



PLANT. WATER. (HAVE FUN). GROW.

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. 1 Corinthians 3:5-6

“We’ve talked to a lot of students and had good conversations, but no one I talked to wanted to receive Christ,” one of the American college summer team members told me. That comment took me back to my college days when I went on Summer Project for the first time and had the same sentiment. I had tons of spiritual conversations, shared the gospel over and over again but felt like “nothing” happened. Four summer teams from America have already come and gone (via Cru**) and I think a total of 14 Japanese students said they received Christ through the teams - which is awesome and a huge praise! But only time will tell if those decisions were sincere. And for some of the teams who came expecting “BIG” things, 14 is a low number compared to the hundreds of people they talked with. I reminded some of the team members (as I needed to remind myself!) that the important thing is that each of us is faithful and obedient to do what God asks of us, but the results are up to God. If we’re taking the initiative, are faithful and obedient, we can relax, have fun and let God do the work. We may not always have a chance to see “results” but it’s amazing to see how God works!! Thank you for partnering with me on this crazy fun journey! Let’s continue to plant, water, and grow together!

*Blessings,
Jessica Joy*

Last year the PSW A team met a girl named Akari at Waseda. Akari brought her friend Haruka to an outreach party. Haruka came to Christ and after came to my church (though now she attends another church). Akari went to study in Italy soon after the summer team left. I lost touch with Akari. But last week on July 24th, she wrote on my facebook:

Thank you for praying!
Japanese students are now on summer break. That means many varying opportunities to serve those affected by the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster. I want to do EVERYTHING. But I can't (I've been trying!). Pray for my relationship with Jesus and wisdom. Pray for all the Christians living here in Japan. Some of my friends are experiencing stress-related/overworking health problems. Thank you for your prayers!

“Jessica....I came back to Japan seven months ago n decided to be a christian last week. ;) I hope we can see n talk again soon! ... I met you and other PSW friends, which led me to Him. I really thank you♥

