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DEVASTATION IN JAPAN & HOPE



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Many coastal towns and parts of the major city of Sendai were simply wiped off the map.

OUR HEARTS BREAK FOR THE HURTING SURVIVORS AS WE PRAY

Steve was visiting family and friends in California while the rest of our family was at home in Orlando when news hit of a devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan. We were so sad to think of all the people who lost their lives and homes. We started praying right away, especially for those who were doing rescue work that God would lead them to people still alive who needed help. The frightening news and the pictures of separated loved ones overwhelmed us.

The scale of the devastation was just beyond comprehension. The tragedy of the broken nuclear reactors drove many thousands more families from their homes and is still a big problem.

We immediately thought of all our friends there, primarily in Tokyo. We are so thankful that all the Japan CCC staff and their families are safe. Those in Tokyo were really shaken up, but none of our staff were further



Kazuki Wakasugi / The Yomiuri Shimbun via AP

Survivors wait for help and need hope

north at this time. Some of our son Andy's friends were in the Sendai area and they are safe too.

There is a Christian relief organization in Japan called CRASH that has worked on relief operations in many Asian countries for the last several years. Designed as a cooperative organization it has drawn the support of Japanese



CRASH Japan is a Christian Relief organization that the Japanese Christians, churches and missionaries are supporting by volunteering and donating.

Please see www.crashjapan.com or www.facebook.com/crashjapan

churches and believers and the missions community in Japan. We soon learned that they were mobilizing a mighty effort to get relief supplies into these affected areas.

They have received supplies from Samaritan's Purse (the humanitarian branch of the Billy Graham organization) to distribute. On Monday one truck of supplies driven by some of our friends who volunteered to help

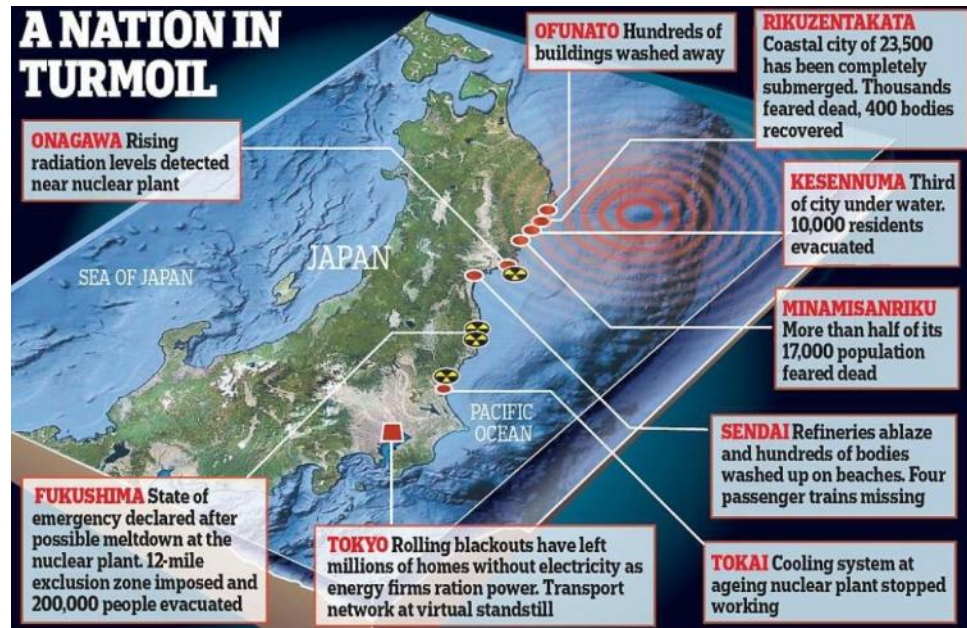
reached a school with 1000 refugees. This truck was the first aid to reach this school 9 days after the earthquake! Praise God that He had not forgotten them!

Japan Campus Crusade for Christ had planned to hold their national training camp in Tokyo Mar 14 to 17. In spite of the earthquake, they decided to go ahead with their plans and almost all of those registered were able to attend! The students had a great opportunity to learn about growing in Christ, to pray for their country in a fervent way, and to plan ways to share God's love as they volunteer and help through the coming weeks.

Before all this happened, Steve, Rochelle, Melissa, and Josh had planned a trip to visit Tokyo, our church, staff friends, neighbors and Melissa's school this spring! We have been looking forward to this since we left in 2007. Andy and Ben have been back several times. We have already booked tickets for the 4 of us for a 10 day trip, May 26 to June 5, and we are still planning to go! Of course, we will monitor the situation closely and keep in touch with our friends there. Pray especially that the nuclear reactor plant will stabilize and that we will be able to visit and encourage and bless our friends. We would also love to volunteer and help out in some way during that time.

Please continue to pray for the people of Japan, that through this tragedy the Lord will show the people their need for a relationship with God who loves them and sent His Son to save them. Pray that God's great love and message of hope would be expressed through the believers and churches of Japan as they respond to these great needs.

More prayer ideas and stories can be found on our website www.steveclark.us. Thank you so much for all your prayers for Japan and for us as we serve the Lord!



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*With love and thanks,
Steve, Rochelle, Andy, Ben,
Melissa and Josh*