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"Connecting You with Ryan & Jungshin's Journey Back to Japan!"

Dear Friends,

What a difference one month can make. Who could have imagined just a few weeks ago that the eyes of the entire world would now be fixed on Japan?

You've probably all seen the footage—the scale of the destruction is almost unimaginable. So is the human toll: thousands dead, over ten thousand missing, and hundreds of thousands left homeless.

Fortunately, <u>Osaka was far from the epicenter and</u> <u>unaffected by the quake or tsunami</u>. *All of our friends and fellow staff members are safe and accounted for*.

Still, in the face of such misery, we can't help asking, *'Why?'* Though we can't fully understand God's ways, we do know that He is good, that He is in control, and that He will use even this to accomplish His holy purposes.

Along those lines, I've been absolutely *amazed* by the level of prayer and support Japan has received since the disasters. Believers around the world are finally awakening to the dire spiritual needs of the Japanese people.

In a nation where the Christian population is still less than 1%, the Church has a golden opportunity to share Jesus' love through its response to this tragedy. To learn more about ongoing relief efforts and what you can do to help, please visit **www.crashjapan.com**.

CCC is also in the process of organizing relief efforts. How exactly we'll be involved in that, we don't know yet. *For now, our main ministry focus is still raising 100% of our monthly support so we can return to Japan as soon as possible*. Please be in prayer for us and Japan this month; we're excited to see how God will answer.

Ryan & Jungshín



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Divine *protection* and *wisdom* for those responding to the crisis
- Opportunities for the Church to minister to *spiritual* needs as it also helps meet *physical* needs.
- That many Japanese would *turn to Christ* through these disasters
- For God to *provide* **100%** of our monthly support so we can leave for Japan ASAP after training. We're currently at **45%**.