

Jessica Joy's Japan Journal

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2007-2008 stint team
(plus mister donut mascot)



mika at free's concert



epic summer project



staff appreciation



cookies at icuhs concert



icuhs poster we made for
christianity week



nykecc summer project

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6-7

Overflowing with Thankfulness

"Oh! I have CHO good news! Five of my friends came to church today. And TWO of them prayed to receive Jesus! Holy Spirit is moving at my school!" Mika excitedly told Kelly and me after church this past Sunday. Mika's one of the girls who came to Christ in March and since then she's been excited to share her faith. After church on Sunday Yukina and Mika shared the Knowing God Personally booklet (aka KGP/4 Spiritual Laws) with their friends and two of them, Aya and Seiko were ready to receive Christ into their lives!

This past month has been like that. Full of weekly outreaches put on by the summer projects that are here, gospel conversations, gospel choir concerts, students coming to church with us, students praying to receive Christ . . . angels are rejoicing in heaven!

Having the summer projects from New York Korea CCC, Singapore, Taiwan and U.S. Pacific Southwest has been awesome, but welcoming the very first Tokyo Epic Summer Project here has especially been a dream come true for me. As a student at UC Davis, I helped pioneer



Epic (the Asian American ministry of CCC) on my campus and envisioned a day when an Epic team would come to Tokyo to share the gospel and now it's come to pass!

Out of everything that's happened this month and this year though, co-leading our STINT team with Paul has by far been the most rewarding. With all the activity going on around us, Paul, Chris, Jared, Kelly and Laura have truly been "God's provision for my life" on STINT. We started out this year not knowing each other at all. But we shared the same vision and bond of loving Jesus and responding to his call to Japan. Despite our sinful natures, different backgrounds and personalities we *truly* loved one another as Christ loved us. We became not just good co-workers, but each others' friends and family.

And now it's ended. Laura, Jared and Paul returned back to the States after debriefing this past week to re-raise support for a second year internship with Campus Crusade and for the sake of Paul's recovery of his broken leg. To say farewell has been emotional and difficult, but we can look back at this year and say it was a success because of the way Jesus expressed his love in our team.

Though my STINT year will be ending this month when I come home on July 22nd, I will continue on to staff with Campus Crusade for Christ (Lord-willingly in Japan). I'm happy to report that I have been officially accepted on staff this past month after a very thorough application process! The past two years have been one-year commitments, but joining staff will be a long-term commitment of at least three years.

You guys have also been God's provision for my life the past couple of years. Quite literally. Without your prayer, financial, emotional and practical support many in Japan would not have heard the good news of Jesus this year. So THANK YOU for your faithful support! Especially since I know things have been financially difficult this year. I would be honored if you chose to continue on this great adventure with me. I'll let you know more details when I return home. Thank you again for everything!

Gratefully and joyfully yours, Jessica