



March 18, 2011

Dear brethren,

Incredible need

Rarely has any country suffered more in such a short period of time, nor seen a disaster of this magnitude. Imagine the devastation—several times more violent than Katrina and compounded by earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear explosions. Christians worldwide have responded—first with unbelievable shock and then with heartfelt, effective prayer. Even in the midst of such terrible circumstances, our God is able.

Funds Wired

Matt Huddleston, of the Cordova church of Christ in Sacramento, CA, has agreed to serve as one of our “men on the ground” in Japan. Matt will be leaving on Monday to join a team that is already in country distributing aid to the hardest hit areas. Matt and his team are very eager to receive additional funds as they continue supplying food, blankets, water and other basic necessities. The team had this to say in a recent blog post, “Many cried when we shared with them. We hugged and were able to pray for several. Many, many hurting people are around.”



In addition to the Huddleston team, the Mito church of Christ located about 130 miles south of Sendai, has created an account to receive funds to purchase relief supplies and we have wired funds to them. Joel Osborne, missionary for ten years, will be leading the distribution of these supplies into the hardest hit regions.

Focus on clean water

Our first focus will be on water. It is estimated that 1.4 million people are without clean water. Underground pipes are broken, daily water has been contaminated by sea water, and without power, it is difficult to boil or treat water. Therefore, Matt will be carrying with him water filters that will provide clean water for thousands.

As the next few days unfold, we will be reporting the most current information about the needs in Japan on our web site (www.hhi.org). We need your compassionate and immediate response. Much of the infrastructure in affected areas of Japan has been destroyed, and though many governments have offered their help, there will be physical, spiritual, and psychological needs that only churches and non-profits can provide. Let us move swiftly to help the approximately 50 churches of Christ and their members to make an impact on their neighbors.

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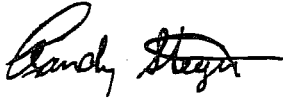
Ways to help

Here are specific ways that you can help now.

1. Schedule a day of fasting and prayer for the people of Japan.
2. Special contributions and church gifts can be mailed to the address above.
3. Individuals may contribute on our web site by credit card, PayPal, or by mail to our address.

Our continued efforts to assist our friends in Japan will, of course, depend on your response to this appeal. Above all, we urge you to remember the people of Japan in daily prayer to the Father.

For his cause,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Steger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dr. Randy Steger, President