

Dear Friend,

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I am very grateful and happy to be able to write you one more time before the end of our term and the start of our furlough. The last long furlough we had was in 1995 though we have made a couple of short summer visits back to the US. I would like to reflect a bit on some of the reasons we are glad to be serving the Lord with Japan CCC.

In this letter, I would like to introduce you to some of the wonderful Japanese staff whom I (Steve) serve and help to lead as administrator in the National Office here. These Japanese are the fruit of the JCCC campus ministry over these many years.



Our 65-person staff team is ably led by Kazu Kurihara with whom I have worked closely these last 4 and 1/2 years. I always admire Kazu's vision and conviction that the Lord will lead the ministry. Kazu and I have worked together to distribute the Jesus video widely in Japan and to develop related evangelistic tools for mass evangelism. Kazu is leading the Tokyo area Ambassadors, which seeks to develop young Christian adults in their faith and outreach in the workplace. Kazu's wife Tamayo is involved in the lives of many of the staff, encouraging and counseling them.



Yoshitaka Satoh and his wife Ayumi lead the national campus teams, as well as coordinating the Tokyo area campus teams. Yoshitaka is working on plans to reach all of the Tokyo freshmen next year, a goal to expose 150,000 students to the gospel! Yoshitaka also coordinates the teams coming from other countries to work on campus.

We have heard that one of these teams, from Singapore, was able to see 9 students at one school,

and 5 from another school come to Christ during their short two week time in Nagoya this past April. Praise the Lord! Those students will have a good Christian environment in which to grow on their campuses, unlike most of the students of Japan.

Shinji and Hisako Murota are some of the campus staff that Yoshitaka leads here in Tokyo. They have been working for 4 years now at Tokyo Gakugei, a teacher's college in western Tokyo (where Rochelle worked many years ago!). Shinji and his students have seen a good development of a student movement, where the club members there are working together to reach all the freshmen with the Gospel by personal evangelism and activities such as English international lunches.



The staff are building spiritual leaders to help develop more followers of Christ among students involved with JCCC.



JCCC is not only building student leaders, we are challenging our staff to continue to develop their own spiritual leadership! Hiroko Yamashita (left) is now in Kazakhstan in central Asia serving as the first International Representative (CCC staff serving full-time outside of their home country) of Japan CCC. She is helping reach mainly Muslim students in that part of the 10/40 window.*

Keiko Okano (center) is beginning an outreach to young people in the arts and entertainment fields in Tokyo. She is branching out from her work with the Tokyo Ambassadors group.

All of these staff need our prayers as they trust God for the ministry here in Japan. And all of them are served and supported through the work you are enabling us to do by your prayers and gifts! Thank you so much for helping touch the world like this!

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Steve and Rochelle, Andy, Ben and Melissa



*The 10/40 Window is the area of the world most in need of cross-cultural evangelism by outside missionaries, stretching from North Africa to Japan between 10 and 40 degrees north latitude.