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01 By the Numbers

As reported by Campus Missionaries during the May 2025 reporting period. These numbers are not exhaustive.

588
Spiritual
Conversations

526
Gospel
Presentations

1
Student
Salvation

1
Student
Baptism

02 Missions Mobilization

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

Juárez, Mexico, May 2025: 75 people from churches in Moberly, Columbia, and surrounding areas came together to build 3 homes for families in need. Among the trip participants were many of our college students, who not only gave their time and energy but also experienced life-changing encounters with God and others. The Gospel was shared boldly, and local pastors and missionaries were encouraged and equipped to continue the work year-round. Christ was glorified in every moment—from hammering nails to praying over families, to worshipping across languages and cultures. We're grateful to Casas Por Cristo for helping create space for this kind of kingdom impact. Our hope is that students catch this vision: Missions isn't just a trip—it's the life we're called to live. "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:15)"

—Scott Westfall, The Bridge Collegiate Mizzou

JAPAN MISSION TRIP

Crowder BSU and North Central Missouri College BSU teamed up to travel to Japan, where less than 1% of the population are Christians, for a mission trip in May. Their team of staff and students spent nearly two weeks roaming Japan sharing the gospel with anyone who would talk to them. Campus Missionary Austin Pfrimmer, who led his five students along with his wife and baby, sums the trip up this way:

"Japan feels hopelessly lost. If you stood in the right place in Osaka or Tokyo, tens of thousands of people would walk past you in a single day, and the reality is that almost all of those people have never heard the gospel before. Why do we know this? Statistics aside, we know this because we experienced it. We went to the majorly populated areas in Osaka. We walked shoulder to shoulder with tens of thousands of people, and almost all of the people we shared with had never heard the gospel before..."

We shared the gospel out and about in Japan for around 11-12 days. We traveled by train and by foot to reach our destinations since that is the norm in Japan. We picked out a base of operations, like a park, and split off into groups from there. For several hours, we simply went out and shared the gospel with people who would talk to us...We handed out cards that had the gospel written on them in Japanese, cards that had church information on them, and bracelets and stickers with the 3 Circles presentation on them. After a few hours of this, we would head back to the area we were staying in, take a short break, and then go out and do the same thing in that area, often staying out until close to midnight. It was exhausting, but we can rest now that we are home...My students fought the temptation to be tourists and were some of the most committed, passionate, and locked in missionaries that I have personally witnessed."



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02 Missions Mobilization (cont.)

Emma Robinson, one of Pfrimmer's Crowder students, shares one impactful story from the trip:

"Angelica and I found a small store that made rings out of yen coins as we were walking... We handed [the owners] a Gospel card in Japanese and shared a QR code with the Gospel presentation. He quickly scanned it and I walked him through the 3 Circles message. It was clear that he was genuinely interested. Angelica shared her testimony and the conversation went deeper and deeper. Eventually, he opened up about some personal struggles and after some more talking, he asked us a question that broke my heart: "Why have I never heard this story before?" A man who had been a complete stranger minutes earlier encountered the life-changing message of the Gospel for the very first time. He asked if there were other Christians in Japan. We told him that less than 1% of the country is Christian, and that we had come thousands of miles to share this exact message. We gave him a church card, answered his many more questions, and exchanged social media accounts. As we left with our handmade rings, both Angelica and I were overcome with so much emotion."

Campus Missionary Christina Boatright, who led her intern and three NCMC students, summarizes the trip:

"Japan. Such a beautiful country but so much lostness. Our group got to share the gospel every day, multiple times a day, with people from Japan, Vietnam, Korea, all over the world! Many of our conversations were with people who had never heard of Jesus!

We had so many deep conversations such as in KFC with two young women, with ramen restaurant workers, and on the university campus with our new friends. We also connected with a missionary there purely on accident thanks to Hannah. We got to hear from that missionary and others on his team about the need for Jesus, even having a picnic with them! We fed deer at Nara Park and walked around the huge mall areas, coffee shops, and towers, all while sharing the gospel!

My students truly understood the love for others while simultaneously having joy and fun in such a beautiful country steeped in tradition. Our students were respectful of culture and language, asked questions, and stretched themselves physically and spiritually. It was an honor to share the gospel with people who have never heard it! We planted seeds and we pray for spiritual rain."

The Japan trip was made possible by the generosity of the many churches who chipped in to provide funding, a fact which served to further motivate the students to steward their time in Japan well. Pfrimmer writes:

"I want to end by expressing the utmost gratitude I have for the churches in our association that funded this trip. Churches in the Shoal Creek Baptist Association helped raise over twenty thousand dollars to send BSU students, and my family, on mission to Japan. The fact that we were fully funded to take the gospel to Japan never left the minds of our students, and that is one reason why they were so focused on sharing the gospel and did their best to ignore the distractions."

Read more about their trip at <https://mbcollegiate.org/college-students-mobilized-in-japan/>



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