



HOPE FOR JAPAN



Time in America

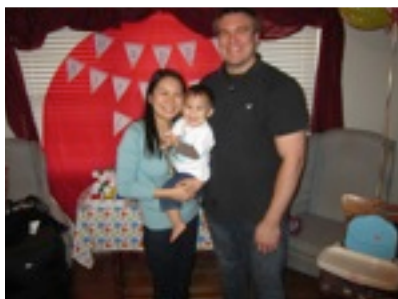
It is good to be back in Sendai. We were so thankful for all the prayers that you lifted up as we made our way back to Japan.

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 HOSTED AN EARLY 1ST BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR LUKE. LOTS OF OUR FRIENDS CAME TO CELEBRATE WITH US!



LUKE LEARNED TO WALK WHILE WE WERE IN TEXAS!



WE WERE ABLE TO SHARE ABOUT WHAT GOD IS DOING IN JAPAN!

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 follow-up 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.



BACK OF OUR CAR



DELIVERING GLOVES



GIVING HER SOCKS



NEW DRAWERS FOR OUR FRIENDS



HAPPY KIDS

PRAY FOR EMI AND MIYABI



Miyabi was so happy to receive a new pair of gloves.



Emi lost her husband and father-in-law in tsunami. She lives with her 4 year old daughter and needs a job to take care of her. Please pray for this sweet family!

SPEAKING OPPORTUNITIES



WE SPOKE IN SEVERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AT OUR SENDING CHURCH.



WE SHARED OUR STORY WITH OUR FRIENDS FROM THE MISSION TRAINING SESSION.



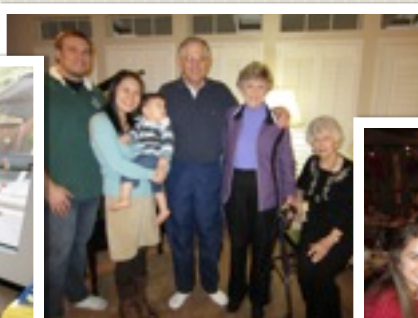
SAYING "THANK YOU" TO THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR US.



THE CHURCH IN HONOLULU INVITED US TO SHARE ABOUT OUR MINISTRIES.

THANK YOU!!!

God provided everything we needed from the beginning to the end of our trip. We want to say "thank you" to those who blessed us with a place to stay, a car to drive, food to eat, and fellowship to enjoy. It was great seeing you all!



"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!" Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

OUR ADVOCATES

CHERYL



SHE HAS SERVED AS OUR LEAD ADVOCATE EVER SINCE WE LEFT TEXAS. SHE HAS DONE SUCH A WONDERFUL JOB AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN US AND OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN ARLINGTON. HER PHONE CALLS ALWAYS MADE OUR DAY! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE! WE LOVE YOU!

MATT AND RIKE

WE TOOK THE MISSION TRAINING SESSION WITH THEM AND HAVE BEEN GOOD FRIENDS SINCE THEN. THEY HAVE A HUGE HEART FOR MISSIONS AND WE KNOW WE WILL LEARN A LOT FROM THEM. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING WITH YOU!



A Word from Luke



Howdy! I had the best time in America! I met so many people and got lots of kisses and hugs! It was fun to visit many places, too! My mommy and daddy hosted an early first birthday party for me and it was so much fun! When we came back to Japan, we celebrated Jesus' birthday with our Japanese friends. Please pray many Japanese people will remember the true meaning of Christmas! I love you all!

PRAISES

- Safe passage during our US visit.
- We are so thankful for our new additions to our advocacy team.
- Luke continues to grow and make friends wherever he goes .
- Several groups from Texas are in the works. Perhaps you would like to join.
- More and more people are opening up to the gospel.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Continued prayer for those in temporary housing.
- Ministry opportunities as we continue to serve in Japan.
- God's provision as we try to meet the needs of others.
- True revival to occur in Japan.
- Helpers to join us as we teach English to children.
- A much needed vehicle for ministry.

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