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Dear Friend,

I only recently returned to Japan, but I've already inspired one of next week's outreach times: "When things go wrong in our life!"

Ironically, I planned to spend a week in Ishinomaki, part of the area devastated by the tsunami in March. However, a bicycle fall (and hairline fracture) interfered with my ability to shovel mud and clear out homes. Instead my friends have been compassionately caring for me as I regain strength to feed and dress myself.

My circumstance is less than ideal but thankfully not more severe. So, as my clever co-worker will highlight for the students on Wednesday, what happens "when things go wrong?" I hope the students get a glimpse of God's love and hear testimonies that He's in control even when our lives appear to make very little sense.

My accident slowed me down but didn't knock me out. Now that I'm improving, I can help bag food for over 100 homeless men and women. I'm super disappointed my relief trip was delayed, but there's no shortage of opportunities here in Tokyo this week.

Fellowship has been precious with my sisters in Christ. Relying on them for my sustenance and basic hygiene has been a valuable bonding experience (that none of us anticipated.) The Christians in Japan continue to amaze me with their thoughtfulness and selflessness. They've loved me powerfully in my time of need and have introduced me to many of their non-Christian friends. People who follow Jesus here seem to have a unique passion to reflect Christ in as many ways as they can and at every moment possible.



Yukiko, Kimiyo, Jessica, and many have been caring for me since I fell off my bike.



My first week back with FREE gospel choir felt like home (Haruka and Mai are back right.)

During my first week back in Japan, I met Haruka and Mai. Haruka started believing in Christ almost two years ago. Mai, her best friend, has been growing curious about God ever since. She recently got her first Bible and is thankful to have Haruka to study with her. I was so privileged to be introduced to these women and look forward to more time with them and hearing further about their lives!

In Christ,

Christina

Please pray for:

- ◆ Wednesday's outreach
- ◆ The tsunami victims
- ◆ Haruka and Mai
- ◆ My full healing