



Follow-up and sustain

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After 18 months in Iwate, we're seeing increased church interest from our new friends.

In case you were wondering, the header photo is me playing with some kids at a temporary housing center on the tsunami-struck coast. Three years later, and some kids have spent half their lives or more in temporary housing. But that's kind of a long intro just to explain why I look like a samurai ninja balloon clown.

Maki and I came to Iwate about a year and a half ago with the goal of introducing people to Jesus. Like Andrew who brought his brother Peter, our goal is to bring people into encounters with Jesus, the redeemer. Through neighborhood friendships, English programs at church and other contacts, we are seeing our neighbors and friends at church, lately we don't have a church function without a non-Christian friend or two joining us! God has also unexpectedly blessed us with some neighbor friends who remind me of my family growing up. The four brothers make for one of the largest families in the neighborhood (having 7 siblings I can relate), and that big family environment is something that my kids have really taken to. Even though Aki and Leon are younger, they play together at the park almost every day, and we've seen the three older brothers at church consistently since VBS. Praise the Lord! We also had a kind of picnic at church the other day, except by picnic I mean we made a bamboo waterslide and tried to catch noodles with

chopsticks. We had church friends, the neighbors, and an English club family join us. **Please pray that our friends who have become comfortable with church would develop a relationship with Jesus!**



We had a baptism! This lady found the church because she saw the cross lit up on her early morning paper route. This is the second baptism we've seen at the church since we've been here!

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