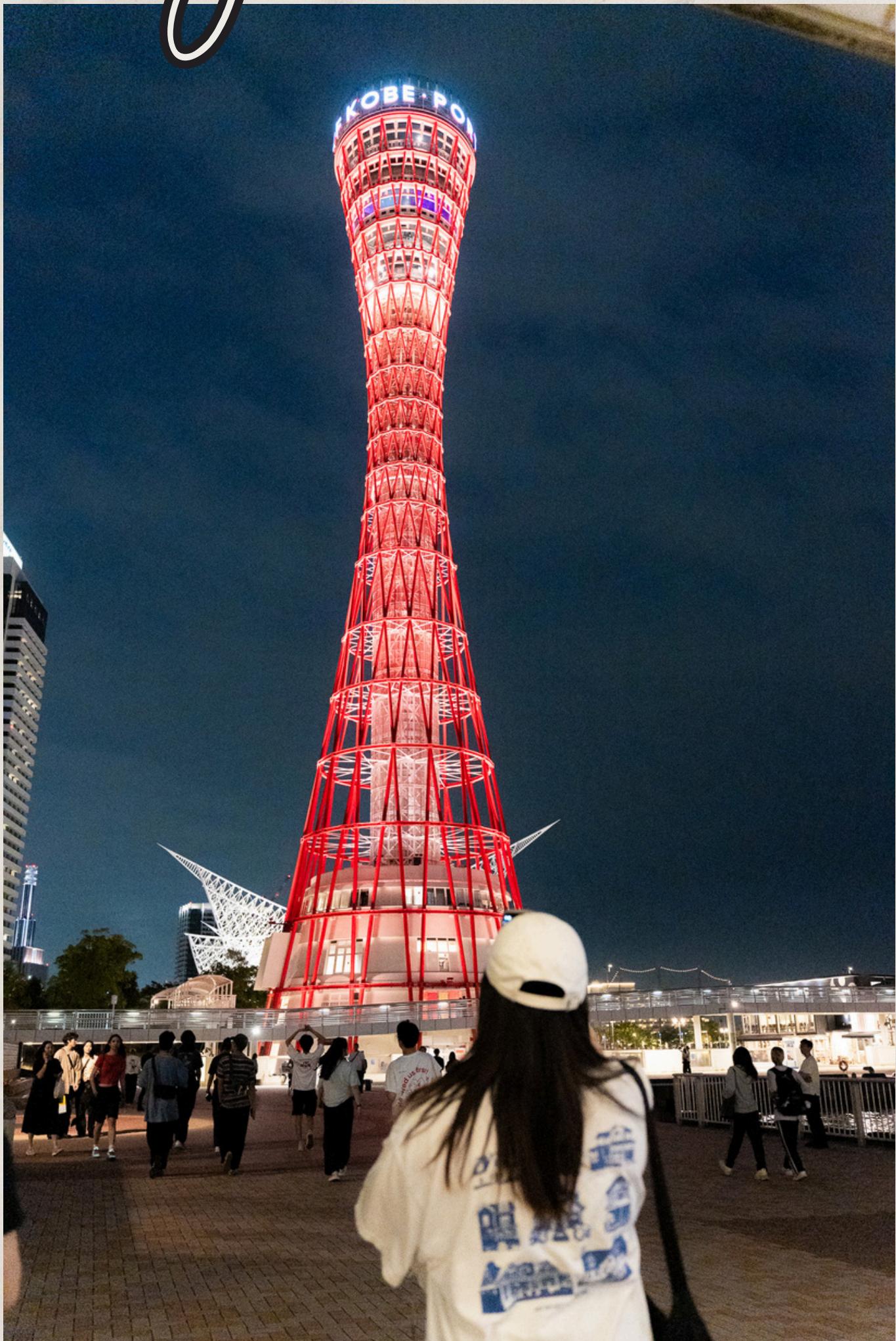


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# HELLO BELOVED FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

First off, **THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!** I truly, truly felt loved by each and every one of you. Now that I'm back from missions, I wanted to share a little bit about my experience and where my heart was at.

To be honest, going into missions, **I didn't have a heart for the lost.** I had heard that missions is a place where people are challenged and inevitably grow closer to God. So I went, for my own desire to know God more and see Him move. **My prayer going into missions was to understand what the gospel personally means to me.**



Deborah (my evangelism partner) and I at Kobe University!

The first two weeks in Kobe were rough! **Spiritually, Japan is extremely dead.** Religion is not something that is brought up in conversations nor is it something most people think about for themselves. Because of the culture, our mission team rarely shared the gospel when first meeting friends. Many people on my team had expressed their frustration with not being able to share the gospel immediately. However, I didn't share the same heart as them. I realized that I didn't feel an urgency to share the gospel as **I didn't know how to desire salvation for another person.** After coming to this hard-swallowing conclusion, I felt an immense amount of guilt every time I met a new friend.



the view from my favorite spot at Kobe University :)

# MIAOWEI, the one i care for

**God intentionally placed Miaowei in my life to teach me how to care for someone else's salvation.**

Miaowei is a 2nd year law student that I met at Kobe University. Like most people in Japan, her dream was to simply make money. As I continued meeting her, I began sharing more about my own life and **the joys I've experienced living for Christ**. I got to tell of the blessings I continually receive as I walk with brothers and sisters from my campus ministry.

When asked about her favorite memory during university so far, she told us she didn't have any, but hopes to have a great university experience like Deborah and I. My heart broke for her. In that moment, I wanted nothing more than her to be able to know Jesus and experience the fulfillment that comes with living for him. However, I also realized, by sharing how Christ has changed our lives, we had given her a glimpse of **hope**. Hope that there is more to life than the way she is currently living.

Miaowei came out to most of our events and got connected with STINTers (CCC missionaries). **My prayer is for Miaowei to invite Jesus into her life and experience true joy and purpose!**



# MIKI, a reflection of my testimony



Miki + me at the California Party

**God used Miki to show me how good the gospel has been for my own life.**

Miki is a 1st year at Kobe University studying planetology. She was a friend that I had met towards the end of missions. She came out to the last event, which was the most “gospel-heavy” night. We danced to “Rejoice” by Planetshakers, performed a gospel-based skit, and listened to a message from a JCCC staff.

Towards the end of the event, we had a time of discussion with our table. Miki opened up about the struggles she was going through, telling us how she related to the main character in the skit. As she was sharing, everything she was saying sounded so familiar to me. I realized that I had previously struggled with the same exact things, but God has ultimately redeemed me from them. I came to understand that God allowed me to meet Miki to **show me what He has done in my life and how good He has been to me!**

Miki couldn’t fathom as to why the Creator would want to save someone as sinful as her. Intrigued, **she expressed a desire to know the Creator more. I pray that Miki would continue forth with a curious heart and allow God to truly redeem her life, just as He did mine.**

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jubeen + me <3

julia, the best  
roommate  
everrr



MANDATORY  
daily ice cream  
break



Our God is such a good and faithful God! Not only did He answer my prayers, showing me how good the gospel has been for my own life, He also molded my heart to care for the lost. He taught me what it meant to truly care about the salvation of another being.



STINTers, what a blessing to meet & work with them!

candy from ikoi



midnight  
7-eleven  
run





fully bellies,  
empty bowls...



thank you shukugawa bible  
church for pouring SOOO  
much love onto our team



matching blind box  
figurines, so presh!!

goodbye lunch :(



we ❤️ the subway

our hearts breaking  
for the nation of  
Japan LOL



me



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hi kyle!