting up with SooJin  
\***Naoko** (also a new believer from Waseda) has continued to meet up with Emily and is visibly growing stronger in her faith and making efforts to join Christian community

## For February . . .

*(Right now the Japanese universities are starting their two month break, but that doesn't mean we have nothing to do!)*

\***1/31-2/19** our team will be in Thailand for the STINT Mid-year conference – this is where I'll most likely be making decisions regarding plans for this fall. Please pray for continued wisdom for the future and for our team's health as we'll be staying on a pretty remote island for part of our time in Thailand.

\***2/26-3/1** JCCC will be having their ski/snowboard trip for students. Our team will be going as well – pray for the students who don't know God yet and for the new believers who will be going.

## "Wow Lord . . ."

Being on campus every day isn't always easy. Leading a team of nine unique individuals isn't always easy. We all know that – sometimes life just isn't easy. But there have been many times this month when I've just had to sit back and say, "Wow God. YOU are amazing!"

This past month was full of "Wow God" moments. Last week, I found myself riding the bullet train next to a Muslim from Pakistan named **Shah**. Then, since the hour long train ride wasn't long enough for our conversation about our faith we went to a coffee shop and talked for another hour. Some of you know I've had a special heart for Muslims since my freshman year, so this was an amazing God-appointed opportunity for me in Japan.

Later on in the week at Waseda's cafeteria, a student named **Daido** sat down with Winnie, SooJin and me and started sharing about how his grandma had died the day before. Holding back tears, he told us, "You know, times like these make me think about God." The week before Daido had shown no interest in knowing God personally. In just one week, I felt like I was talking to a different person. At the end of our conversation on Thursday, we gave him a Bible and *Knowing God Personally* booklet and he took it with gratitude saying he really wanted to try to understand it and study it with someone!

Meeting with Daido and Shah were just a two of the many tangible ways that God's shown up this past month. I'm *continually* in awe at the way God allows us to take part in His work. I thank God for life with Him *and* with you!



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