

McGinty Prayer Update July 15, 2011; Letter 11 from Rowena (and Mike)

Dear Praying Friends,

It has almost been a month since writing our last update, and again I want to share some answers to prayer and enlist your prayer for my trip to Miyako July 18-24. Mike will also be tying up loose ends as he moves closer to handing over his responsibilities as the Hokkaido Regional Director.

First of all, thank you for praying for our time with **Daniel and Brooke**. It was wonderful to be with them. We were starved for time with family. We had many miles of safe travelling around our beloved Hokkaido and many hours of visiting together. We enjoyed seeing places with family memories. You can go to my Facebook profile to see pictures.

Secondly, I asked you to pray for the **Seccombe family** to be able to come back. We are praising the Lord that they got enough support for clearance. It is hard for me to leave **Tonden Church** where we have been serving, but knowing that Martin and Samantha can be an encouragement and follow up on folks is comforting to me personally, let alone a blessing for the church. Now I am asking you to pray for a **suitable house** for this family of six, plus the cat (which the kids really love).

Thirdly, I am going down by train (a 9 hour trip) to **Miyako on the Iwate coast** to be of help with the **relief ministry** and also to help the **Meas family**. Although my ministry plans are somewhat vague, I plan to assist in whatever way becomes apparent for each day as the situation changes frequently. We are thankful for **Pastor Iwatsuka** who is great with networking and knowing where to go and what is needed. Many people have been re-settled in tiny temporary places away from the seaside, above the towns that were heavily damaged. One need that keeps coming up is a place or opportunity for people to talk. A portable café is already being run by an OMF family (Ghents) in another area and it seems to be a good idea for a project in the Miyako area as well. I plan to start on some baking to help for such purposes. Mind you, I may be baking myself as it is presently a very hot, humid place. ☺ It will also be good for me to see more first hand and meet various people in preparation for our **move there September 16th**.

Fourth, we'd appreciate prayer for grace and **strength for moving**. I am having a hard time reducing our belongings, taking apart our home and packing it up. The idea is to be mostly packed up before I leave for Canada on August 5th. On August 13th, I will fly to Asheville, NC and hopefully be of help to **Megan and Aaron for the birth of their little girl**. Prayers for a smooth labor and safe delivery would be appreciated. I return to Japan on September 7th.

Thank you so much for your prayers.

Love,

Rowena (and Mike)

