

HOPE FOR JAPAN



BGCT Team

When we visited Texas last November, we met with the leaders of the Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT). They were interested in sending a team to Japan to help with disaster relief work. We were blessed to host a team from the BGCT this June. They came with a willing heart and lots of gifts! We went to the

temporary houses in Otsuchi Town and Ishinomaki City to hand out gifts and vegetables. We also visited the preschool that was damaged by the tsunami. We could tell that the children were thrilled to meet all the sweet Texans! We were blessed and encouraged by them! Thank you, BGCT, for sending such a great team!

CBU Lends a Hand

In May, we hosted a group of California Baptist University students. One of the highlights was going to Sakata with them. There is a mission church in Sakata and they have a special ministry for children in their community. We had a sports festival and more than twenty-five children came to play with the CBU students. Many of them live in single parent homes. In every case its a mom or grandparent. Please pray for these precious children as we minister to them.

Kids English Class

Whenever we have a team visit us, we do what we can to work the team into our program. Every Wednesday, we teach English at our church. Many Japanese who learn English prefer a teacher who grew up speaking English. The teams are well received and a lot of memories are made. Children who attend our English class were able to use English phrases that they had learned and it made them so happy when the guests understood their English. We always end our English class with a worship service. We pray God will continue to work in the heart's of these children and that they will know how much they are loved!



New Friends



Kids English Class



Visiting Sakata with
CBU Team

**"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."
James 1:22 NIV**

THE BGCT TEAM GIVES A HELPING HAND

Thank you so much BGCT for sending a team to help with the work here in Japan. The people have been blessed by your efforts and friendship.



The people of Otsuchi and Ishinomaki were blessed by Texas gifts, songs, line dancing, and sharing of the Gospel.

A WORD FROM LUKE

Hi, everyone! Wow, we have been so busy. I've met a lot of new faces and made many new friends. Thank you California team and BGCT team for playing with me. Thanks for helping mom and dad, too. And did you know I love music. I sing and play any chance I get! Dad says I can have my own guitar when I get big enough. In the mean time, I'll practice on a four string. Thank you for supporting mom and dad's work. I know many Japanese people are thankful for you. Love you and miss you!!!



PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISES

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| 1. Please pray for planters and harvesters to join us. | 1. Our continued efforts to reach out have brought us new opportunities in disaster areas. |
| 2. Please pray for continued softening of hearts. | 2. Luke continues to grow and learn. |
| 3. There are many temporary housing units still unreached. | 3. The rainy season has spared many from the heat. |
| 4. There is much anxiety for those living in high radiation areas. | 4. The trip to Hawaii, while we were very busy, refreshed us after many months of disaster work. |
| 5. A dear friend who recently birthed twins lost one and the other is in intensive care. | 5. The new ministry for students and young adults has started in Sendai. We have made many new friends. |
| 6. Many missionaries working here are getting ready to retire. Please pray God brings new helping hands. | 6. A wonderful missionary family has joined us to help with this new ministry. |

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