



Thank you  
for your prayers...

Eastern Japan Disaster  
Relief Activities

2011.3.11~10.11

Japan Baptist Convention

Disaster Relief Headquarters

# Activity principles

- **“Working toward reconciliation.”**

Reconciliation between God and mankind, among mankind, and between mankind and creation. Working toward the creation of new relationships based on the gospel.

- Keeping our eyes focused on the Christ of the cross, who is working in the midst of the pain, sadness, and suffering of the stricken areas. Approaching the people in stricken areas with respect, valuing those relationships of mutual learning, sharing the life and hope of the resurrection.



# Activity objectives

## (A) **Solidarity with churches** in stricken areas

- i Sharing the pain, joy and toil of the churches in stricken areas.  
Praying with and supporting one another.
- ii Assisting those churches so that they will be able to work enthusiastically for missions.
- iii Studying together the issues raised by the disasters.

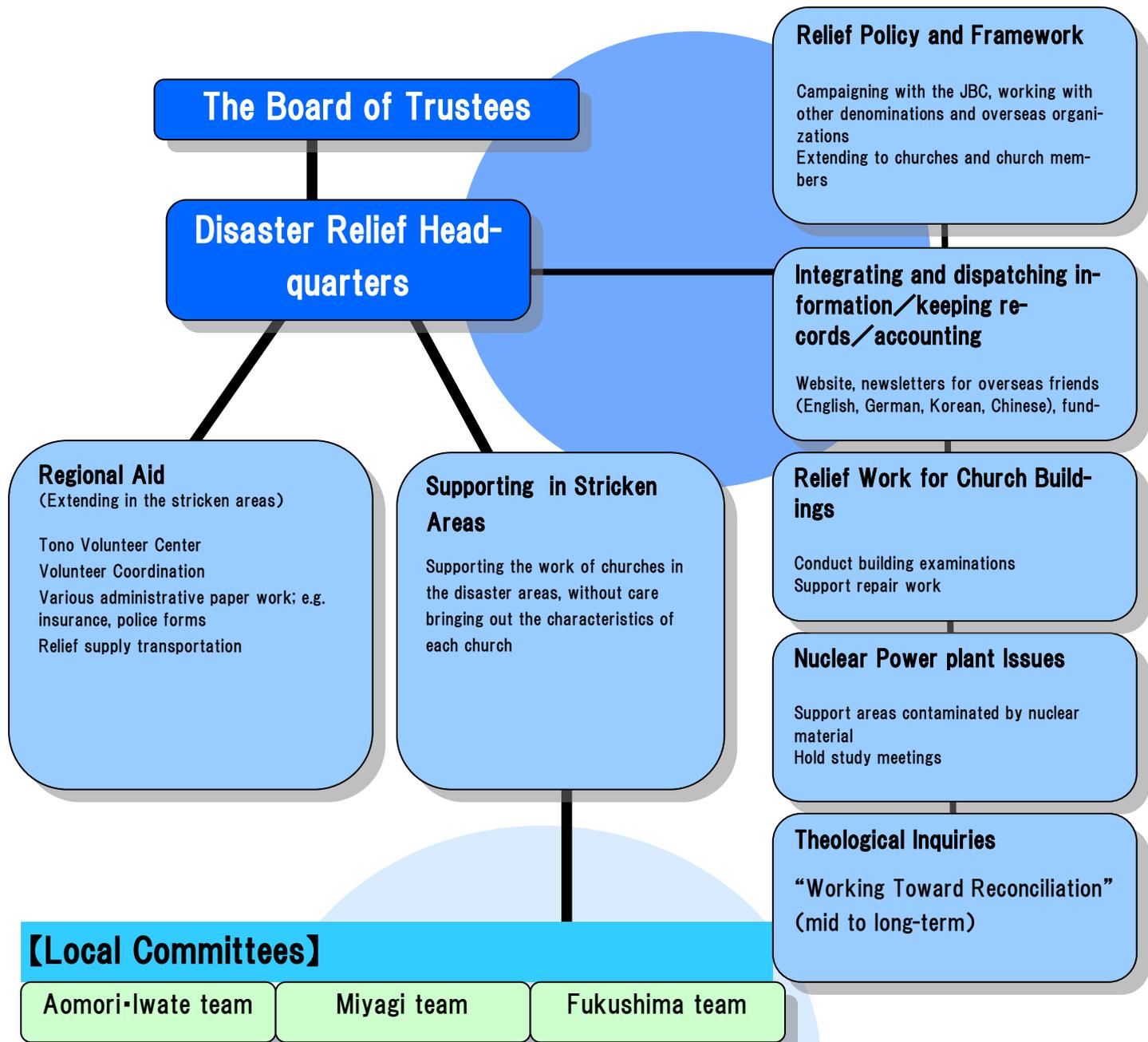
## (B) **Supporting communities through the churches** in stricken areas

