

# HOPE FOR JAPAN



## Winds of Change

Let us begin by saying what a blessing it has been for us to serve with so many great people over the past year. You have enriched the lives of many through your service to God. However, the number of volunteer teams has drastically reduced. We are taking this time to reevaluate our strategy. We understand that God opens doors and others are closed.

We believe God placed us here and wants us to continue in some capacity. We trust that God will guide us along our journey here. God has placed us on the hearts of many and we are grateful. It is our prayer you that you will help us share with others about the ministry for which God has called us here in Sendai. We also look forward to seeing you here with us.

## Busy Busy....

July was an especially busy month for us. It began with the arrival of a team from our sending church. Three great ladies spent the week with us helping with everything imaginable. They were so flexible and full of energy. It just so happens that the three are related and teachers. Martha and her daughters, Kristen and Lindsey, taught English in Sakota, Taitomi, and at our new location in downtown Sendai. They loved on the people in Ishinomaki (tsunami-hit area) and had a water fight at the Kids' English summer party. Thank you so much to all three of you for your help.

We also had the pleasure of helping with the Tohoku Baptist annual meeting in Aomori. We helped lead the kids worship. It was awesome to see kids leading their own worship time.

In mid July Rocky and DeShannon Higa from Hawaii visit our Wednesday night ministry. They are a gifted musical couple and the kids adored them. We are so overjoyed to have such great friends visit Japan.

Thank you so much for supporting us by coming, giving, and praying! We love you and miss you so much!



Spending time with family



Visiting a local school



Kids' English Summer Party at our church



**Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them. Psalm 96:11-12a NIV**

## Great Times, Great Memories



We were so excited when we heard the news a team from FBCA would arrive in July. It was a true blessing to have these ladies serve. They have a true heart for children and people in general. The kids loved the English lessons. They came with a can do attitude and gave a spark of energy to all they met.



Our Sunday School Class sent us these awesome gifts!  
Thank you so much!



This year we attended the Tohoku Baptist Association Annual Retreat on the northwest coast of Aomori. We were so touched by the cooperation of the children who led their worship service.

## A WORD FROM LUKE

Hello friends! The summer time is one of my favorite times. Mom and Dad let me play in the water a lot when it gets hot. And this year was very hot. I also love to eat watermelon with my dad. I've made a lot of friends and I was so sad to see them go. (Seriously, after a team left he spent the next day looking for them.) Thank you for the great gifts from Texas and Hawaii. If you are thinking about coming to Japan, please come see us! Thank you for praying for us. I miss you!



## PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISES

1. Please pray for continued growth of our Sunday English ministry.
2. Please pray for the continued awareness of the needs of Japan.
3. Please pray for God's provision for the upcoming year so that we can continue to serve in Japan.
4. We are hosting many events at our church this fall. Please pray many new visitors will come.
5. Please pray for another team that is coming to serve with us from our sending church.
1. A junior high boy is praying about being baptized!
2. God's provision to fix our house damages from the earthquake.
3. Another missionary family serving in Sendai. They are helping with our Sunday English ministry.
4. We were encouraged to meet many Japanese believers at the Tohoku Baptist Annual Retreat.
5. Many open doors to share the gospel with people in the disaster areas.

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