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# Jessica Joy's JAPAN Journal

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## ✧ New Year, New Lives ✧

*"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life." -Jesus (John 5:24)*

### *Thank God for...*

**\*Haruka, Ryuichi and Mana's decisions to follow Christ.**

**\*Tien's visit to Japan was pure, productive and perfect!**

**\*The Christmas CD campaign, concerts and outreaches went well. High school and college students indicated a desire to know more about Jesus as a result.**

**\*Surprisingly, I did well in my first quarter of Japanese.**

### *Please pray for...*

**\*International students who returned/are returning to Japan soon: Ryuichi, Kozue, Kanae and Kohei**

**\*Wisdom for follow-up of Christmas campaign people**

**\*My own relationship with Jesus to grow and thrive so that I could love and serve Him and others better this year.**

Death to life. That's a pretty strong statement Jesus makes when he says those who believe in him will pass from death to life. For those who haven't yet put their faith in Christ, it's a distressing statement. But for those that put their faith and trust in Christ, this is a HUGE reason to celebrate!! And in Japan where many "celebrate" Christmas without knowing why, Christmas is a uniquely opportune time to share the JOY of knowing Jesus.

Japan Campus Crusade for Christ works hard every year to make sure the Good News goes out during the Christmas season (in Japan, that's from November 1-December 25). Every year JCCC mass produces thousands of Christmas CDs that we distribute to schools, shops, churches, clubs,

families, friends, etc. Each CD contains original music from a variety of young Japanese Christian artists and an explanation of the true meaning of Christmas. This year JCCC hosted a "Christmas Delights" Concert where the artists came to Tokyo from all over Japan to put on a collaborative concert. Our students, staff and volunteers worked hard to put this concert on and it was a big success. My Japanese friends who came (and could understand everything, unlike me with my limited Japanese!) said they were impressed with the quality and variety of the music and way one of the bands shared the gospel so clearly in a loving and natural way. Even those that haven't put their faith in Christ yet said they were touched.



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I participated in the Christmas Delights Concert, but since I joined FREE (JCCC's student gospel choir), I was mainly busy with FREE's rehearsals and concerts. We did four concerts in the span of two weeks (two in Tokyo, one in Yokohama and one in Nagoya). By far my favorite part was hearing our students share their testimonies with the audiences and their peers. And to see them **EXCITED** to explain why Jesus came to earth. I remember when a few of them came to Christ so hearing them share their testimonies brought back such fond memories!! Six of the students in FREE have yet to trust Christ, but one (Haruka) decided to believe in Jesus a few days before Christmas!!



On top of the "big" Christmas concert outreach, we also had many smaller outreaches. I was personally involved with two for International Christian University High School and one for Waseda students. Also, having Tien come to visit opened doors to share with my Waseda futsal team (all guys) and other friends that I haven't been able to share with yet. Tien has a pretty dramatic testimony and the gift of evangelism so having him here made it really easy to share wherever we went. It was good to have BOTH of us in a conversation because we come from such different backgrounds (I grew up trying my hardest to be "good" and Tien...well, he was different!) and yet we both needed Jesus to save us in the same way.



### *International Ministry/Returnees*

I'm SO grateful for the international ministries in the States as I'm guessing over half of our Christian students came to Christ because of some sort of international influence. They either went on a homestay, studied overseas as an international student or lived overseas as a kid. I was overjoyed to hear Ryuichi (Tien's friend and an international student in CA) say he decided to follow Jesus in early December. He'll return to Japan this week. Ever since Mana went on homestay to FL in the spring of this year she's been wanting to be a Christian but her family and friends told her she was stupid to want that when she returned to Japan. Christmas Day she decided she didn't care and accepted Christ anyways! Kozue (came to Christ in the States in the spring) continues to have a desire to be "like [she] was in the States" but finds it difficult to find time to go to church and to have the relationship with God she used to have...Please pray for these students! Thank you! *Love, Jess*