Supporting the work of reconciliation that those churches are carrying out in their communities (sharing the pain of the disasters, standing close by them and building new relationships).

## (C) **Supporting those areas directly**

- i Supporting the Sanriku coastal area, which the JBC has not been able to establish contact with in the past. Paying close attention to building relationships with the residents there and providing the support that we are able to as Christians.
- ii Solidarity with those who are walking with the unseen burdens of the nuclear disaster, with special attention to supporting the lives of children.
- iii Recognizing our prophetic mission to speak up to the government, local authorities and to the world.

# Disaster Relief Headquarters: Organization Diagram



# Activities report

## Supporting churches in stricken areas



- Extending to all churches in stricken areas
- Supporting pastors in these areas so that they can take necessary special leave
- Supporting for church buildings
- Support churches contaminated by radioactive material

## Supporting the work of churches in stricken areas



• Debris removal



Relief work at temporary housings Food distribution,



handing out other relief items,



volunteer massage services



• Receiving children evacuating from areas contaminated by radioactive material

## ▪ Supporting stricken areas



### Tono Volunteer Center

- The base of operations in the Sanriku-coastal area
- Receiving and coordinating volunteers from JBC churches
- Creating an invaluable environment of study and experience for seminary students and other youths



### “Nagomi” Cafe - mobile vending cafe (Nagomi= relaxation, soothing etc.)

We will continue our involvement with the temporary housing communities and create opportunities for interacting and listening to the residents. Through listening to their various experiences, we aim to conduct our relief work hoping that our faith will be renewed by the Lord. At the same time, we hope our work and presence as Christians will be pleasantly received in these areas.

## ▪ Cooperation with overseas groups



A team from Hungary arrived within 24 hours of the earthquake

They have sent several other relief teams after this first visit.

