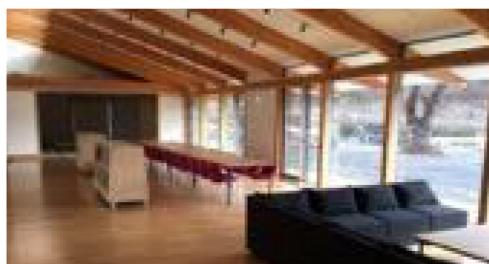


To all the churches throughout Japan, thank you for your daily support and encouragement. There has been a cold front here in Tohoku and we have had many snow days. During Christmas, we received many gifts from you, and at the convention general meeting, we received warm Christmas cards. Thank you so much. The presents and messages were given to the people in Tohoku who were affected by the disaster. We are encouraged that you remember the people in Tohoku, even after almost six years since the disaster. We believe that your kind thoughts expressed through the gifts and messages you sent us has brought a light of hope to the hearts of those in the disaster areas. In this issue we would like to share with you about how we spent our Christmas here.

Our 6th Christmas in the Tohoku Aid Areas



Ando district Community Evacuation Centre completed this Christmas



At the Ando temporary housing. The local puppet play, "Ando Sisters" wore Christmas colors.



This year we once again celebrated Jesus' nativity.



Christmas tree and candles at the Makinohama Temporary Housing



Gospel members at Midorigaoka Temporary Housing



Midorigaoka Bingo Tournament. Daily goods as prizes.



Decorating Christmas trees with chocolates.



We visited about 20 households that had left the Miyamae Temporary Housing with Christmas gifts.



The couple that met at Miyamae Temporary Housing and joined our Christmas service for the first time.



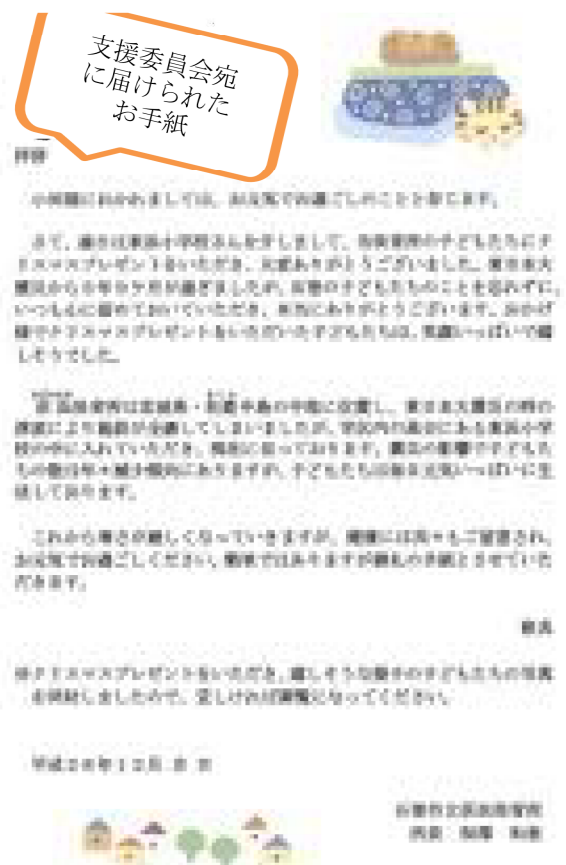
Christmas music therapy at Makinohama Temporary Housing



We made cupcakes at Makinohama Temporary Housing! People from Kyubunhama joined too.



Christmas gifts, cards, and flowers from churches around Japan



Letter from the head teacher of Oginohama nursery



Thank you post card from the headmaster of Ishinomaki Higashihama Primary School.



Children from the Oginohama Nursery. And their thank you card (below)