

IWATE MINISTRY INITIATIVE

Greetings from Tono!

August 2012



"You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and the trees of the field will clap their hands. Instead of the thorn bush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord's renown, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed."

Isaiah 55: 12,13

A Message from the Tono Base Staff:

Greetings from the Tono Base,

We are so thankful for each and every one of you who came to serve with us here at the Tono Base over the past year! The impact that each volunteer has had is significant and on-going and we believe that in time we will begin seeing the fruit of those labors as many begin turning to Christ. We would like to take this opportunity to update you on the exciting work being done in Iwate prefecture!

Kind regards,

Tono Base Staff

TONO TIMELINE

Looking Back:
June, 2011~June, 2012

The Workforce:

- Approximately 400 volunteers
- From 25+ countries

The Work:

- Stage 1: June ~ Aug. 2011
 - Clean Up (Kamaishi, Otsuchi, Rikuzentakada)
- Stage 2: Sept. ~ Oct. 2011
 - Emotional Care: Mobile Café (Outdoor)
- Stage 3: Nov. 2011 – Feb. 2012
 - Emotional Care: Hope Café (Indoor), Blanket Distribution (Kamaishi, Otsuchi Temp. Housing)
- Stage 4: Mar. ~ Sept. 2012
 - Emotional Café – Hope Café (Indoor & Outdoor), Visitation Program

The Results:

- 50+ Temporary Housing visited monthly on a regular basis
- Relationships with 500~750 residents established
- The love of Christ lived out daily through approximately 400 volunteers that came through the Tono Base this past year

Looking Ahead... July, 2012 and beyond

- Tono Base Transition
 - As of July 1, 2012, The Tono Base has moved into a Base Partner Relationship with CRASH Japan
 - From September, 2012 – The Tono Base is looking to form new partnerships in order to continuing bringing the needed emotional and spiritual care to the Kamaishi/Otsuchi areas
- Our Plans
 - Continue the emotional care outreaches in the temporary housing communities in Kamaishi and Otsuchi.
 - Build on the contacts we have established by starting recovery groups in the temporary housing communities
 - Build on our visitation program by adding Pastoral Care outreach among the residents of the temporary housing
 - Open a full-time/café emotional care center in downtown Kamaishi
- Our Goal
 - To continue laying the groundwork for a church plant



Tono Base staff along with residents of a temporary housing unit located in Kirikiri (Otsuchi) at the Hope Café: May 2012

We need your support! September 2012~



Tono Staff: Left to Right: Eileen Nielsen, Miyu Ishihara, Miki Katayama, Amy Nielsen, Juan Navarro (~Mar. 2012), Jim Nielsen

For Prayer

- (1) **Leading:** In charting the course in moving into the next stage of emotional care to the residents of the temporary housing communities
- (2) **Staff:** For the Lord's leading for each of our staff in the days ahead
- (3) **Partnership:** If it is the Lord's will to see the door open to a long-term partnership with TEAM and OMF in cooperation with JECA (Japan Evangelical Church Assoc.)

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We Need Your Financial Support!

- Financial support from CRASH will be ending Sept. 2012
- Our hope: To see the continuing work fully funded by Dec. 2012

Looking for Individual and Church Supporters

- Would you consider becoming an individual supporter through a one-time gift or monthly giving?
- Would your church consider becoming a partner through supporting us monthly? (Initial one year commitment)

For more information please contact us at: iwatemistryinitiative@gmail.com