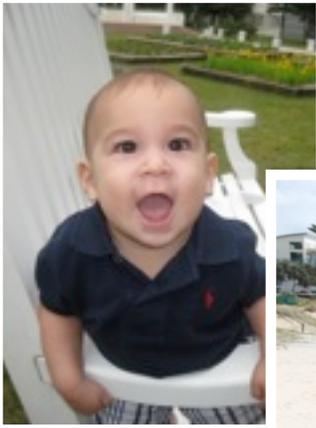


HOPE FOR JAPAN



What a Wonderful Summer!

There's no secret that summer time brings a lot of activities for young families. Especially young families on the mission field. July began with the one year remembrance of Yu's mother's passing. The next week Michael's mom came for a two week visit. Then we

had a wonderful group of young adults from Korea help with summer camp. Of course, we continue to visit the coastline. God is good in providing opportunities to share with those in need. The people we have met have been so receptive. August began with

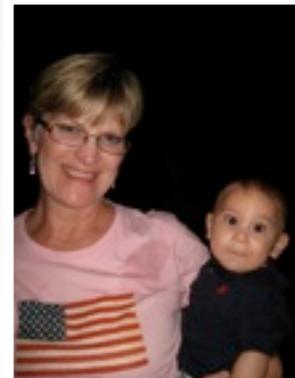
the sad passing of Yu's grandmother. Thank you all for your kind words of encouragement and prayers. Then we traveled to Gold Coast, Australia for a friend's wedding and to catch up with friends from Yu's childhood. Overall, another adventure for the Towerys.



TRIP TO THE ZOO



LUKE'S PLAYGROUP AT CHURCH



MIMI CAME TO VISIT

A lot can happen in two months...

The past two months have been some of the busiest months of the year. And we've had our share of busy months. July began with the one your anniversary of the passing of Yu's mother. Being a Christian family, the service was held at Taitomi Baptist church where Yu's family are members. Although the service was much smaller than her funeral, people from all over Japan came to pay their respects. It was great to catch up with many friends and celebrate the wonderful life of Kumiko Ito.

The following week Michael's mom came for a two week visit. What a load of fun that was. It was great for Michael to have his mom around during those two weeks. We went to the zoo and Luke had a blast. We visited Japanese friends and family. They enjoyed getting to know Michael's mom. She felt so blessed to finally get to meet Luke.

During her visit, Taitomi Baptist Church had a summer kids/youth camp. The weekend event was a total success. About 50 kids, youth, and adults attended. We had a Hawaiian themed cookout with lots of food, games, and fun. The young adult team from the church we visited in South Korea joined in and helped with the games and Bible lessons. The kids were so thankful for all the new friends.

Michael and Yuta, our summer volunteer, continued to visit Oshika Peninsula. Much of the

rubble was cleared but the destruction was still very clear in the minds of the survivors. Please continue to pray for the grieving as they struggle to piece their lives together. Many are hunting for jobs. We encouraged them and shared our joy in Christ whenever possible.

The beginning of August proved to be a bit harder for us. After spending all day on a Saturday two hours away from home helping at a shelter, we came home to find Yu's grandmother very ill. She was rushed to the ER where she was cared for and was stable. The doctors would assess the situation in the morning. In the mean time Michael was preparing to preach the next morning. Our hearts were heavy and we didn't sleep much.

Sunday came and after Michael spoke at church, we rushed to the hospital to see grandma. The doctors did not give a good report but we continued to encourage her during this difficult time. She went to be with the Lord early Monday morning. Services were held later in the week. Japanese funerals are very different from the familiar practices that Michael remembers. However, the heart feels the same when a loved one is gone. Yu was blessed to have such a wonderful grandmother and Luke was her pride and joy.

The following week we hopped on a plane and flew to Gold

Coast, Australia to attend the wedding of Yu's childhood friend and to have some family time on the beach. We had a great time making friends and visiting with loved ones. Luke was such a good kid the whole way on the plane and as we met so many interesting people. He really loved the beach.

Finally, we are back in Sendai. We have a lot of work ahead of us. Volunteer teams are heading our way. Michael begins language school. Luke is more mobile than ever. We begin English classes for the children and youth at church. And Michael is receiving more invitations to preach.

