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Just a thought....



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I asked two IMB missionaries to share about the ministry and needs in Japan. Below is their response.

On March 28th, a little over two weeks after the horrific earthquake that rocked Japan, I was a part of a team of overseas volunteers and colleagues distributing aid near the quake's epicenter when the strongest after shock hit. At that moment my heart grieved for those who experienced the initial horror of March 11th.

For this generation, Japan is forever changed. However, God's children are here "for just such a time as this" (Esther 4:14). For as we prepare to celebrate our LORD's resurrection, indeed, resurrection hope is needed.

While giving out relief supplies on the 28th of March, a young man approached me and begun to share his heart, his pain, and grief. Following the tsunami he went to where his home should have been, but found an empty lot. His mother, who was in her early fifties, and his grandfather were both swept out to sea. His is just one of the twenty-five thousand stories of those either dead or missing. Rarely will Japanese open up so quickly, but he did, and I asked, "may I pray for you?" He said, "yes, please do." God answered the prayer, for this young man felt HIS presence, HIS comfort, and HIS mercy. Our hearts, HIS presence, our pain, HIS comfort, our grief, HIS mercy, these gifts of HIS presence, comfort, mercy are what the people of Tohoku need. Please pray that they will be open to Jesus and respond to faith in HIM. Please pray for God's children in Japan to be the lights of Christ "for just such a time as this."

Pray for "God's will to be done in Tohoku, Kyoto & Japan as it is Heaven"

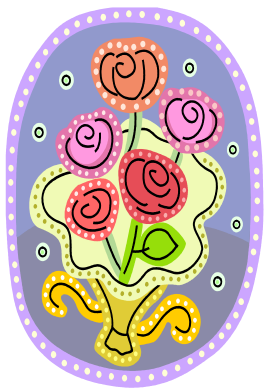
1. Pray that daily needs will be met for those in the quake zone.
2. Pray for wisdom for how we can best mobilize Japanese brothers and sisters to minister, share the Gospel both in Kyoto and Tohoku, and meet the needs of those hurting.
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to work in Japan to bring people to Jesus, for "it is a time like this" that God can and will work for HIS glory!

Bob & Gloria Gellerstedt

Please pray fervently for the lost in Japan. Through times of major crisis, Japanese have opened themselves little by little to the message of the living God. Pray for our missionaries to be eager and bold in witnessing. Pray for our missionaries and volunteers as they carry food, clothes, and necessities to the areas hit by the tsunami. Pray for Tak and Lana Oue as they consult and coordinate missionary and volunteer help in the region. Pray for those who are hungry and without homes. Pray for those who have lost loved ones.

Hank & Linda Lee
Retired IMB Missionaries to Japan (Dec. 2010)

Happy
Mother's
Day



Eagle Creek Baptist Church

In November we changed our Sunday Morning Penny March that the kids do to a New Church Van Account. Our children have been praying about the new van. When we conduct the penny march we always say what it is going toward. The penny march had previously been on the building fund but since we were in our new building we decided that we needed a new van more than anything else. Since that was one of the biggest parts of our children's ministry. Since November we had raised right about \$3000 through the penny march. Wales Baptist Church in Giles County donated \$3000 to make that total within twenty dollars of \$6000. Well the word had spread and we are working hard on getting donations and saving cans to add to the van fund. To make a long story short after the work got out we have not one but two new 15 passenger ford church vans donated to the children's ministry at Eagle Creek. They were donated by someone who only wants to be noted as "Friends of the children at Eagle Creek Baptist Church", We not only got what we prayed for we received two of what we were asking plus we still have the van fund to fuel and insure the vans for a long time. God is so good and moves in such wonderful but mysterious ways.
Bro. Jamie English, Jr.
Eagle Creek Baptist Church

VBS Reminder

Don't forget to call or email the mission center your dates and times for your Vacation Bible School in time for us to put them in the newsletter.



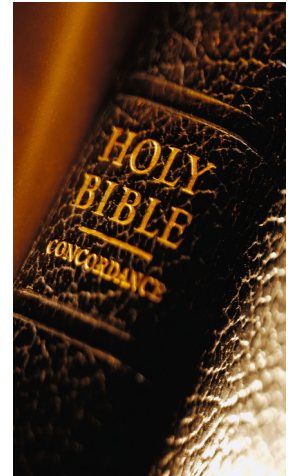
THANK YOU

I want to thank the men who came to work at the Mission Center. We accomplished a great deal. The shrubs were cut and hauled off. The shed was cleaned out and straightened up. The hole in the driveway was dug up and filled with concrete. Thanks again for a job well done. Bro. Jimmy



How Should I Grow?

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever.
Amen.
2 Peter 3:18



Bible Drill Results

McKenzie FBC

Children

Ben Austin - SWS
Maggie Latimer- AW
Macey Obnibene- SW
Emma Renfro- SWS
Anders Rider- SWS
Olivia Wright- AW

Youth Regional Participant

Melody Bailey*

**Thank you
To their leaders**

Children
Jana Stafford

Youth
Jill Renfro

Huntingdon FBC

Children

Emily Coleman- SW
Kaloni Follett- SP
Caitlin Kreuziger- SP

Youth Regional Participants

Austin Baker
Khrystian Bynum*
Mallorie Ellis
Ethan Kreuziger
Jessa Potts*
Katie Thomas
Matthew Tucker*

**Thank you
To their leaders**

Children
**Lindel Jackson
Elizabeth Follett
Mary Ann Wooten**

Youth
**Marge Tucker
Charlotte Tucker**

THANK YOU
to
Huntingdon FBC
for hosting the
Associational Bible
Drill Event and to
Bro. Malcolm
Norton
for being in charge
of this wonderful
way that children
can learn the word
of God.



SWS- State Winner Superior
SW- State Winner
SP- State Participant
AW- Associational Winner
*was in top 12 in region



**May,
2011**

May 1-7, Christian Home Week

May 1, Adult Homes Emphasis

May 3, West TN Pastors' Conference,
Union University

May 8 Mother's Day & Children's Home
Offering

May 9, CBBA Pastors' Conference, 10:30 am
Mission Center

May 12-14, DOM/Wife Retreat

May 15-21, Baptist Associational Emphasis
Week

May 17, CBBA Council/Program Meeting,
10 am, Mission Center

May 23, CBBA Pastors' Conference, 10:30 am
& Personnel Meeting, 7 pm
Mission Center

May 30, Memorial Day, CBBA Office Closed

Approaching Dates and Events of Interest

June 12-13, SBC Pastors' Conference,
Phoenix, AZ

June 14-15, SBC Conference,
Phoenix, AZ,

June 19, Father's Day & Adult Homes
Offering



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