



## Inspection Trip to Disaster areas (1)

To all the members of the Japan Evangelical Association

Praise the Name of our Lord.

Japan Evangelical Association (JEA) established the JEA Great East Japan Disaster Restoration Office on March 25 and is continuing relief operations in conjunction with CRASH Japan (head quarters in Higashi Kurume, Tokyo). On the evening of April 1, approximately 300 pastors and believers from Tokyo area churches attended CRASH Japan orientation held at Aoyama Gakuin University. During the seminar, the vision of CRASH Japan (referred to as CRASH), the cooperative effort with JEA, and the process of volunteer recruitment was explained.



From late March to early April, Chairman of the Disaster Relief Commission Takao Nakadai and General Director Kenichi Shinagawa (appointed April 1) visited the disaster area (Sendai, Ishinomaki, Onagawa-cho, Ogatsu-cho and other) along with two CRASH representatives. There were three purposes for this visit:

- 1. To experience on-site Crash efforts**
- 2. To attend a meeting of the newly founded Sendai Christian Alliance Disaster Relief Network**
- 3. To deliver relief supplies to churches and small evacuation centers in the area**



Here we will report particularly about the second purpose. Following the earthquake, Sendai Christian Alliance (directed by Pastor Takashi Yoshida), that consists of Sendai City churches, established Sendai Christian Alliance Disaster Relief Network. Not related to a particular denomination nor limited to Sendai, the purpose is to bring relief to effected churches and disaster victims throughout all of Tohoku. Mr. Nakadai and Mr. Shinagawa attended it's regular gathering and offered greetings.

CRASH was established mostly by missionaries from abroad; JEA's desire is to send out laborers from our churches to represent Japanese church in CRASH relief efforts, and while continuing in the relief work, to also back up the efforts of churches local to the disaster areas, as they carry out efforts of relief, recovery and restoration to effected churches, individual Christians and local neighborhoods surrounding the churches.

Additionally, on April 4 World Evangelical Association (WEA) Assistant Director Gordon Showell-Rogers arrived on an emergency visit to Japan, and along with former JEA General Director Kiyoshi Gushiken, came to inspect the situation firsthand. Showell-Rogers shared with the group that 600 million evangelical believers and evangelical associations of 128 countries around the world join them in support of the churches and people of Japan.

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*"...But I will sing of Your strength; I will sing aloud of Your steadfast love in the morning. For You have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress."  
(Psalm 59:16)*

Let us together give thanks to the Lord who is present and gives true hope in the midst of this suffering and join together in prayer that through all disaster relief and recovery efforts, the love of Jesus Christ will be shared with many, many people.

Effective April 1, Kenichi Shinagawa has entered the post of JEA Director, following Kiyoshi Gushiken who finished his term as of March 31. However, Mr. Gushiken will be continuing through the end of April with the work of directing the emergency relief efforts in response to the needs of the earthquake disaster. JEA is also in a transition period, so we would ask for your prayers.



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- CRASH is a Christian organization volunteers that operates various disaster relief projects in cooperation with missionaries who are members of JEMA (Japan Evangelical Missionary Association). JEA works closely with CRASH.



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