

Dear Friends,

The holiday season is a beautiful time of the year. We are so thankful that our family can be together for Christmas and New Year's.

Rachael and Caitlin are enjoying having their big sister, Lauren, back from university in Canada even though it means that Rachael having to give up her bedroom temporarily. Lauren has been busy catching up with her friends that have returned to Tokyo from universities around North America.

Recently our church's Tohoku volunteer team traveled 450 km from Tokyo to the northeast coastal town of Ishinomaki. Ishinomaki is one of the areas that was heavily damaged by the March 11th earthquake and tsunami. The team has been regularly traveling to this area over the past 9 months to do relief work and this was their 28th visit. This time we hosted a Christmas party, sang carols, read the Christmas story and ate lots of home baked goodies provided by our church members. It was a very special time as we shared the love of Christ to his people in need. We invite you to continue to pray for the tens of thousands of people who lost family members in the earthquake and tsunami. It is truly heart wrenching to learn of many children who lost a parent or both of their parents and family members.

We are in great anticipation for the coming New Year and for what God is going to do in the land of Japan. We also want to especially thank you all for your partnership with us as we serve in Japan and at the Christian Academy in Japan.

May God's peace and love be yours in the coming New Year,

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