



Inspection Trip to Disaster areas (2)

To all the members of the Japan Evangelical Association,
Praise the name of our Lord

Immediately after the earthquake occurred in East Japan, JEA received a request from the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) (the international organization that JEA is affiliated with) to visit and observe the situation in Japan. The Associate Secretary of WEA, Gordon Showell-Rogers, visited Japan for five days from April 4. Kiyoshi Gushiken accompanied him as he toured regions affected by the disaster (Sendai, Shiogama, Higashi Matsushima, Ishinomaki, Onagawa, Minami Sanriku, etc.) He was able to speak to various people in these places, including Christians serving in said areas, members of the Self-Defence Force, and government officials.



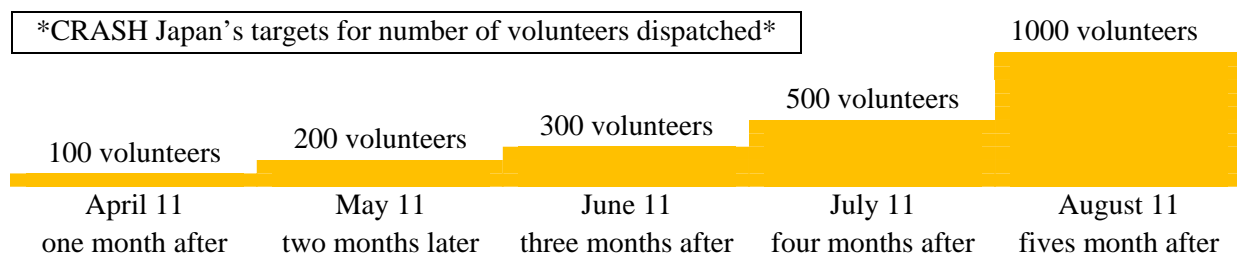
The Self-Defence Force, Police and others are continuing to earnestly conduct relief operations

Gordon Showell-Rogers said that in other countries reports about Japan were sometimes overstated giving the impression that the whole country was affected by the earthquake, tsunami, and radioactive contamination. He also added that the purpose of the visit was to confirm the actual state and see how Japanese churches were active in the relief and reconstruction efforts.



Director of CRASH Japan, Jonathan Wilson (left), with the Associate General Secretary of WEA, Gordon Showell-Rogers (right).

He was especially interested in the efforts of CRASH Japan and JEA Disaster Relief Commission, and spoke about looking forward to the anticipated ongoing cooperation. In addition, he addressed how churches can be involved in regional reconstruction efforts. He also raised the possibility of how in the future it may be possible to tap into the global knowledge and human resources through the Micah Network, which is affiliated with WEA. Mr. Showell-Rogers has already been sending prayer requests for Japan to Evangelical Associations around the world, and we are happy that prayer circles for Japan are spreading.



CRASH has started registering and dispatching volunteers; number of enquiries from various churches in Japan is growing daily. While CRASH was principally established by overseas missionaries, it is eager to recruit volunteers from Japanese churches to work in its headquarters and also in the disaster-affected regions as fast as possible. Another urgent issue sienabling the smooth dispatch of volunteers. It is now possible to register as a volunteer online at the CRASH website (<http://www.crashjapan.com/>). (As much as possible, we'd encourage volunteers to register in teams of four to five people from churches, Christian organizations , and regional groups. For enquiries, please contact the CRASH Command Center (Tel: 050-5534-5729; email: contact@crashjapan.com).

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“And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

(1 Peter 5:10–11)

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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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