

# Jessica Joy's JAPAN Journal

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## Prayer points

*\*My whole STINT team, except for Chris, has returned to the States. Chris will return on August 12th. Pray for our transition back to the American life - especially that our relationships with Jesus and others would remain strong.*

*\*For the MANY Japanese students and friends that we left in Japan. For their salvation and for the new believers' continued growth. Pray especially for Aya, Tomomi, Natsumi and Sora.*

*\*Next week, from August 13th-20th, I'll be in CO for STINT briefing. This time instead of being the trainee, I'll be a trainer. Please pray for the new STINTers and for our time at briefing to be God-centered and effective.*



## ✕ The End of STINT ✕

*"And [Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows: he knows not how." Mark 4:26-27*

### BY THE GRACE OF GOD

It's true. I know not how God works. But I'm amazed and grateful! I can think back on this year

and think,

"Wow

Jesus, how

in the

world did

THAT

happen?

Why did

Midori, Kohei and Mika all

choose to follow you on the

same night when they've had

countless opportunities on

other nights? Why did Aya

and Tomomi faithfully come to

church with me every week

when they had to travel so far

and aren't even believers?

How in the world did homestay come together this yer? Why did Yuka want to

meet up

weekly when

she's so busy

with soccer

and I was

intimidated of

her? Why

would you

choose

someone as crazy as me to lead a STINT team? (I couldn't even pack my own bags!)"

To all these questions, I have to say, "God, I don't know how you work. But I thank you for your grace, and I thank you that you're God and I'm not." (Continued on reverse side)





**EXPERIENCING THE HARVEST**

Leaving Tokyo to come back to America was a bittersweet experience. Bitter because I was leaving behind many friends and people who have become like family to me in Tokyo; sweet because of the evidence of God’s work in Japan that became especially clear to me in the last few weeks. Students and friends expressed much appreciation to me for coming to Japan and I thank you, ministry partners, for sending me. I was encouraged as some of these friends said that they would continue to study the Bible and “Christianity” after I left. Still, it was hard to leave knowing that so many of my Japanese friends hadn’t received Jesus into their lives yet.

**THE JOURNEY CONTINUES - FROM THE AMERICAN FRONT**

But leaving Tokyo is just the beginning. I believe that God will continue to grow the seeds that were sown and that even more Japanese will come to know Jesus as a result of this year. I also believe that God has used my experiences on STINT to refine me and prepare me for greater things. My hope is that I will return to Tokyo at the end of next summer 2009 to join staff with Campus Crusade for Christ in Japan. Right now my heart is in Tokyo, but I am open to going wherever the Lord sends me. This upcoming year, 2008-2009, I will be going through staff training, building a ministry team that would commit to partnering with me long-term, ministering to international students here in America and keeping up with my friends back in Japan via mail, e-mail and other various modes of communication.

**THANK YOU!! TO CONTINUE ON . . .**

If you are receiving this letter in the mail, or if you opened this on your e-mail, THANK YOU. Thank you for being on my ministry team and sending me to Japan. I would be honored if you continued to stay on my ministry team this year. If you are a regular monthly financial partner, nothing changes logistically. However, you may have to renew your giving term online if you originally committed to one year. If you can’t renew financial giving at this time, I’d still love to keep you up to date with monthly newsletters. Thank you again and God bless!!



*Love, Jessica Joy*

