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## High School Highlights

**INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL (ICUHS) IS NEITHER INTERNATIONAL, NOR CHRISTIAN, NOR A UNIVERSITY, BUT IT IS A HIGH SCHOOL!**

### FRESHMEN CLASSES

“So have you ever thought about God before?” I asked the high school freshmen in my discussion group. Blank stares. “No”, “No”, “No, not really.” Even though I’ve been working with ICUHS students since 2007, I’m still caught off guard and surprised by the amount of new students who have NEVER thought about God before. Amazingly, through one Christian teacher at ICUHS (who’s the head of the English department), every year we have the privilege of going into every freshman class and are given a chance to share our life stories - which naturally means we get to talk about Jesus since He’s so much a part of our lives. This means that since we restarted “Let’s Talk” at ICUHS in 2007 (when I was in Tokyo as a short-term), we’ve been given a chance to share with EVERY STUDENT at ICUHS! This still blows me away,

*This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.  
1 John 4:10*



One of my ICUHS Freshmen discussion groups (6/4)



NYKCC student sharing his testimony in ICUHS freshman class (6/3)



Tohoku team (including 3 ICUHS students) at my apartment (5/29)

Though four days a week I work with college students, one day a week I get to go to ICU High School

especially since ICUHS is a such an influential school. Students must first pass a difficult exam in order to be admitted and almost all students continue on to world-class universities (in and out of Japan). Of course many will go to International Christian University which is the high school's partner school (it's even located on the same campus) and where Princess Mako (first-born granddaughter of Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko) attends (she's now a sophomore). We are truly seeing Campus Crusade for Christ's vision statement "movements everywhere so that everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus" come to life.

This past week the New York Korea Campus Crusade for Christ summer team joined us in going to the freshmen classes. In each class three would share their stories, then we would break up into discussion groups. One high schooler shared, "I thought if there was a god he was far away. Now I know that he can actually be close to people and help them."

## "LET'S TALK"

Of course the 50 minutes we had in each class is just the beginning of our conversations. Since the new school year started in April, we've consistently had 14-17 students come out to our weekly "Let's Talk" lunches. And some

come after school for "Let's Talk More" which has become more of a time to simply hang out and build deeper friendships. But more gospel-centered and deep conversations have naturally happened than ever before. Of course, part of the reason is because everyone has contemplated the meaning of life just a little bit more.

## TOHOKU

Four of our high school students (Makoto, Masaki, Kami, Kenta) went to Tohoku to do relief work with our teams the first week of May. All of them described the experience as "life-changing" and want to go again. Hopefully we can go again in August. My roommate, Kazuko, was the team leader of three of them and she said even though the high schoolers on her team weren't believers, they openly shared during daily devotional times, loved the rest of the team and worked REALLY hard. Please keep praying for salvation of these students and those in Tohoku. The summer rain and heat are bringing on new challenges. Thousands of evacuees are still waiting for temporary housing to be built and the progress can be discouraging, but more Japanese ARE looking to Jesus for hope! Thank you for your prayers!



"Worship Night" band (ICU students) led a time of worship during lunch on 5/17

"Pray without ceasing"  
(1 Thess. 5:17)

*Wonderful things are happening. And we thank God for that! At the same time, the Christians here are undergoing some heavy spiritual warfare. After the earthquake four of my friends in Japan had family members die in unrelated events; over the course of two months our Student Center's been robbed and vandalized a number of times; there's been sudden sickness, depression, confusion of the mind and return of suicidal thoughts for some of my friends; and we're still experiencing disunity. JCCC leadership is especially going through a difficult time. Your prayers are greatly appreciated, heard and felt!! Thank you!*