MOBILIZING TEXAS BAPTISTS DISASTER RECOVERY VOLUNTEERS TO JAPAN

We are offering two different opportunities for 2012!

1. **Assist with earthquake and tsunami devastation in Sendai June18-26**

As many as 11 adults will fly into Tokyo, then ride the bullet train to Sendai, Japan. There, we will be picked up by Michael and Yu Towery, missionaries in Sendai, Japan. Pastor Yutaka Takarada, of the Japanese Baptist Church of North Texas will be traveling with us. These folks will be with us the entire trip to assist with translation.

Cost: The cost of the trip is $2,200 per person, with a non-refundable deposit of $100 due upon registration. Texas Baptist Disaster Recovery funds is providing a $500 scholarship per person to assist with the cost of this mission trip.

- Currently the flight cost is $2,000 plus an extra $100 love gift to the host church, travel insurance cost and trip t-shirt.
- We will stay in a Baptist church in Sendai. The church will provide meals. There will be no charge, but we would like to give the church a love offering for hosting us.
- Please bring extra funds for purchasing meals while traveling and any sight seeing we might do.

What will I be doing?

We will be working with people living in temporary housing units in the Sendai area. Michael and Yu are coordinating this effort. Below is a tentative schedule:
Tuesday: Travel Day

Wednesday: Come to Sendai and rest. Participants will be in Sendai close to dinner time)

Thursday: Visit a local Christian kindergarten or Christian school in the morning and drive to Lwate in the afternoon

Friday-Tuesday: Disaster recovery work in Lwate prefecture

Saturday: Go to Oshika Peninsula and help with disaster recovery work (you can have a fellowship with Japanese Christians while serving together in the disaster area)

Sunday: Worship service at Taitomi Baptist Church and host a children's event in the afternoon

Monday: Disaster recovery work in Lwate prefecture in the morning and help with kids/youth English class at Taitomi Baptist Church in the evening

Tuesday: Leave for Narita Airport

We will be the hands and feet of Jesus while we are there. We will spread the love of Christ to all we come in contact with.

2. **Baptist Global Response Disaster Response**

Volunteer Opportunity

BGR has projected the teams that they need for 2012. They are still in need of a team for October 1 – 11, 2012. They are looking for Utility (versatile/flexible) Teams of no more than 6 who can handle less than ideal conditions, who are free from lung/physical limitations, and who can handle hard manual labor as well as "heart care" types of ministry. If you are interested in this opportunity and date please contact Marla Bearden. The cost of this trip is the cost of the flight plus $100 for a hotel coming and going and any food as you travel. Housing will be free at the Japan Baptist Convention Volunteer housing in Tono.

If you are interested in any of these trips to Japan please call or e-mail Marla Bearden at 214-828-5382 or marla.bearden@texasbaptists.org.