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Dear Friend,

I may be a little biased, but the way my friends in Japan are reacting to the devastation is remarkable. We've probably all been impressed with Japan's resilience in the face of disaster. When that grit is combined with the humility of Japanese Christians, I'm left in awe!

Most know that Japan is a place of diligence and meticulousness to say the least. Japanese Campus Crusade for Christ (JCCC) is no exception. Every Bible lesson and ministry event is prepared with painstaking detail. What I truly admire is how this care is coupled with immense dependence on God's leading. My brothers and sisters in Japan acted no differently when the massive earthquake and ensuing tsunami and nuclear troubles struck. Though seriously traumatized and troubled, they immediately looked to the Lord.

Only days after the quake, members of JCCC gathered in Tokyo for their anticipated national conference. Staff and students focused their time of fellowship on worshipping God and praying for the nation of Japan. The national director of JCCC also challenged attendees to actively share Christ's love in this urgent time of need. Students were better equipped on how to reflect His love to a hurting people.

The first team of JCCC volunteers has already returned from a week in northern Japan. 17 staff and students from Tokyo and Osaka brought relief to victims in Tohoku. They gave tangible hope to those in distress (often the elderly) by cleaning out sludge from homes and helping deliver supplies. They also took time to simply talk with the shocked victims and to share their personal testimonies of God's love and redemption. There is still tremendous need for help and hope, and teams from JCCC will go continuously until the summer.



Please continue to pray for those who have lost loved ones and homes in Japan. Please be praying for the relief teams and those preparing and sending volunteers and aid. Lastly, please join me in praying that the Japanese will see their need for Jesus through the tragedies. I've never been so eager to see Japan reached for Christ, and I'm extremely thankful to be returning there this fall!

Hope in Christ,

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