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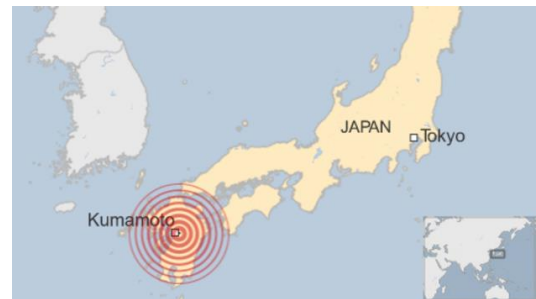
Japan and Ecuador Earthquake Relief

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

In recent news, two countries on opposite sides of the world have been affected by devastating earthquakes.

Japan Earthquakes

On April 14 and 16, 2016 the south-western island of Kyushu in Japan was hit by a pair of deadly earthquakes measuring 6.4 and 7.3 respectively on the Richter scale. BBC reports that at least 44 people were killed and more than 1,000 injured, while at least 100,000 people are still living in emergency accommodations. With enduring cold temperatures and hundreds of aftershocks, thousands of people are reported to be staying in their cars. The misery of survivors is deepened by heavy rains and the potential of more landslides.



Fellowship International missionaries Rob and Kathryn Fleming and Steve and Jacquie Willson were not in the region most affected by the Kyushu earthquakes, and are unharmed.

Rob and Kathryn reported *"We are thankful to say that this time we are fine, and did not even feel the Kyushu earthquakes over the past couple of days, since Kyushu is about 1,200 km away. We invite you to pray with us that the people of Kyushu and the rest of Japan would see God and experience His amazing grace amidst another natural disaster."*

Ecuador Earthquakes

On April 16, 2016 the Pacific coast of Ecuador was hit by a magnitude-7.8 earthquake. Initial reports indicate at least 443 people were killed, more than 4,000 were injured and 231 are still missing. These numbers are expected to rise. Thousands have been left homeless as many buildings have been flattened by the earthquake and aftershocks, and survivors are vulnerable to dirty drinking water and disease. This disaster comes at a time when Ecuador as an oil-producing country has been struggling economically from the global crude price slump, and reconstruction costs are projected to be in the billions.



FAIR's Response:

FAIR is working with Fellowship International missionaries and partner organizations to support relief efforts and alleviate the suffering caused by the earthquakes that affected the Kyushu Island of Japan and the Pacific coast of Ecuador.

How can you help?

Please pray for those impacted by these events. Pray that relief efforts will efficiently and quickly reach those who have the greatest need. We encourage you to consider giving towards this need as well. When we work together by giving as the Spirit leads us, we can help alleviate the suffering felt by these peoples. Please consider passing this email along to members of your congregation, and we encourage you to consider receiving a special offering dedicated to assisting in disaster relief in these countries.



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