

Local Aid Committee News Letter
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To all the churches and ministry centres throughout Japan, thank you for your daily support and encouragement. The areas affected by the earthquake and tsunami had their 7th Christmas after the Great East Japan Earthquake. There were those who spent their Christmas and New Years in their new homes, and there were those that spent it in the temporary housings. We deeply thank you for remembering the people in the devastated areas during this Christmas time, and for all the prayers and gifts that were sent from around Japan. In this issue we would like to share how each of the places we support spent their Christmas.

Christmases Spent in the Support Areas

Report from Otsuchicho

On Dec 14 (Thurs) 4 members from Yamagata Church and Morioka Church visited Otsuchicho to deliver the gifts that were sent to us from throughout Japan. (Thank you for the gifts!) In the Number 7 Temporary Housing, 3 people gathered to meet us. We talked about the construction of the new houses, about moving, and about the people that have passed away. Although our conversation was a solemn one, we were able to see smiles when we handed the gifts. At the Number 14 Temporary Housing, 14 people were able to gather. We all had a wonderful meal together. We sang "Silent Night" together and had a fun time. At Ando Community Centre, 12 people were able to gather. Members from a Baptist Mission Team from Kamaishi also joined us. We are very grateful for this coincidental meeting. The temporary housing in Otsuchicho will be closed in May. Construction is continuing, with new houses and roads being built, however there are still many who cannot see what their future holds. Please continue to remember and pray for each person.



Otsuchi Number 7 Temporary Housing



Otsuchi Number 4 Temporary Housing



Otsuchi Development Housing



Otsuchi Number 4 Temporary Housing
Gifting Flowers



Otsuchicho in December



At Ando Community Centre

Report from Oshika Peninsula

Dear Japan Baptist Convention Miyagi Team

It is nearing the end of this year. The first snow has fallen and it is getting colder. I hope that you are well. This year there was only one nursery child (in the last year of nursery) in Ogihamma Nursery. Despite this, we continued to run the nursery with two staff. We have enjoyed running the nursery. The next academic year, we are expecting there to be two students.

Christmas is near, and for the children it is a very exciting season. Thank you for delivering the many cookies, flowers, and presents to us. There were even presents for the teachers. We are so grateful. Thank you very much.

The end of the year is always very busy, but please take care of your bodies as we welcome the new year.

December 15, 2017
Ishinomaki City, Ogihamma Nursery
Nursery President, Yumiko Sasaki



Flowers that
were gifted



Participant



Thank you card from Ogihaman Nursery



Presents sent from churches all around Japan. The three residents we met this time all have plans to move out of the temporary housing.



Eating hand-made Christmas cakes



Higashihama Primary School and Ogihaman Nursery are next to each other.



We presented the gifts to Higashihama Primary School Suzuki

Report from Midorigaoka Temporary Housing



Snow Globes



At the tea party

Report from Ando



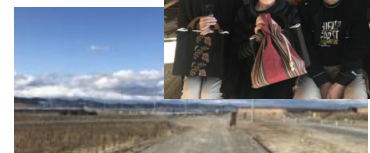
Presents given to people in Ando



This year's strawberries



Photo from a home visitation



Current state of Ando Yoshida beach

Please support through donating to the Great East Japan Earthquake Disaster. In 2018, we hope to collect the thoughts and hopes of the people of Japan, walk alongside the people of the disaster and share in their thoughts. Please continue to pray for us.

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