

Warning!! Recently there have been impersonations of Rev. Makoto Hosoi, Gen. Sup. of the JAG, by email and phone, requesting money or help. If you receive such contact, please contact the JAG to verify the request.

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ALEX, KATHRYN, ISABELLA & GABRIELLA HUMPHREYS

MISSIONARIES TO JAPAN

A yearlong night of weeping and mourning...

On March the 11th of 2011 at 2:46 in the afternoon the northern half of Japan was rocked by what is considered the 5th strongest earthquake in recorded history. The epicenter was perfectly positioned off the coast at just the right depth to create one of the most devastating tsunamis known to man with waves reaching over 9m (30ft.). With the earthquake and the subsequent tsunami, more than 19,000 people slipped into eternity; many of them without knowing Christ as their savior.

As if to add insult to injury, the Fukushima nuclear power reactors exploded, forcing many to evacuate their home for an indeterminate length of time. Family and friends are dead, those that survived are split up by evacuation circumstances and suicides have risen sharply in the disaster area. Tens of thousands have lost homes, cars, businesses, jobs—everything has been lost...



L-SHIPPING CONTAINERS WASHED UP FROM A PORT MILES AWAY R-SOME VERY PERTINENT GRAFFITI

...now the morning of rejoicing

It is often when all else fails and there seems to be no way forward that God steps onto the scene. Merely days after the disaster government agencies, NPO's and Christian relief groups were busy working in the disaster area but today only the Christians remain. The Japan Assemblies of God (JAG), led by the Holy Spirit, quickly leaped into action and implemented a long term relief

strategy which hopefully will lead to a multitude of souls being saved and a number of churches being planted in the Tohoku (Northeast) region of Japan. Currently 2 major relief works are going on as well as multiple smaller scale operations. One that our church, and your offerings, have aided is the Higashi Matsushima Amazing Grace Support Center. Higashi Mastushima is only 3 miles from



YUCK! This is some of the black sludgy mud that was left a foot deep in people's homes. Many volunteers spent long back breaking hours shoveling the mud into sandbags.



MEAL DISTRIBUTION Consistent acts of the love of Christ like this meal distribution have allowed the gospel to be openly preached in the disaster area.

Disaster Relief Prayer Needs

Disaster victims will see love of Christ through relief work

Finances for relief work

Long and short term volunteers

JAG relief centers to birth churches

Relief centers to change communities

the Pacific ocean and was badly damaged by the tsunami. In March of 2011 I made a relief work trip there and was overwhelmed by the loss and devastation. Thankfully a nearby JAG church has faithfully been ministering to the people in that town. They started by bringing simple necessities like toilet paper, kerosene for heaters, bottled water and instant noodles. Eventually they began providing hot meals on a monthly basis and with help from churches in America, bicycles, heaters, blankets, etc were provided.

In October of last year that simple outreach turned into the support center and now it has a fixed location where outreach events are easy to hold. Currently the meal distributions continue, as well as Bible studies, counseling, relief goods distribution and other special events.

One of the most amazing and encouraging aspects about the relief work is that Christians from various groups are working together to see the lost come to Christ. From the 2nd to the 4th of March, Franklin Graham came as a special guest speaker for the "Tohoku Hope Festival". Various musical guests were also present including Kirk

Franklin. The attendance broke all previous records for a Christian event in that spiritually dark region of Japan and hundreds of people came to Christ! **Please pray for their discipleship and that they can become a powerful witness to their family and friends.**

*Please continue to give as the Lord enables you. Direct offerings to AG World Missions designated: **AGMF Japan Disaster Relief.***

Alex was asked to translate the JAG relief blog into English. It is updated every week so please check it out at: <http://blog.goo.ne.jp/saigaihonbu>

GABRIELLA "BRIE" ALEXANDRA



2/24/2012 4:53AM 7lbs 11oz 20in.

We are so happy to announce the birth of our second daughter and are exceedingly thankful for God's hand of protection over mother and child. Kathryn set a record with a 1.5 hour labor and delivery! We barely got to the hospital in time. Then the two had a restful 5 day hospital stay, which is standard for Japan. Please pray for Brie's safety and well being.

Isabella is a new big sister!



Mommy and "Brie"



Daddy and his girls



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