

# HOPE FOR JAPAN



## Hawaii Team

We have been praying for teams to come help with our ministry and the team of twelve from two Baptist churches in Hawaii were the answer to our prayers. They arrived organized, prepared, and determined and they worked so hard. The people they met could feel the energy and love radiating from the team. It was a blessing to

see so many smiling faces. Many were opening up to the gospel and a lot of friendships developed. We are sad to see them leave but we know they planted seeds in the hearts of many. We look forward to working with the team again. Perhaps some of you feel a calling to help plant and harvest.

## Ministers' Retreat

In March, we went to the Tohoku (Northern Japan) Ministers' Retreat. It was sponsored by Baptist General Convention of Texas. We had a blessed time of fellowship, worship, and rest! Please continue to pray for the ministers and their families who are ministering in the disaster areas.

## Youth Retreat

We had an opportunity to serve as staff for the Youth Retreat. This year, about thirty young people participated. This year's theme was "Connected by Prayer" and we spent much time in prayer for each other and those who are hurting in the disaster areas.

## New Sister in Christ

Praise God for a new sister in Christ! One of the young girls at our church, Maria, was baptized on Easter Sunday. Needless to say, it was a joyful Easter! Please pray for her walk with Jesus. There are several others who are thinking about making a decision to follow Jesus. Please pray for their salvation.



Ministers in Tohoku area.



With our new friends at the Youth Retreat.



Maria, who was baptized, and children at church.

**How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Matthew 9:36**

### **BLESSED AND ENCOURAGED BY THE HAWAIIANS**

*We are so thankful for the Hawaii team. Everyone worked so hard. Many enjoyed the festivities and many seeds were planted!*



*We learned how to make beautiful Hawaiian crafts, sang songs, cooked lunch, and shared Christ with others.*

### **A WORD FROM LUKE**

This is shaping up to be a wonderful spring. I'll miss sledding with mom and dad but I really do enjoy playing in the grass and chasing butterflies. Thank you to all my friends from Hawaii. You were a big help to mom and dad. You even took time to play with me and give them a rest. Have a great summer, everyone! Thank you for praying for me.



### **PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISES**

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| 1. Please pray for those helping with planning the English Classes and Worship. There are several already interested. | 1. Praise God for a new sister in Christ!  |
| 2. There is a lot of follow up to be done with those we met while serving with the Hawaii team.                       | 2. We were able to visit the temporary housings for the March 11th anniversary and had a special time there. |
| 3. Please pray for us as we host the mission teams this spring. Pray God will use all of us in many ways!             | 3. Hawaii team has come and many seeds were planted.   |
| 4. Pray for God's provision as there are many ministry and personal needs.  | 4. We continue to build relationships with those in the temporary housings.                                  |
| 5. Please pray for us as we raise Luke in a Christian environment.  | 5. We were approached by the local pastor to help with the English classes and worship.                      |
|   | 6. Successful Ministers' Retreat and Youth Retreat.  |

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