We know that as a family of three, it is impossible to reach everyone in Japan. But, as a family of three we are doing everything we can to reach out to those around us. We may not be able to join you every Sunday to share or sit down at your dinner table but please know that your prayers are felt. We think of you often. We are so thankful for the emails, letters, and phone calls encouraging us while so far away. We thank those who work behind the scenes to make sure we are safe. Many more are hearing the Gospel and we pray that in time many more will choose to follow Him.

"But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life..." Matthew 7:14

DISASTER RELIEF UPDATE

Our sending church, First Baptist Church Arlington, has held a clothing drive for children in Japan. Many of the clothes have gone to tsunami-hit areas in Sendai, Ishinomaki, and the churches in Fukushima.

A big thanks goes to those who donated. The families were so happy to receive the new clothes and cards of encouragement.

It's amazing how a few gifts of love here and there added up to several boxes to be shipped overseas. Once they arrive, they are sorted and handed out all over northern Japan. Just last week, another shipment arrived.

Thank you so much for your kind and heartfelt generosity. You have touched so many lives of Japanese children and their parents!



VISITING A TEMPORARY SHELTER



YARD WORK



VISITING NEW FRIENDS



DELIVERING FOOD



THESE CHILDREN LOVED THE GIFTS

BIG HELPER



Luke has opened so many doors for us to minister to the people in the tsunami-hit areas. He can make everyone smile!



The ladies at the temporary shelter were so happy to play with Luke. Of course, he loved them!

SUMMER CAMP



WE HAD BARBECUE FOR DINNER.



EVERYONE LOVED
MICHAEL'S RIBS!



FRIENDS FROM OUR SISTER CHURCH
IN FUKUSHIMA JOINED US!



LISTENING TO THE
TESTIMONY OF THE KOREAN
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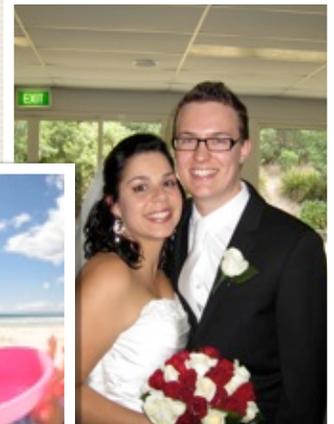
WORSHIP!



GROUP PICTURE WITH ALL THE
KIDS. WE PRAY THEY LEARNED
MORE ABOUT JESUS.

TRIP TO AUSTRALIA

Our special friends got married in Australia and we were honored to celebrate with them! Yu grew up with the bride in Japan and they share so many special memories. It was such a blessing to see our friends and introduce our sweet Luke Kai! We thank God for this opportunity to be away from our busy schedule!



"You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand." Psalm 16:11

PRAY FOR...



MICHIRU

MICHIRU IS ONE OF OUR TEENAGE STUDENTS. SHE GREW UP IN THE CHURCH BUT HAS BEEN AWAY FOR SOME TIME. IN JULY SHE VOLUNTEERED TO HELP THE HOMELESS IN SOUTHERN JAPAN. A FIRE HAS BEEN RELIT IN HER SOUL.

KOTA

KOTA IS ANOTHER ONE OF OUR STUDENTS. HE HAS A BIG HEART AND IS AN AVID BASEBALL FAN AND PLAYER. PLEASE PRAY THAT HE DOES NOT LOOSE SIGHT OF WHAT SCORE REALLY MATTERS AS WE CONTINUE TO MINISTER TO HIM.



A Word from Luke



Wow. The summer has gone by so fast! Mom and Dad are taking me all over the place. Australia was awesome. I love playing in the sand and wading in the water with Mom and Dad. However, I am so sad that I don't get to see my great-grandma who loved me so much. Please pray for me as I am crawling a lot now. At the rate I'm going the sky is the limit. Thank you all for your encouragement as I grow!!! By the way, I've got my first two teeth. See you next month!

PRAISES

- Most of the rubble in the areas we have been serving is now cleared.
- Many more volunteer teams are scheduled to arrive this fall.
- The clothing drive is helping a lot of kids.
- Safe travel to and from Australia.
- Luke continues to grow and make people smile.

Prayer requests

- Yu's family as they grieve the loss of her grandmother.
- God's protection of health.
- Michael begins language school on September 6th.
- Prayer for the mothers and children who attend the Tuesday Mother/Child Time at Taitomi Baptist Church.
- God's guidance as we minister to others.
- Pray for more Japanese leaders for future churches.
- Continued prayer for those who are grieving.

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