

Nippon NEWSFLASH

Dear Family and Friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers for the staff and students here at SYME and for your financial gifts. In my recent letter, I wrote that we had 11 students; but as our spring term began, we had two more students decide to join at the last minute, which means that altogether we have been blessed with 13 students! God is so good and it is so nice to have a full house! We have 6 young men and 7 young ladies. Two of our young men and one of our young ladies are unsaved. Of those three, two of them have never heard anything about Jesus. Please be in prayer for us to share the gospel clearly and for their understanding that they might come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Due to the larger student and staff body this term, my life has been extra busy cooking for everyone! God is teaching me that I must rely on His strength physically, mentally and emotionally. God has been so faithful in challenging and encouraging me through sermons and music as I work.

Once again, this term I have the privilege of being a journal partner with a young lady named Mary. Journal time is an English exercise where a student writes twice a week to a native English speaker and then the native speaker responds to them in the journal. Even though this is an English exercise, it has the potential to lead to spiritual conversations. Please pray with me that the Lord will show me how to take this English exercise with Mary to a deeper level. I believe that Mary is a Christian and my desire is to help her take the next step in her faith, whatever that may be. When I was at the Bible Institute, I was taught by a very special lady that an open home, opens hearts. Pray that I will know how to use the resources God has given me to open my "home" to her in hopes of deeper discipleship.

In Christ,

Karina Thrush

"Moreover David was greatly distressed because the people spoke of stoning him...But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God."

1 Samuel 30:6



Upcoming Events

May 13: Spring term ends

May 14: Fly home for
Nathan's wedding.

May 27: Fly back to Japan.

June 6: Summer term begins.

Prayer & Praises

Praise the Lord for 13 students this term.

Salvation of Lily, Joe and Dave (English names).

The Lord will give me clear direction for my next steps in the coming years as I will need to make some decisions soon.

