

# Nippon NEWSFLASH

“Watch over your heart with all diligence,  
for from it flow the springs of life.”

Proverbs 4:23

Dear Family and Friends,

Thank you once again for your prayers and financial support of the ministry here at SYME Japan. We have completed our summer term and it was a great one! Our students increased in their English language abilities and their knowledge of the Bible. God was working in each of our hearts, staff and students alike, in many ways. In particular, God was teaching and stretching us in the area of prayer. God blessed me with the opportunity to teach about prayer for our last Heart to Heart Bible study in July. It was so fun to teach out of the overflow of what God was and still is changing in me.

Here's an exciting story...

We have a student, Dave, who just finished his second term at SYME. He came to our school not knowing anything about the Bible or the God of the Bible. After about 1 month of being at SYME and learning about God and the gospel, Dave chose to trust Jesus alone to save him from his sins. During the spring break, Dave returned home and was baptized at a local church. Dave grew in his knowledge of the Bible and His Savior while attending SYME for the summer term. He has decided to pursue a further study of the Bible at the Word of Life Bible Institute on Jeju Island, South Korea this fall! Dave's parents are not believers. Therefore, his decision to attend the Bible Institute was not a popular one. However, God made a way for him to get their permission to attend. What a privilege it has been for us as staff to watch him grow and now be excited with him as he plans to attend the Bible Institute! Please be praying for Dave. He will return to SYME for one more month before traveling to Jeju to begin schooling there.

Thank you for the part each of you play in making these kind of opportunities possible. God is changing us here and flooding us with evangelistic and discipleship opportunities. Pray that we use them wisely and for His glory.

In Christ,

Karina Thrush



Miss Jodi & I went out with some of the students to a cafe.

## Upcoming Events

*July 28:* Summer term ended

*Aug. 10-16:* Travel to 2 Christian camps to do work projects

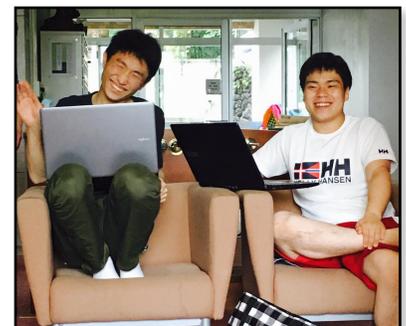
*Aug. 21:* Fall term begins

## Prayer & Praises

Faithfulness in devotional and prayer time over break.

Refreshment and renewal spiritually over break.

Shouko, Yura & Yuzuki (3 girls from Friday Kid's Club) will remember and think about the gospel during their break and return in September with a desire to learn more and understand.



Above: Solomon & Johnny (students)

Left: Students in class