

# Tokyo Christian University

## Volunteer Center News Letter No.4



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### ■Thank you for your prayers

TCU volunteer center has sent two teams to the disaster stricken areas during this spring break. The first team helped with construction work from March 12th to 16th in Hachiman, Ishinomaki city. The second team volunteered from the 20th to 24th in Nasu, Tochigi where CRASH Japan has one of its base stations. Their activities included visits to temporary housings.

### ■Ochakko house

The first team volunteered in a place called "Ochakko House Oasis" located in Hachiman. They stayed at the construction site to assist in building a new hall. "Ochakko House Oasis" is a cafe open to the community every Saturday and Sunday. It is also a venue for gospel music lessons held in April. The team helped in the construction of a hall which will be used for various events.



### ■Visits to temporary housings.

The second team operated a "mobile cafe" in Kitsuneda temporary housing located in Miharu, Koriyama city. They and people from a local church had fellowship with the residents. More than 30 people joined the fellowship and took a picture together as they closed the event. The friendly residents even saw off the team. The team also gave massages to the residents, and especially the international students were able to have a great time with the children. The second team also visited a temporary housing in Namie, Fukushima city. It is the largest temporary housing located in Fukushima. They delivered handmade socks to each household. These precious socks had been handmade by volunteers in Germany with much encouragement and sympathy for the Japanese victims.

People in the temporary housing are still facing difficulties adjusting to their new lives, and many of them confine themselves in their houses. Nevertheless, they enjoyed talking with the volunteer team.

### ■CRASH Japan Operation safe

Through CRASH Japan, we have been involved in a program called "Operation Safe." This is a program focused on children's emotional care. It also provides opportunities for children to listen to messages from the Bible while they enjoy activities. It is held every second and fourth Saturday, and we regularly send TCU students to this program.

### ■What's next?

We are planning to send more teams during the summer break. Also, we are currently exploring ways to assist TCU students in making full use of their own gifts in order to meet various needs in Tohoku. If you are interested, are willing to participate in volunteering, or have any questions, please contact any of the following members of TCU volunteer center: Yamamoto, Takeuchi, Hiratsuka, Yamaguchi or Kikuchi.

### ■Mailing List

Please join our mailing list and you will be able to receive updates about the volunteer center and teams. If you would like to register, please contact Reiko Yamaguchi at [u11304@st.tci.ac.jp](mailto:u11304@st.tci.ac.jp).

### ■Donation

The present balance of the donations is ¥1,195,033. Since we consider the funds enough for the time being, we are currently suspending the receipt of further donations. Thank you for your corporation.

### ■Prayer Request

- 1, For the earthquake victims to be comforted and healed by the Lord and be able to have new hope.
- 2, For a gift given to each student to be used for various needs in Tohoku.
- 3, For future volunteering activities, the puppet show team scheduled on May 19th, Operation Safe, and for volunteering during the summer.