

Update and praises from last time . . .



Aya, me (daikon!), Kei

*Our **Halloween party** was a huge success! About 80 students came throughout the night, and 50 stayed for the story/discussion time. Christian students like Aya brought friends to hear about Jesus. Kei and I talked for almost an hour . . . this was only her second time hearing the full story of Jesus so she had many questions!

*Daniel's back with our team fully recovered from his surgery in the U.S. and hasn't missed a beat!

*We are launching movements on **4 new campuses** – Hosei, Otsuma, Rikkyo and Nihon University. We're excited to see our original vision of seeing multiple movements launched come to fruition!

*Our **Thanksgiving party** outreach was also an answer to prayer. Over **100 people** came to hear the gospel choir "Free" perform and to eat a real Thanksgiving dinner. Emily shared her testimony and the gospel during the concert and many responded positively.

"I will thank you, Lord, in front of all the people. I will sing praises among the nations. For your unfailing love is as high as the heavens. Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds". Psalm 57:9-10

Much to be thankful for . . .

This Thanksgiving I had sooo much to thank God for – for the life that He's given me through Jesus, my family, friends (you!), my team, JCCC staff, providing a way for me to be in Japan and for the ways that I've seen him work since being here. People who have STINTED before have said that STINT will be the best and hardest year of your life. I've only been in Japan for a few months, but I'm beginning to understand the meaning. One moment I'll feel overwhelmed, discouraged and inadequate and I'll cry out to God for help. The next moment He'll show up in some real, tangible way that'll make me want to shout for joy! I'm continually learning to praise the Lord through all circumstances and emotions because He IS faithful!

I'm enjoying leading our team with Joe and have really felt encouraged and strengthened by your prayers and the prayers of my teammates. The Bible's become more alive and I've grown to really appreciate some of the "heroes" of the Bible (particularly Moses and Ezekiel) who have been intimidated by the tasks God's called them to but have been obedient to the Lord anyways. Praise the Lord for His sovereignty and faithfulness! (Please refer to my online journal at www.xanga.com/jessica_tekawa for more details).

Thanksgiving party – food, concert, sharing, making new friends and seeing old friends



Please pray for . . .

*The **students** who responded positively at the Thanksgiving outreach. There were many who indicated they prayed to receive Christ, but we won't know for sure what that means until we follow up with each student.

*We're in the middle of our six-week cycle of launching movements on new campuses. Please pray that we would meet people of peace at **Hosei, Otsuma, Rikkyo and Nihon Daigaku** and see God work in ways that we can't explain. We've already seen this happen! For example, Daniel prayed at Nihon Daigaku to meet a Christian student since Christians are few and far between. A few minutes later a student walked up to him, asked Daniel to lunch and asked him if he was a Christian. This Nihon Daigaku student was a Christian too!

***Yusuke**, a Hosei student who came to Christ at my school last year through Bridges (Campus Crusade's international ministry). He's come to our Halloween and Thanksgiving party and will come to Beats next week. Pray for his faith . . . he needs to experience strong Christian fellowship in Japan.

*Our **Christmas campaign**. Everyone in Japan Campus Crusade for Christ (STINT, students and staff) are passing out hundreds of gospel music CDs that include information on how to know God personally on the inside of the CD cover. The musicians on the CD will be coming from America to do a concert on December 21 and 22 so each student who receives a CD is invited to the concert.

*Our team – **Joe, Daniel, Kermit, Kelly, Winnie, Soojin, Emily and Jody**. Each of us has battled spiritual warfare on some level. Some have experienced intense loneliness, others have battled lies and discouragement internally and externally. Pray that each of us would continue to rely on the Lord for strength and also that we would be open and vulnerable with each other. I can't tell you how evident your prayers have been in this area specifically, though! Let me know if I can pray for you too!