

JAPAN MISSIONS NEWSLETTER

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Hello friends and family! Our first week in Japan has gone by so fast! Here are some updates:



Thank you to all who came to send our team off! We were so encouraged to see how covered we were. With your endless support and prayers, we were able to arrive in Kobe, Japan safely.

During this mission trip, we are partnering with Shukugawa Bible Church and Kobe CCC Team to reach Japanese university students. The members of Shukugawa Bible Church welcomed our team so warmly!



80

Approached

69

Conversations

11

Spiritual
Conversations

5

Gospel
Presentations

0

PRC

34

Follow-ups

WITNESSING STATS

During the first week, our team went to **three** campuses: Kobe University, Konan University, and Gakuin University.

Originally, our team had planned to witness at Kobe University and Kangaku University. However, just a few days before our team arrived in Kobe, we received news that opportunities at Kangaku University were **closed**. Despite the unexpected changes, **God has been moving in ways that we didn't expect**. Even though we were unable to go back to Kangaku University this year, He **opened doors** for us to begin witnessing to students at Konan University and Gakuin University, in addition to Kobe University. **His faithfulness to the nation of Japan has been so evident**.



from left to right: Julia, Hannah, Minji (STINTER), Akari



Witnessing Testimony

On the first day of campus, Julia and Hannah met **Akari**, a master's student studying ecology at Kobe University. They got to engage in deeper conversations, such as the purpose of life. They followed up with Akari and got to **connect her with a STINTER** (CCC missionary). After grabbing lunch, she asked to join them in campus outreach. Akari expressed interest in **checking out CCC** and **learning more about the Gospel** as well! Looking forward, Akari is coming out to our church event on Sunday, where we will have a Gospel-centered skit and sermon. Our prayer request for Akari is not only that she comes to know Christ personally, but that she also becomes a **spiritual multiplier** on the Kobe University campus as well.



SPAGHETTI PARTY

We invited the friends that we made on campus to our Spaghetti Party. Our Spaghetti party is an event for us to bring the friends we made to church. **For some of these friends, they have never been to a church before, so this was an opportunity for them to step into one.**

Seven of our new friends joined us: Kazuki, Yamaoka, Kirin, Miaowei, Kokoa, Kagehiro, and Yoshio. We ate spaghetti, played icebreaker games, and performed K-pop dances. This time of fellowship allowed us to form deeper relationships and connect our friends to STINTers and Shukugawa church members. We hope that our friends who came out will continue coming out to our events and ultimately **gain a curiosity for God.**





PRAYER REQUESTS

1.

Pray for **spiritual strength, wisdom, and boldness** as we continue building relationships with our Japanese friends that we've made and navigating ways to magnify Christ in our interactions and conversations with them. Pray we would be **filled with the Holy Spirit** and **rely on His guidance** rather than our own.

3.

Pray God keeps our team **physically healthy** for the duration of our mission trip. Many of us have begun to get more and more fatigued as the trip progresses (thankfully not sick though), so pray that God keeps us **alert and rejuvenate** us daily as we seek to serve Him and His people.

2.

Pray for **open ears and hearts to the gospel** through each conversation we have. Pray God would draw His children near to Him and lead them to seek refuge in Christ and trust Him with their entire lives and eternal salvation.

4.

Pray that God would **move powerfully** at our upcoming events: American Food and Games on Thursday, Korean Food Party on Sunday, and Cali Friends Night on Tuesday. We will be personally sharing the gospel, performing a skit, and a gospel presentation that the pastor will be preaching. Pray that God would **bring many new students** to each of our events, that He would **open doors for us to share boldly** to our friends, and that many of them would **get connected** to the local church and ministry here in Kobe so they can continue to grow in their faith and be built up to be future disciple-makers for Christ.



MORE PICS!!
*look out for the
next newsletter :)*



*“for we cannot
but speak of
what we have
seen and heard”
Acts 4:20*