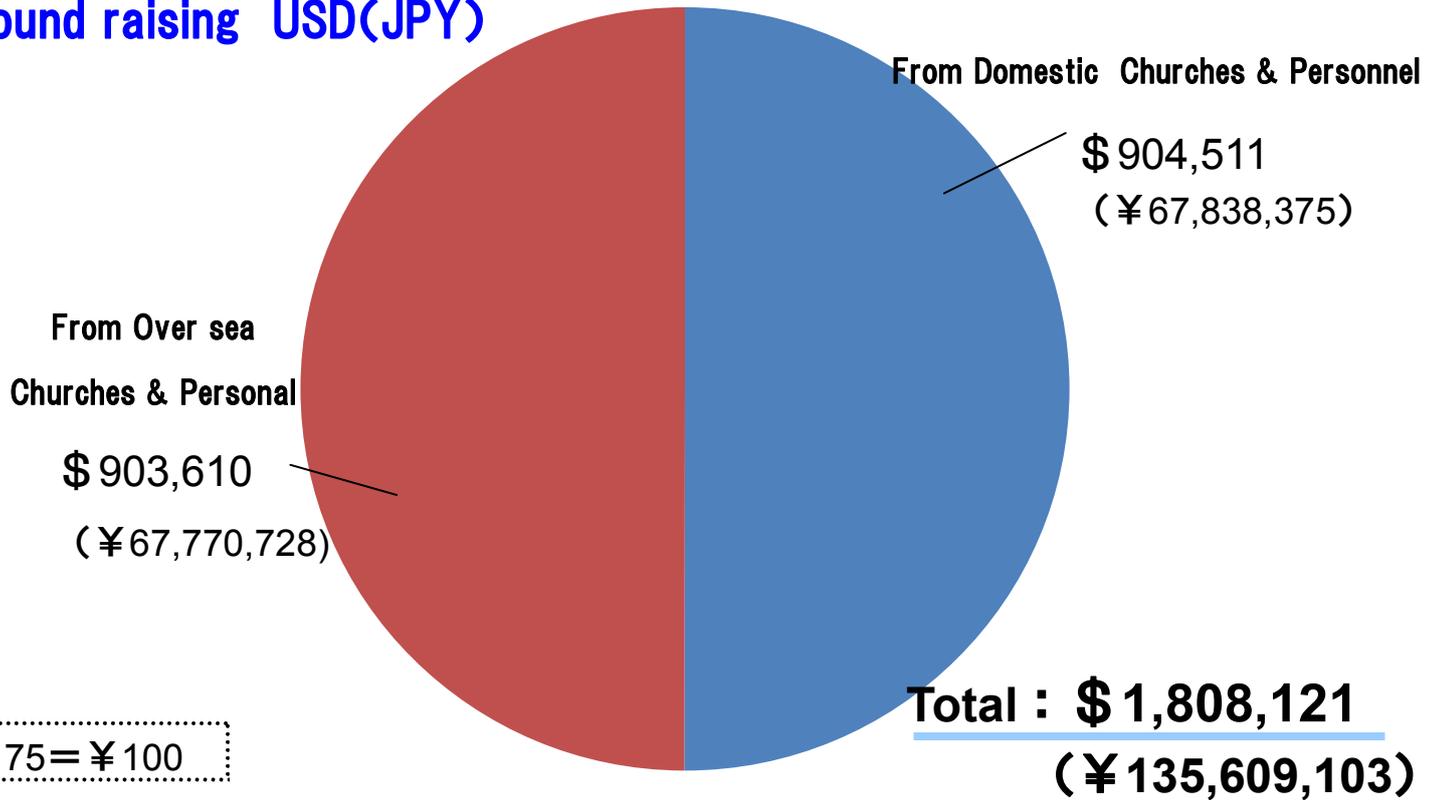
### Baptist Roundtable Summit on the Recovery Efforts

Baptist groups from around the world gathered to discuss relief recovery actions.



# Financial report

## Found raising USD(JPY)



## Cooperation with groups overseas

## Disbursements USD(JPY)

- accepting volunteers from oversea \$ 8,801 (¥ 660,056)
- Round table summit

### Disaster headquarters

- staff \$ 43,465
- meetings (¥ 3,259,909)

### Supporting churches in stricken areas

- church building repair etc. \$ 99,848 (¥ 7,488,585)

### Supporting stricken areas

- rescue, cleaning repair,
  - establishing the Tono volunteer center etc.
- \$ 292,840 (¥ 21,963,024)

### Supporting the work of churches in stricken areas

- supporting temporary housing
- kids program etc. \$ 259,999 (¥ 19,499,900)

**Total : \$ 704.953 (¥ 52,871,474)**

# Prayers Requests

- ▼For each person in the stricken areas, who are “torn “and in pain, may there be comfort and healing from the Lord Himself.
- ▼For the relief work of our churches; may the Holy Spirit bless their work, under our principle “Working toward reconciliation,” so that they truly serve the work of God.
- ▼For the people of Fukushima who are in continuous pain caused by the nuclear contamination spread after Tepco’s Fukushima Daiichi Power Plant accident.
- ▼For the work and health of Mr. Hiroshi Sato, the full-time staff member established at JBC Tono Volunteer Center. That we may have a long relationship with the communities of the stricken areas and the people in temporary housing communities.

# Appreciation



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JBC Chairman

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## Praise be to the precious name of our Lord.

Since the occurrence of the “Eastern Japan Great Disasters,” we, though virtually powerless, have been working together with churches all over Japan, and with different denominations, for disaster relief and restoration. In comparison to the scale of the damage we are only capable of very small works, and in light of that, what has encouraged and supported us were the prayers and precious offerings given by our friends abroad, with whom we share our faith. The large amounts of rescue funds, heartfelt supplies, and the sent personnel were all beyond what we could have imagined, and we were deeply touched and encouraged by this *help from the Lord*. With this comfort given to us, we will continue to comfort and support those who bear an ongoing suffering. Please continue to include us in your prayers. Once again, I would like to offer our gratitude for the support you have provided.

May your good works be richly blessed in the Lord.

In Him.      Toshio Okumura      December 2011