

To our dear partners for Japan mission in Christ,

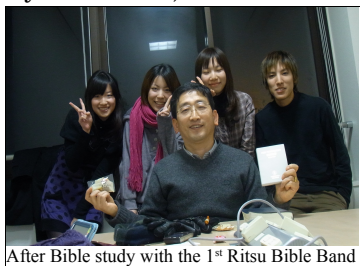


In front of the full blossoms of Japanese Apricots

greetings with our prayer for your comfort and peace from the Lord. Thanks to your prayer and support, we could stay in Lord's given mission field in spite of the long lasting world financial troubles and yen's increased value. Like trees rooting deeply in to the soil during winter, we have devoted ourselves to deep intercessory prayer since winter vacation began for the salvation of Japanese souls, blessings for our mission partners and for our 2010 ministry here in Japan. We were also able to participate at the national staff family conference (Feb. 19-22).

Winter has prolonged here in Japan with the chill factor remaining an issue, but it has not hindered our ministry efforts! Even though we had unusually a snowfall in the end of March, we started our new year ministry with a mini-evangelistic meeting at Ritsumeikan University. We had a guest speaker, Dr. James Beebe, a professor of New York State University at Buffalo, come in to speak on the topic of why global disaster and evil in the world occur, if God is good. Because the school year hadn't started, not many students were able to participate at the meeting, but the participants, who were members of the Ritsu Bible band, were blessed and privileged to hear from Dr. Beebe. In this letter I am going to share what I have learned about Japan mission from the experience with Daiki and his friends.

First of all, I'd like to share about my personal evangelism. My goal in number of sharing KGP booklet each year is 100 from the first year in pioneering Kyoto. Among a few hundred students of my contact, many prayed to receive Christ in their life and very few of them continued the follow-up process. Finally, most of them left me alone with lots of frustration and agony. However, the Lord mysteriously guided me last year to have a small group Bible study with four students of Ritsumeikan, that I named the 1st Ritsu Bible band.



After Bible study with the 1st Ritsu Bible Band

The Ritsu Bible band started with a message from Nanase, whom I have been praying for, since I met her through the mission team from Chicago last summer. In her message she asked me to lead her group, for they have a true desire to know the Bible.

Here are prayer concerns to remember in your prayer.

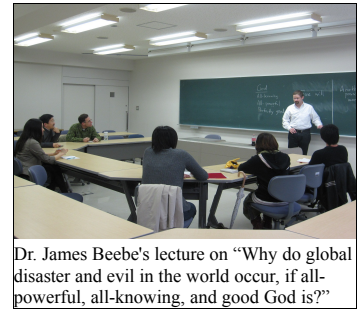
1. for Lew, Eunyoung, a new Korean female staff-stinter and for her advancement in language and ministry.
2. for open door of Evangelism and for the fruit of multiplying disciples in the new school year.
3. for the Lord's guidance and wisdom in using Kyoto mission home for mission teams.
4. for the present members or contacts (Nanase, Daiki, Ayaka, Shin, Fujii, Akita, Yuki, etc.) to receive Christ and become the Lord's disciples.
5. for the Bible study members of my wife to become partners for Japan mission.
6. for more faithful supporters to continue this ministry in abundance of Lord's glory without stop.

For your contribution: Make your check payable to CCC with a note *Kim, Euikyum / No. 2807284* on the memo and mail it to the HQ of CCC (Campus Crusade for Christ, 100 Lake Hart Drive, Orlando, FL32832). The receipt of your donation for tax return may be issued.
Japan Address: 603-8453 京都市 北区 衣笠 東開き町 4-5 (Kyotoshi Kitaku Kinugasa Higashihirakicho) Tel. 075-432-7223

All of them are smart students, studying International Relations at Ritsumeikan Univ. As a matter of fact, they were motivated by the words from their advising professor at Global Simulating Game Group, "if you really want to know the global situations today, you must read and study the Bible."

What a great influence a professor has upon the college students! Furthermore, this group revealed a characteristic of Japanese people and how they tend to move and function as a group.

Starting with that group of four students, we were able to read and discuss with questions and answers John's gospel, Romans, and Acts last year. While Daiki and Ayaka were traveling in India for their extended research, Shin in France during their long winter vacation, Nanase who was in Fukuoka visiting her parents asked me what should be the next book to read. My suggestion was Mark. Hearing Daiki of his learning in India, I planned a mini-seminar with a guest speaker, Dr. Beebe, who was introduced by a fellow US staff. It turned out to be an evangelistic event to them.



Dr. James Beebe's lecture on "Why do global disaster and evil in the world occur, if all-powerful, all-knowing, and good God is?"

My conclusion from the above story is that Japanese characteristics to move or function as a group should be taken seriously. In relation to this, I'd like to introduce a joke that I heard a few times after my move to Japan. 'There was a captain who must save the passengers from the sinking cruise ship safely by letting them dive into the ocean. He shouted to the German passengers, "It is the law for you to dive in this situation." And they jumped from the ship. Then to the Americans, "This is your chance to become a hero, dive!" And to the French, "By the law you must stay!" Then, all but Japanese jumped into the water. What were the captain's words to the Japanese people? The answer will be given with my blogging site if you give me a mail to euikyum@hotmail.com / agapaokyoto@gmail.com.

With our prayer and faith to change Japan from barrenness to fertility for the Kingdom of God, owing to your prayer and support,
Sincerely yours in His love,
Hyunja and Euikyum Kim