HOPE FOR JAPAN

Preparing to go back to Japan

The last six weeks have been a special time of reflection for us. Being thrusted into a foreign land by circumstances beyond our control has left us relying on God even stronger than ever. We have missed our brothers and sisters in Christ in Japan as they work to bring aid to those in need. But, we have faithfully dedicated our time here to spreading the message that many are in great need. We are so blessed to have seen many friends in Korea and made new friends along the way. Overall, there has been a wonderful response of love, prayer, and willingness to serve from those we met. We thank you for your prayers and kind words of encouragement over the past six weeks. We have a long road ahead and your love and prayers give us hope.

YU'S DAD VISITED US

LUKE HAD A PHOTO SHOOT

WE SPOKE AT FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY AND MET DR. BILLY KIM

DISASTER RELIEF EFFORT IN JAPAN

"Please come back. Please don't forget about us!"

It can be difficult at times to put into words the things that eyes see, and pictures simply do not do justice. However, there is hope for those still in shelters. Food is sufficient, the weather is warmer, and for the time being helping hands are in abundance.

At the moment, people are slowly getting there lives together but many are not. There is still a lot of work to be done. From clearing debris, to looking for the missing, to just listening to the stories one tells, and the list goes on. The work is great.

In the midst of all the efforts now there is one disparaging thought that is vocalized every time a relief group visits the shelters. "Will we be forgotten?"

As Yu's father was leaving one of the temporary shelters, a lady shouted, "Please come back! Please don't forget about us!" Many people's biggest fear is to be forgotten. Right now, many people are praying for Japan. Many volunteers are helping. But, what will happen in a few months? Will people think of those who are still in temporary housing? Are people going to send food and supplies to them?

As you read this, please keep in mind what a powerful tool we have through prayer. Will you remember to pray for them? We know that God works through His people and we trust that He will never forget those in need.

We are so thankful for those who have given to the relief aid and those who have already had an opportunity to serve.

We pray that God will continue to bring workers to help feed, nurture, rebuild, and help share the Gospel with those in need. We are blessed to partner with you. To God be the glory, Amen!

WHAT WE ARE DOING TO HELP

Speaking at churches and schools about needs in Japan

Buying rain jackets for kids in Fukushima

PHOTOS

SECOND FLOOR OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BOAT ON A ROOF

SORTING FOOD

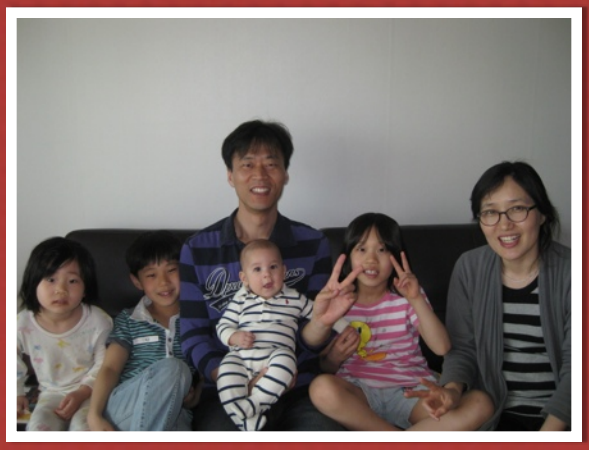
DELIVERING FOOD AND CLOTHES TO THE TEMPORARY SHELTERS

FRIENDS IN KOREA

STUDENTS AT CENTRAL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

YOUNG ADULT CLASS AT DISCIPLES BAPTIST CHURCH

YU'S FORMER STUDENT ASSISTANT AT DBU INVITED US TO HER HOUSE



OUR KOREAN FRIENDS WHO USED TO ATTEND OUR CHURCH IN SENDAI

PLACES WE VISITED

From left to right: Traditional men's dance, Easter Sunday in Daejeon, cherry blossoms, and a famous gate in Suwon.

"If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen." 1 Peter 4:11

NEW FRIENDS

RANNY

RANNY IS DR. BILLY KIM'S ASSISTANT AT FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY. SHE HELPED US TO FIND A PLACE TO STAY IN SEOUL. HER FRIENDSHIP IS SOMETHING WE WILL ALWAYS TREASURE.

GRANDMA WEN

WE MET HER AT THE CHURCH WHERE WE STAYED IN SEOUL. SHE INVITED US TO HER HOUSE AND ALSO TO HER GREAT GRANDSON'S 1ST BIRTHDAY PARTY. SHE SAID SHE IS LUKE'S KOREAN GRANDMA!

A Word from Luke

Can you tell I am such a happy boy? Everyone tells me I have a cute smile! I am excited about going back to Japan but I will miss everyone in Korea. They have been so good to me. I hope my parents will bring me back here to visit someday. I am looking forward to seeing my family and friends in Japan. I know I can make them smile! Thank you for praying for us!!!

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

PRAISES

- God's abundant blessings during our stay in Korea.
- Restful time with Yu's dad.
- New friends in Korea.
- Many volunteers are helping with disaster relief efforts.
- Permission to go back to Japan.
- Friends and family from all over the world who are supporting and praying for us.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for revival in Japan.
- New homes for those who lost everything.
- Ministry opportunities as we continue to serve Japan.
- God's protection for us, especially for Luke.
- God's provision as we try to meet the needs of others.
- Yu's grandmother who is in the hospital.
- Japanese churches and Christians as they work for His kingdom.