

N O V E M B E R U P D A T E

Jessica Joy's

# JAPAN journal



## Praises!

*\*190 STUDENTS came to our Thanksgiving outreach plus local friends like Hiroshi-san (our ice cream man) and my next-door neighbors (pictured above). Everyone enjoyed a huge dinner, gospel choir concert and stories of why we give thanks to Jesus in all circumstances.*

*\*Local Christian professors have recently caught the vision of Student Impact and are partnering with us in any way they can. They've invited us to their classrooms, passed out our fliers, prayed for us and some come to our weekly meetings to get trained in how to share their faith!*

*\*ICUHS English lunches have continued to grow not just in numbers but also in depth of relationships with students. Mari (the one who came to Christ last month) has continued to come and to meet up with Laura.*

*\*We finally got internet!*

## ✧ Thanksgiving in Tokyo ✧

*"Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!" Psalm 95:2*

Though the Christmas season officially began the day after Halloween in Japan, our American team wasn't quite ready to start celebrating Christmas on November 1st. Instead we began preparing for our Thanksgiving celebration. Traditionally, Thanksgiving has been a great and natural way for Americans to introduce Japanese to Jesus. This year, our theme "Thanksgiving in All Seasons" reminded students that

though Thanksgiving is a day specifically set aside to give thanks to God, every day - even in difficult circumstances - we can give thanks because of *who* God is rather than giving thanks only for his blessings. Since this past month our STINT teams faced homesickness, two separate sudden deaths of a close friend and family member and the sudden unexpected sabbatical of our friend and national director Yoshitaka Satoh we needed to be reminded ourselves of why we give thanks in all seasons. So though I'm grateful for the Lord's many blessings (including you), I am MOST grateful that He counts me as a friend because of Jesus!

*"I miss thanksgiving day because it was one of my favorite American holiday: due to the day, I got to be interested in Christianity."*

**-Yusuke Sunagawa**  
Hosei student who became a Christian at UCD in 2005

## Please pray . . .

*\* that I would honestly submit my life, team and ministry "results" to the Lord rather than fight him for control*

*\*for Yoshitaka Satoh and his family as they take a much-needed rest from ministry right now. We also need prayer as staff and STINTers in functioning without clear leadership right now*

*\*for our Christmas campaign - we'll be passing out hundreds of CDs and inviting students to multiple Student Impact Christmas events this month*

