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Dear Partners in Ministry,

Today we are sending out a brief note to update you on things here in Japan. First of all we want you know that we are completely safe and well. Last night we had a strong aftershock; actually the strongest in quite some time but while it woke us up, we didn't even get out of bed... in fact I have a feeling I may have never actually opened my eyes. But up north it was quite strong and resulted in more temporary blackouts and a brief tsunami warning. This morning's news reported as many as 100 injuries, but almost all very light. Bumps and bruises from things falling off shelves, and a few broken bones from falls when trying to run down stairs in the dark.

Questions still remain at the site of the Fukushima nuclear power plant but that is a long, long way from Tokyo. Our hearts go out to those in the immediate area as they have been forced to evacuate their homes. We pray that the cooling pumps will quickly be restored to full operations and that the threat of further disaster will be averted.

Some of you may be following our blogs at [blog link](#) But for those of you who may not have seen the blogs, I want to bring you up to date. On March 19th I (Jim) headed north to Sendai and worked with an organization called CRASH Japan helping establish networks with local pastors and churches. I returned to Tokyo on March 26th and spent a week catching up on work here and enjoying a few days of down time with the family as the kids were on spring break. Then this last Monday (April 4th) I teamed up with Japan Covenant co-workers and we went even further north to the city of Morioka. We have entered into a partnership with a local network of

churches and were able to help out in the coastal city of Miyako and a neighboring town called Taro. We hope to make repeated trips to this area in the coming weeks and months and pray that this will be a blessed partnership.

On Wednesday (April 6th) we headed back toward Tokyo, but spent most of the day driving the coastal route. We only covered a small portion of the affected region but nevertheless, 90 miles of continuous destruction was absolutely heartbreaking. The scale of this disaster is still difficult to grasp. For those of you in the US, think of something like San Francisco to L.A., or on the East Coast, Boston to New York plus another 60 miles.

Please pray with us and for us as we are given the privilege of seeing God at work in this time of incredible need. And please visit our blog page for frequent updates and monthly prayer requests.

On the family front Hydi is back at CAJ after an extended spring break and the kids are in their final stretch of the school year. Miles is winding up his freshman year at Western State College in Gunnison, CO and plans to come home for the summer.

Thank you for your continued support through prayer and gifts in these difficult times.

In Christ,

Jim, Hydi, Miles, Kendra and Eli Peterson

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