August 2nd 2018

"That barbecue was amazing!"

This was the assessment of one of the students who came to the fmZERO BBQ last month. It is always the most popular event of the year for us. This time we had a total of over 60 people including 44 non-Christian students. A South African OMFer gave a clear message about all nations being brought together into the peaceful family of God through faith in Christ. We were especially pleased that about 20 students came from Hokkaido University - just a few months ago we were only getting one or two. Partly that is thanks to the English Class we have been running on campus. But also it is thanks to our short term workers consistently attending the weekly English Speaking Society. Pray for follow up of all those who came, that we would be able to deepen relationships with them and speak of Christ.

We were planning to do an **fmZERO English Camp** in August like last year. But yesterday we had to cancel it as no one has signed up and all the students we invited were unable to come for various reasons. That was disappointing. Please pray for wisdom as we try to think of alternative ways to follow up the contacts we have with various mini-events for different groups of students. Pray that students would be available and willing to meet up.

We are now in the **summer season** of exams, so students are less available and weekly activities have ended for this semester. Once exams are finished many students then go back to their hometowns or go travelling. While things are quieter over the summer, it is a chance to take holiday (difficult to do at other times of year) and also to plan ahead for the next semester. *Pray for good rest and wisdom as we seek to plan the shape of the ministry for the future.*

From Anna's Desk

Praise God for Alex, a teacher from Northern Ireland, who has come to help Anna with homeschooling for 3 weeks. The kids are loving her and Anna is enjoying lots of good chats about education and plenty of other things besides. Please pray that we would all benefit from the time together and that, as Alex is a huge blessing to us, we too would be a blessing to her.

Coming up in August-September

- 5th: Nathanael preaching at Chitose Church
- 7th: Hokkaido University KGK group's AGM
- 12th: Nathanael preaching at Wakaba Church
- 14th: Nathanael competing in Mikasa City Coal Carrying Race (!)
- 15-17th: KGK Hokkaido Summer Camp
- 25th Sep 8th: family holiday
- Sep 16th: Nathanael preaching at Tomakomai Church
- Sep 21st: KGK Sapporo wide meeting
- Sep 23rd: Nathanael preaching at Hiragishi Izumi Church
- Sep 26 Oct 4th: family holiday

Thank you so much for praying for us! Much love, Nathanael, Anna, Ethan, Micaiah, Boaz & Apphia xo







L to R: us on holiday beside a volcano! fmZERO BBQ; picnic with Alex