

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

Last month, I had the opportunity to meet with several cross-cultural missionaries. We were all around the same age, all single, and all in the process of learning new languages and adjusting to new cultures. The people groups we were ministering to were all groups with a low number of Christians. It's hard for all of us to use "results," especially numbers to measure our impact because these people groups are resistant towards the gospel. As for where we are all serving, some of us serve highly persecuted areas, others in extreme spiritual battlegrounds, and some are in areas where as soon as you mention "religion" you will be ostracized by society. We shared our difficulties and struggles on the field, the loneliness that no one else understands, and our prayers that the global church will recognize the needs of these people groups. Though our conversations were unexpected, I was extremely comforted and encouraged by these talks. Sometimes it is lonely serving in a cross-cultural context, but having companions who listen, and the prayers of brothers and sisters, is the best kind of companionship. Most importantly, our omniscient God always understands our hearts. Thank you so much for your prayers and support!

Blessings,

Lillian



At home cooking for Momo and Koutarou for their send-off party. I've watched them change from freshman to senior year, they have matured so much. May the Lord continue to work in their hearts so that they will not only be serious about their academic studies, but also serious about the gospel. May they experience the Lord personally as someone who loves them dearly, instead of someone who only resides in the lyrics of hymns. Please pray that Angela, (second from the right), Ayaka (first from the left), and Koutarou (second from the left) would become Christians.

Prayer requests:

1. Momo and Koutarou, the leaders of the gospel choir, are going to the U.S. and Canada to study abroad. Please pray for Momo, who is a Christian, that her faith would be strengthened. Please pray for seeker Koutarou, that he would continue to be open to faith, and that he would meet other Christians who would befriend him and share with him.
2. I will be bringing a team of Japanese college students on a short-term mission team to Taipei during 8/31-9/14. We will be partnering in outreach with student fellowships at National Chengchi University, National Taiwan Normal University and National Taiwan University. We will be holding Japan Nights (cultural and evangelistic meetings) at Chengchi University, Taiwan Normal University and the Living-stone Church in Muzha. Please pray for the 10 of us on this team (2 staff, 8 students) in the following ways:
 1. Pray that our students would testify boldly for Christ while in a different language and culture.
 2. Pray for the health of our students, that they would acclimate well to living together as a team, and adjust to the food and humid weather of Taiwan during these two weeks.
 3. Pray that our student leader Reio would have wisdom to know how to lead well.
 4. I am the only the Taiwanese person on this team. Please pray that God would help me translate and coordinate well with the teams we are partnering with in Taipei. Please especially pray for my sleep, I don't sleep well when I'm out in a team setting, and I will need the Lord's grace to make it through.
 5. For this trip, I still need to raise 46,000 JPY (about 12,700 TWD or \$421) in order to cover our evangelistic event supplies, transportation, meals and housing expenses, etc. May the Lord provide.

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