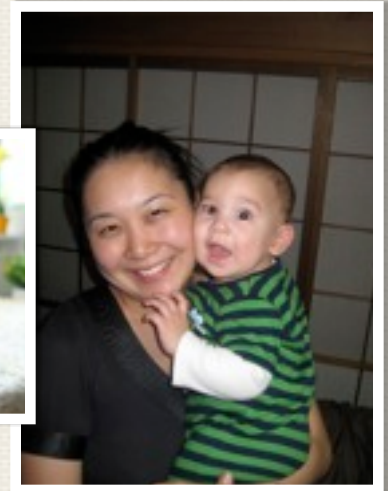
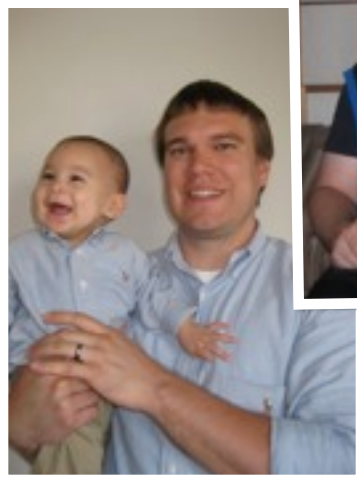


HOPE FOR JAPAN



Back In Japan

It is good to be back in Sendai. We were so thankful for all the prayers that you lifted up as we made our way back to Japan.

A lot has changed. Many of the buildings here in Sendai have already been repaired or have been razed.

However, areas outside of Sendai are still very far from either.

We are proud to take a part of the continuing effort to reach out to those in need. Every week brings a new challenge. Every challenge brings opportunity to share God's great word.

We have met so many smiling faces since our return. I can truly say that even in the midst of heartbreak the people here have a knack for looking at things on the bright side. We pray you will be blessed as we share with you our experiences here in Japan.



WE GAVE RAIN JACKETS TO CHILDREN IN FUKUSHIMA



DELIVERING SUPPLIES TO SHELTERS IN OSHIKA PENINSULA



VISITING WITH YOUNG WOMAN WHO OPENED HER HOME TO TSUNAMI VICTIMS

DISASTER RELIEF UPDATE

The relief effort is still ongoing. It is astonishing to see how quickly many of the severest areas are recovering. Many of the cities have cleared the roads and begun to sort through the endless mounds of debris.

Many of the shelters have emptied as the temporary houses have been built. However, there is a lot more work to be done.

We have participated in several joint efforts with mission teams, local conventions, and churches to feed and deliver aid to those still displaced by the tsunami.

A few of the surviving houses are structurally sound enough in which to be lived. Before that they have to be gutted and cleaned of all the waste materials and mud. The mud in these homes is contaminated with fuels and other things.

At this point many people have moved on with their lives. During this time we have worked to be sensitive to the

emotions of those who have been affected. While many are willing to receive food and clothes, not all are ready to discuss spiritual matters.

There is a lot of followup needed in the coming months. As families and individuals find new jobs and establish their new lives we cannot forget to stay in touch.

Please pray for more open hearts as people continue to heal from this terrible disaster. We are certain that this event will allow many to begin pondering spiritual matters.

Praise God for those who have already come to know the Lord and for those who have given their time and effort to help those in need.

We are confident that the work done here is not in vain. Many are searching for answers. Please continue to pray for these people and that many will know Him. And please volunteer to help if you are able.



TEMPORARY HOUSING



DELIVERING WATER



JAPAN BAPTIST
CONVENTION SERVING
LUNCH AT SHELTER



GIVING HER BUG SPRAY

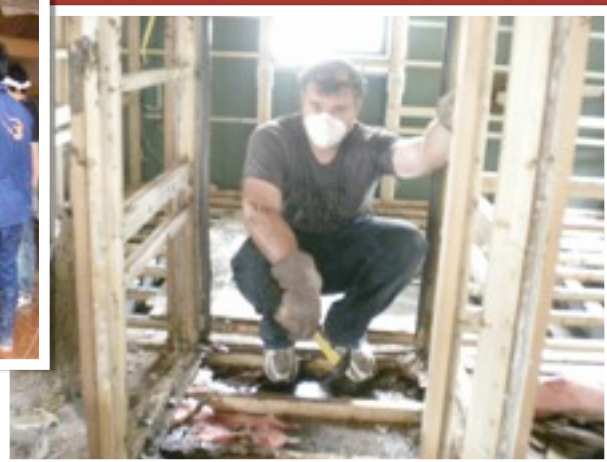


TSUNAMI-HIT AREA

IT'S A DIRTY JOB



Cleaning out the mud and debris from a fisherman's house.



