



Jesus 4 Greater Asia Update from Japan



First cherry blossoms

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Store clerk helping load our van



Paul, Jocelyn, Jennifer & Rickie unloading the van

In mission life there are two needs: the need to "do" and the need to "report." The reporting often takes time away from the doing, but we also realize the need to responsibly report. This week has flown by and we have chosen "doing" over "reporting," because that is why we are in Japan. However, it is now time to report to you what we have been doing so we can catch you up on activities here.

Chad and Jennifer have caravans going from here up to the disaster area twice a week. Another caravan of 4 vans will leave tonight, making a total of 16 van loads and 3 truckloads of supplies to this stricken area. We have been involved in shopping for some of the items being sent up and have filled our van four times with portable cooking stoves, gas canisters, underwear and warm socks, canned meat, fresh vegetables and fruit, and instant "heat in the pack" meals, spending about \$4,800 so far.

We are humbled and extremely grateful for your generous offerings to help those who are suffering in northern Japan! Everyone has a story. One that touched us most was when Chad asked a young couple what they most needed in their evacuation center. The man replied, "Kodomo" (child). They told Chad their four-year-old son had been swept away in the tsunami, then, as Chad prayed with them, they both broke down and sobbed. Jennifer said in her blog, "It is hard to express the feelings inside as I thank God for having a child to hold tonight." Please pray for everyone who has

lost loved ones, property, businesses passed on from generation to generation—everything!

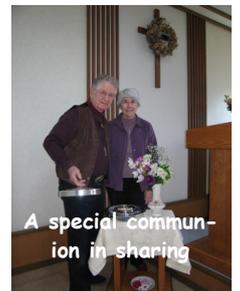
Our Osaka Bible Seminary men returned in time for graduation last Friday and brought back a very special gift to share with our local congregations. Brothers Ikeda and Taguchi and Brother and Sister Chida shared a time of communion before they returned with provision enough to be used in a special time of remembrance. In this way we shared in their sorrow and faith in a very real way. At the luncheon following graduation, the men gave a full report. OBS, as a hub for receiving disaster relief funds, is working to meet needs in the disaster area.

We had two big surprises following our last eUpdate! Jocelyn arrived at the airport instead of Chad's mother whom we thought we were going to pick up! She stayed for a week and was extremely helpful with babysitting her niece and nephews, shopping and delivering goods, etc. Then Jeremy rang the doorbell at 11:30 the next night, returning home to San Francisco from India on business! He was with us four days and is pictured below working on the computer to locate and upload a Reuters interview with Chad. These two said they "needed" to be with their dad after hearing of his prostate cancer diagnosis. (His numbers have gone down from 6.9 to 4.6, for which we are grateful!) What a privilege to be parents of such thoughtful kids. Jonathan was unable to make it home but plans to come on business later.



Jeremy uploading the Reuters interview with Chad

Then for the third time we went to the airport last evening, along with Gideon and Katia, to welcome Chad's mother Letha. She will stay 3 weeks to help Jennifer, who is very busy directing the operations here. Before we could leave Chad & Jennifer's, two of the Be-One Mission Returnees, Beth (who has been up north for 16 days) and Gavin, who has made two trips, arrived back, along with James, one of our KCS teachers. We had a very interesting time debriefing them! Chad has led an incredible first-responder team! Pray for wisdom, strength, safety and God-given opportunities.



A special communion in sharing



Welcoming Grandma Huddleston



Gavin James Beth

Chad and Jennifer's website

<http://b-1.jp/new/tohokuaid/>

Interview:

http://colorchemist.com/temp/reuters_beone.mp4

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