

HOPE FOR JAPAN



From Sendai to Seoul

Wow. This year started with so many growth experiences. The past two months are no exception. As many of you already know, we had to make a hasty move from our home in Sendai. It was painful on several levels. Leaving the people we feel called to serve,

leaving family, and the uncertainty of what will happen next was a true nail biting experience. We apologize for the delay in getting this to everyone. We hope that you can get a sense of what has occurred over the past weeks. We have been so blessed to see how God

has used our experience to open doors for His kingdom. He has provided for us in so many ways as we made our way to Seoul. The people here have been so kind. We pray that God will continue to use our time here to build relationships and awareness of Japan.



SPEAKING AT OUR FRIEND'S HOME CHURCH



MOM AND SON SMILE



MEAL WITH PASTOR SIM AND FRIENDS FROM ARLINGTON

March 11: Earthquake, Tsunami, Radiation

March 11, 2011 started just like any other day. Like many young families, we awoke early to tend to the daily activities that fill a typical day. Only this wasn't a typical day. We were preparing to have church friends visit at 3:00 p.m. for a time of fellowship. At 2:46 p.m. everything changed. As soon as the earthquake began we knew immediately that this one was different. Yu ran to grab Luke from his crib and Michael ran to help grandma take cover.



Within 3 minutes everything that we knew about Japan changed. A chain reaction started that produced not only one of the largest earthquakes known in recorded history but a devastating tsunami to follow.

We were spared the tsunami due to our distance from the coast some hour and a half away. We were without power, gas, food, and heat. Before the local water tank emptied, we were able to fill our bathtub and every bucket and bottle we could find.

Thankfully we did still have cell phones to text family in Texas that we were safe.

The next day we stood in bread lines for several hours to buy whatever food was available. Michael actually went to several lines. Some places rationed and some did not. We were thankful for what we had and shared with those who

did not have any. Everyone was patient and kind to one another.

We found an old kerosene stove that quickly became our source of heat and stove for cooking.

A neighbor gave us a battery powered radio to listen to the news. We heard mothers and babies crying, and an old man asking, "why, why?"

Sunday came and we still did not have power but we were going to church nevertheless. In fact, while on the way we caught a phone signal long enough to send a text to our lead advocate saying, "We are on our way to church."



We had a small service outside because it was too cold inside. It was a beautiful day. We prayed for Japan and its people, sang hymns, and some people shared testimonies.

The next day we still did not have power but took time to share water and food with family and those that did not have any. Stores that cleared their shelves closed their doors because they were not to have food for several weeks.



That night power was restored and for the first time we saw the news reports showing the tsunami damage. Our hearts sank.

Then we were alerted to the nuclear power plant damage in Fukushima. We did not want to believe that this was added to the catastrophe but it was true.

After much prayer and counsel from our friends, family, and sending organization, GCPN, it was determined, for the sake of our new born son, that for the time being it was best for us to evacuate to the west coast and eventually to Seoul, South Korea.

Many have already gone to Sendai to help as can be seen by the missionaries praying with locals in the below photo.



We look forward to our return to Sendai. Our hearts ache for our brothers and sisters still in Japan. We know that God has great things in store. Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support. Please pray Japanese people will come to know God through this difficult time.

PLACES WE HAVE VISITED



LUKE'S 100TH DAY PARTY

In Japan and South Korea, a baby's 100th day is very special. We had a wonderful party with our friends! Praise God for such a precious gift! We love you, Luke Kai!



*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
Jeremiah 29:11*

Touching and Changing Lives of Japanese People in Need

YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

1. DELIVER FOOD AND WATER
2. GIVE DIAPERS AND MILK
3. FEED AT SHELTERS
4. HELP STUDENTS WHO LOST PARENTS TO PAY TUITION
5. BUY RAIN JACKETS AND TOYS FOR KIDS
6. PAY FOR GASOLINE SO THAT PASTORS CAN GO MINISTER TO PEOPLE



Sorting and packing food



Feeding 180 people in the temporary shelter

A Word from Luke



Thank you everyone for your prayers. This has been such an adventure for me. I had my first big earthquake, coast to coast trip, first train ride, first airplane ride, and first passport all in one week. I've grown a lot too. Mom and dad play with me every day. Just the other day I figured out that if I push with my legs I can move around. Can you see me looking up at you? Happy Easter!

PRAISES

- God's protection and provision.
- Friends from all over the world who are supporting us and praying for us.
- Our sending church and organization for sending our friends to encourage us.
- Many Japanese Christians are working together to help those who lost everything.
- God has given us many speaking opportunities in South Korea.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for revival in Japan.
- For those who lost loved ones, homes, belongings, and hope. Pray they will find peace and hope in God.
- Pray for Japanese churches as they reach out to their communities.
- For wisdom, strength, prayer, and financial support as we continue to minister to Japanese people. Pray God will continue to use us in mighty ways.

We would love to hear from you! Please write us at michaelandy@gmail.com