

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

This is the church I will be attending on Sundays and where I will be taking language classes. Picture across the top: We were able to tour Himeji castle this week with the team.

Back at SYME! What a blessing it was to be at SYME for the last week of their summer term. I was able to reconnect with some students from last year and meet new students and new staff members.

I was overwhelmed by God's faithfulness in our student's lives. As I joined in family time again, where we share with one another what we are learning in our personal devotional time with the Lord, I was amazed by Chiemi and Senri's applications. They just got saved about a year ago and are growing SO much in their walk with the Lord.

## Chiemi said her goal is to find someone to disciple when she goes to the Bible Institute in September!

Starting my new journey...I have been in Himeji for about two weeks now getting adjusted to city life and finding my way around. This week, we had an English outreach for three days at the church and about 80 kids came to the classes. Our director brought a team from America to help with the outreach. We had the opportunity to share the gospel with the children each day and by the end of the events, there were 6 children who made professions of faith! The team from America is now in Karuizawa at SYME helping with a three day English Camp and 1 day SYME Experience event.

Thank you again for your generous gifts and prayers to give me this opportunity to serve the Lord where He has called me!





These are kids from our preschool and elementary English classes practicing their letters and listening to the Gospel.

## Prayer & Praises:

Pray for safety as I learn my way around this city by bicycle.

Pray for courage to make new friends and learn Japanese.

Pray for the SYME staff as they lead an English camp and a Pastor's conference with a team from America.

Praise God for this opportunity to study Japanese in an immersion program.

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