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Dear friend,

God is doing exciting things in Japan through your shared commitment with us to love the Japanese people. In the past year, 6 new Japanese have joined our full time staff, raising their own support from Japanese believers. In spite of the challenge of family rejection and misunderstanding, these young people have risen to the call to change their country with God's love.

Our work with partners for the Jesus film in Japan is bearing fruit. Short-term summer teams and year long projects of Korean students are helping bring the gospel to the more unreached areas of Japan. These teams distribute church information and a copy of the Story of Jesus audio cassette. The cassette package offers a free Jesus video to anyone who responds. In addition, many missionaries and churches in Japan make use of the Jesus video and the Jesus for Children video to help communicate the gospel to those they meet who are interested in learning more. Here are some of the comments I have received while coordinating these efforts:

A 51 year old man in Fukuoka-ken, Chikugo City responded to the Jesus video

"My life perspective has been changed from the ground up! 'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.' This phrase especially gave me a very strong impression." The man writes that he professes faith, has understood the life of Christ through the film, would like others to see the film and wants to receive materials to help him grow in understanding of Christ and the Bible.

A 37 year old woman from Fukuoka-ken comments on seeing the Jesus video

"Words cannot describe my feeling, as Jesus was carrying the cross on his back down that street; the tears from my eyes just kept flowing. Even when the video was over the feeling I had just kept bringing back tears. Naturally I wanted to receive Jesus into my heart. It is just a mystery to me, and I am surprised at myself!"

A fellow missionary comments on the Jesus for Children video

After watching the "Jesus" video for children with Nancy, Naomi prayed and asked Jesus to forgive her sins and come into her heart and lead her. Nancy was convinced of her sincerity when Naomi put down her bowl of tapioca pudding in order to "really pray." Please pray for Naomi as she grows in her walk with Jesus and for us as we shepherd her tender heart.

We are encouraged to continue developing partners and working with short-term teams so that many more Japanese may come to know Christ through the Jesus materials. We are blessed to serve in ways that assist the wonderful work of our campus staff as well.

One of the reasons we believe that God has blessed Campus Crusade over these many years is because of the intentional focus given to developing our staff members and students in areas such as Biblical knowledge, creative outreach development and ministry effectiveness. This summer provides an opportunity for us to continue this trend. Our family will join the 5000

U.S, staff members as we receive the training and equipping needed to stay on the cutting edge of ministry today.

The U.S. Staff Conference will take place July 17-24 in Ft. Collins, Colorado. We will hear from our Campus Crusade leadership on the direction of the ministry, learn from well-known Christian leaders and Bible teachers and attend sessions that will help equip us to be more effective in our ministry. In addition we will have the opportunity to interact and network with many potential short-term partners among the staff in attendance.

This training and development is essential for building our vision and maintaining our ability to effectively reach people for Christ.

Campus Crusade allows us to reimburse all of the expenses incurred for our support development travel and the expenses of our family's stay in Colorado for this training. To do this we need to raise \$7,500 this summer above our regular donations. Would you help us attend this important conference? A gift of \$100, \$200, \$300 or any other amount would help so much in meeting this need. I may be able to call in a few days to see what you have decided and to answer any questions you may have.

You play a vital role everyday in the lives of those who are without Christ. We are grateful for your friendship and are excited to see what the Lord will continue to do, as we trust Him together.

In Christ,

P.S.
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Dear Friend,

Well, the Clarks have arrived in California! What a place! Freeways full of space that millions of Japanese could live in if we just replaced the freeways with subways. Oh, Californians wouldn't go for it, but Japanese might.

It's so very good to see our family and share our little boy Joshua with them. He keeps getting bigger every day. In fact, just started him on rice cereal, which he seems to have enjoyed. It is lots of fun to have a little guy again, and I think we take in all his little steps and smiles in a much more relaxed mode than before.

We haven't exactly left Japan in terms of work! The email from the office finds me pretty well over here too. I have been hearing word on some of the early summer projects. It was interesting that while some of our projects from Hong Kong and Singapore and Taiwan were cancelled due to SARS, some other projects that planned to go to other Asian locations changed their plans to come to Japan! So God worked out some interesting lessons in His sovereignty, as various students trusted Him to use them in reaching people for Christ.

For example, a team of Canadians got rerouted to Sendai, one of our cities north of Tokyo with a Hong Kong staff team serving on campuses there. Our Hong Kong staff reported that over 100

students came to their regular meeting called Campus Life during the three weeks. Probably over 200 students had a chance to listen to the full presentation of the Gospel. They are rejoicing in a great harvest and many students to follow up in their new faith in Christ.

Canadians and Americans and even Singaporeans have been to Sendai, Tokyo, Nagoya and others will soon be in Sapporo. Korean students will work with local churches in 4 other cities of Japan. So we are praying for and praising God for a fruitful summer of evangelism in Japan!

Meanwhile, one of the key things for us this summer will be attending the U.S. Staff Conference.