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Jessica Joy's

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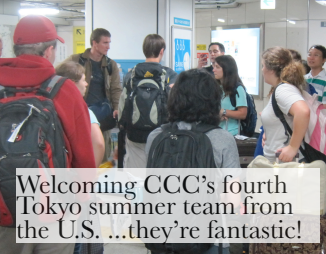
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Saying bye to STIN'Ters :(



With my great-aunt in Sapporo



Welcoming CCC's fourth Tokyo summer team from the U.S. ...they're fantastic!



Donating blood on-campus after Bible study with Mifue and Fumi

NOT AS THE WORLD GIVES

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.” John 14:27

“My heart feels so empty!” one of my good Christian student friends cried to me over the phone. Another student (for a different reason) called crying to ask why God kept letting bad things happen in her life. Another student told me he had taken a knife and contemplated suicide the night before but he knew God wouldn’t want him to take his own life so he didn’t (though he did inflict injury on himself). During a discipleship time, another new believer told me she wasn’t sure if she was really a Christian because she wasn’t experiencing “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness...” and other fruits of the Spirit but was instead giving in to her sinful nature. This is my daily life. All the conversations I mentioned above happened within the past week and a half. It can be overwhelming, but I’m grateful for *many* things. I’m grateful to be a part of REAL lives and have REAL relationships with the students I’ve seen come to Christ. I’m grateful for the various trials that have given us opportunities to together witness first-hand the difference a REAL relationship with Christ makes. I’m grateful for the Word of God that anchors our faith, renews our minds and reminds us that no circumstance is beyond God’s control. And I’m grateful that I’m not alone. Of course Jesus is my Rock and since He’s proven His faithfulness to me over and over again, I can be confident that He’s there for each one of my friends (and you!) as well. I’m also extremely grateful for the local church, the JCCC community, and other Christian organizations like “Celebrate Recovery” and counseling services here in Japan. And as I write this I’m thinking of how especially grateful I am that you’re standing with me prayerfully, financially, practically, emotionally...You’re God’s provision for me!

With Love, *Jessica Joy*

Thanking God for...

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**the Peacemakers Ministry (from the U.S.) that came out and helped our JCCC staff work through some issues. Blessed are the peacemakers!! Please continue to pray for our staff team as we are on the frontline of spiritual warfare. Disunity among believers is never good.*

**time with my great-aunt and second-cousin in Hokkaido. Even though we don’t share the same native language, I really felt a part of my family in Japan...I love them so much! Please pray that my Japanese biological family could be apart of Christ’s family as well!*

**Ayu, Mifue, Rina, Misaki and Mareka - girls I meet up with weekly on their campuses. Each are continually learning and growing...please pray for their faith to have a solid foundation!*