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MIDTOWN IMPACT'S "HARVEST" MEETING

All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

2 Cor 4:15

PRAYER CORNER
(THANKSGIVING EDITION)

Thank you God for...

Daily Bread

Literal and Spiritual

I'm grateful to live and serve in a country where I can feed off God's Word daily and freely. I'm also grateful for the way He daily provides for our daily needs.

Community

Local and global

Though I left a strong community in the States, God provided strong community here through my local church (Shibuya Covenant of Grace), the JCCC staff, my classmates and students. I'm also amazed and grateful for the technology that allows me to keep in touch with those at home (like you!).

Language Learning

Kichijoji Language School

Monday through Friday I get to go to Japanese school. It's going surprisingly well even though we're flying through our lessons. I'm thankful for my five Japanese teachers and many Japanese friends who are helping me.

Transformed Lives

Changed by Christ

Please see my blog for stories of students. I have been overjoyed to see that while I was away lives have been changed by and for Christ. Praise God that this month Yurika and Yukina's *parents* were baptized!! We had been praying for their salvation!!

Again?! How much longer am I going to have to wait on this train? I thought to myself as another person did the impossible and squeezed his way onto our delayed yet overflowing train car. *I can't move to take off my jacket! Why is this the second time this week that my train is delayed?* My mind and heart grumbled as I stood for 30 minutes on a stand-still train literally overflowing with people. *I'm going to be so late for our Bible study! Augh! Why do people have to commit suicide when I'm running late?*

I confess my heart and attitude isn't always Christ-like as you can see. Sadly, my heart gets callous to the number of people who kill themselves (especially on the train line I use) each year. Or to the number of people who

die without Christ period. I so often get caught up in the midst of busyness (mostly to do "ministry") to value the individual lives of each person surrounding me. If I'm not sleeping enough, daily meeting with Jesus and renewing my mind in the Word my attitude can start to rot and I forget how much I have to be grateful for!!

Prayer Requests

Please pray for me to continue to cultivate my own relationship with Christ even as I've gotten extremely busy with high school and college ministry and Christmas outreach activities. Pray for purity of heart and mind as I serve AND as Tien (my boyfriend) will be coming to visit me from December 18-30. Pray for our future direction as well. Thank you!!