Gutting a house so that it can be rebuilt. There are a lot of mud and waste materials to clean out.

PEOPLE WE LOVE



WORSHIP SERVICE WITH CHRISTIANS IN TOHOKU AREA (NORTHERN JAPAN)



WE GAVE THEM PAPER CRANES THAT WERE FOLDED BY CHILDREN IN COLORADO



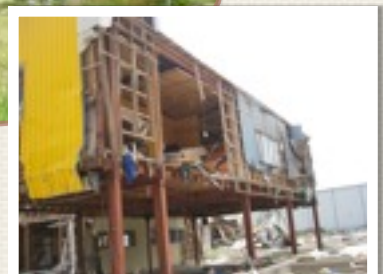
CHILDREN IN THE TSUNAMI HIT AREA WERE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR DONATIONS



PRAYER TIME WITH THE VOLUNTEER TEAM FROM BROWNSVILLE

PLACES WE VISITED

From left to right: A flag outside a shelter “We can do it”, visiting the president of Miyagi Gakuin to give them a donation for the students who lost parents, overlooking a dairy farm in Oshika Peninsula, tsunami-hit area in Ishinomaki city.



"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:37-38

HARD WORKERS



YUTA

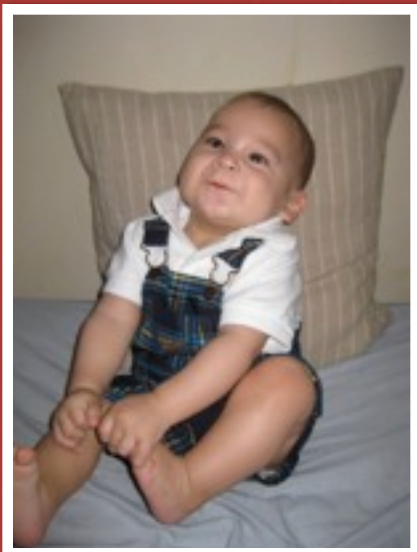
HE IS A VOLUNTEER WORKER FROM SOUTHERN JAPAN. HE IS HERE FOR THE SUMMER TO HELP WITH RELIEF AID. IT HAS BEEN A BLESSING TO HAVE HIM HERE. HE IS MICHAEL'S JAPANESE TUTOR. HE BEGINS HIS MASTERS STUDIES AT DBU THIS FALL.

MR. ANDO

HE IS THE COMMUNITY LEADER OF A SMALL FISHING COMMUNITY CALLED KYUBUNHAMA. HE HAS OPENED HIS HOME TO 12 FAMILIES WHO LOST THEIR HOMES. PLEASE PRAY FOR HIM AND HIS FAMILY AS THEY CARE FOR THOSE IN NEED.



A Word from Luke



What a great month this has been. Thank you for your prayers. I am back in Sendai and everyone was so happy to see me. I love all the smiling faces I see when we visit the shelters. Please continue to pray for mom and dad as they work hard. And pray for me too. I'm learning a lot. I can stand, crawl, and sit up on my own. Wonder what I might learn by next month...

PRAISES

- Safety for those clearing rubble.
- Many volunteers are helping with disaster relief efforts.
- Friends and family from all over the world who are supporting and praying for us.
- New friends in tsunami-hit areas that are willing to hear about the Bible.
- Luke is such a happy boy!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for revival in Japan.
- God's protection for people in Fukushima.
- New homes for those who lost everything.
- Ministry opportunities as we continue to serve in Japan.
- God's provision as we try to meet the needs of others.
- Yu's grandmother who is in the hospital.
- God's comfort and peace for those who are grieving.
- Pray for us as we have been missing our family and friends in the US.

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