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Dear Friend

March 11 marks the fourth anniversary of the devastating earthquake and tsunami in northeastern Japan. Because of the generous support from you and others, we have been able to partner with the Covenant Church of Japan and their network in immediate relief and long-term recovery. While at the beginning most of the work was focused on providing material relief, now the emphasis is on spiritual and emotional care for the tens of thousands who remain in temporary housing. Covenant missionary Stephen Bay says of those in temporary housing, "many feel neglected as construction companies head to Tokyo to work on facilities for the 2020 Olympics, leading to delays in the rebuilding efforts here in Tohoku, leaving the residents to languish indefinitely. They express gratitude to us for continuing to visit them four years after the disaster when much of the world has moved on and forgotten." In addition, after-school programs are being held for the children who are still dealing with this trauma. This recovery work has led to an increased openness to the gospel.

You and other generous Covenanters and ECC churches donated more than \$400,000 to the relief and recovery efforts in northeastern Japan. We recently sent the last of those funds. I am asking you for your support to continue this recovery work. Will you give again so the work can continue? Our commitment is to stand with the Covenant Church of Japan for the coming years as they serve faithfully in the recovery efforts. Give now by using the enclosed envelope and designating your gift to "Covenant World Relief Japan Recovery," or online at [CovChurch.org/cwr](http://CovChurch.org/cwr), or mail your gift anytime to the address above.



Thank you for your partnership,



David Husby  
Director, Covenant World Relief

