

HOPE FOR JAPAN





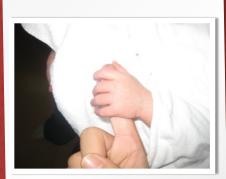


What a Blessing! Our Son is Born.

What an exciting first month this has been! Our baby boy was born on January 6th. All the months of preparation for the coming birth finally came to an end. Luke Kai was born and our lives have changed. What a blessing it was to hold our son for the first

time. In fact, just a few short hours he was looking around and looked us in the eyes. To finally make contact with the precious little life that was hidden for so long brought tears to our eyes. Japan has its own way of delivering babies. The week after was no

different. Mommy and Luke spent a full week in the hospital getting accustomed to each other before going home. All the prayers and words of encouragement from family and friends made the arrival of Luke so blessed.



LUKE HOLDS YU'S FINGER



FAMILY TIME



LUKE JUST A WEEK OLD

"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven." Matthew 5:16

Mid January marked the beginning of many things for the Towerys. Luke came home. Our crate arrived. And language school began. Can you believe it? As they say, "When it rains it pours!" This was no exception.

The school year in Japan is scheduled a little different from the States. Right now, many schools will finish up their winter semester and start the spring semester in April. My Japanese class however ended before Christmas with a review class in January and February. That means I'm way behind everyone else. That's ok. God has been gracious to provide teachers that are willing to teach even if I am a bit behind.

I will say it has been a blessing to attend class with such a diverse group of people. Many are from China, Korea, and

"GOD HAS BEEN GRACIOUS TO PROVIDE..." other parts of the world. They are from various religious backgrounds. As this review class winds down and many of the classmates will go on to advanced lessons, I pray that the Lord will provide opportunities to share His love and grace.

When it rains it pours, but I'm confident that the lack of sleep, dirty diapers, and Japanese vocab quizzes only help to strengthen God's calling for us here in Japan. We appreciate your continued prayers.



(We were able to tell these wonderful nurses why we are in Japan and our faith in the Lord! Praise God!)

PRAISES

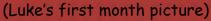
- Luke made it safely into this world and is growing every day.
- Taitomi Baptist Church has found a pastor. He will begin his work in April.
- The Lord has sent new friends our way to share the Gospel.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for Michael as he continues language studies.
- Continued prayer for Japan. May the Lord open their hearts to His Word.
- Pray for our family as we continue to pursue God's calling.
- For the missionaries in the area that we meet and our partnership.

A Word from Luke

Wow, what an amazing first month I have had. The doctors and nurses were so good to me during my week long stay at the hospital. Then Momma and Papa brought me to a warm loving home. I've grown a lot too. Every day is a blessing from God. I know it's true because I am loved so much!!! Thank you for praying for us!





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