# The Crisis of Japan and the Pain of God

Japan Baptist Convention

### A Report from Japan After Great East Japan Earthquake

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#### An Expression of Our Gratitude



## 3-11 Massive Earthquake and Tsunami

Japan Baptist Convention

**M9.0** 

Tokyo















#### FUKUSHIMA



#### **FUKUSHIMA**







KEEP OUT



### From Shelters to Temporary Housing





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Tōhoku region

#### **Baptist Relief Work**





























#### Caring for Children's Hearts











## Prayers and Offerings

from the World

\$475,000

\$750,000

from abroad

domestic

22/06/2011

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Rev. Hanae Igata

Sendai

Miyagi

**Fukushima** 

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#### Introduction







# Sendai city at night

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#### Three kinds of damage

- Earthquake Damage
- Tsunami Damage
- Radiation Damage

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The coastline of Natori









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Sharing a meal with evacuees

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Rice balls



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## Four Months After the Disaster: Divisions are Widening





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## Supporting Life Bereavement Grief Care

#### Bereavement and Grief Care



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#### Remembering the 11<sup>th</sup>





### **Supporting Life Bereavement Grief Care**

### Being on surviving family members' side by providing funerals and graves



大切な方を失ったご遺族の方の中で、納骨先等のことで御困りの方がおられるという報告 を、被災地の現場から伺いました。私たちは、葬儀や納骨先(仮納骨含む) についてお悩み の方へ、私たちにできるお手伝いさせていただきたいと思いました。亡くなられた方々を共 に依ぴつつ折り、ご園族の歌しみに寄り添わせていただければと、心から履っています。 ご相談をお待ちしております。一個お話だけでも聞かせていただけましたら奉いです。

> 【お申込み・お問合せ労働台キリスト教達合被災支援ネットワー http://tchokuhelocom/

#### 私たちの願い

私たち 私: カキリスト教理合紹贝支援ネットワーク (東北ヘルプ)」は、被以地にあるカトリック・ プロテスタントのキリスト教会やキリスト教系のNGO団体が偏まったグループです。魔災以降、地 元の場合として、多くの支援団体や個人の協力を得なから、被災された方へ砲費やボランティアを派

をさせていただきたいとの他いを持ち、ご動物にまでいたりました。 基本的に放人の側仰やご遺族の 備料が思いません。少しでも悲しみに寄り添わせていただけがばと願っております。

#### 【ご相談内容について】

- ⇒ご事情により昇儀ができずにおられる場合、昇儀を慎り行うご支援をいたします。 ■映像ができずにおられる方
- ⇒お墓が流された、お墓がない方のために、ご置骨を納める水蛭の鳴を提供します。 ⇒将来、ご自分でお菓を確てるまで、仮の納骨を添ります。お売等への他等派のお 墓に移すことをご希望される場合は、適宜、お移しいただいても結構でございます。
- ⇒雑につらい中とは存じますが、ご選体が見つからない状態での再傷も承ります。

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(信仰を検討さいて)

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### Please Don't Forget



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# NUCLEAR DISASTER AND THE GOSPEL OF RECONCILIATION

A theological study on the disaster

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#### **WORKING TOWARD RECONCILIATION**

- Reconciliation between God and mankind
- Reconciliation among mankind
- Reconciliation between
   God, mankind, and all of creation

#### WORKING TOWARD RECONCILIATION



Fukushima nuclear power plant disaste Paptist

### EUROPEAN COMMITTEE ON RADIATION RISK

- Within a 100 km radius from the nuclear power plant, about 200,000 people will develop cancer (half of whom will become ill within ten years).
- Children face 4 times
   the risk of adults

#### RADIATION TEARS EVERYTHING APART

- Physical: Cancer, leukemia
- Emotional: Anxiety
- Community: Refugees
- Rich and poor
- The World: Metropolitan and rural areas
   Nuclear reactor exports from Japan
   to Asia and the Middle East

### RECONCILIATION THAT RECONNECTS WHAT WAS TORN APART

- Reconciliation: Establishing new relationships in God
- Discernment is a part of the reconciliation process
- Two myths (idolatrous and false) that require discernment

The Safety Myth

The Necessity Myth

## THE FALSEHOOD OF THE SAFETY MYTH

An Official Statement Seeking a <u>Nuclear-Free</u>, Arms-Free Society, with Deep Concern for Our Country's Administration of Nuclear Power

Prophesying that Nuclear Power Plants are Unsafe

### THE FALSEHOOD OF THE SAFETY MYTH

- In Japan, the number of exposed laborers has exceeded 400,000.
- Nuclear waste: This deadly poison must be isolated from humans and managed for 1,000,000 years.

#### THE FALSEHOOD OF THE NECESSITY MYTH

- Even without nuclear power plants there is a surplus of electricity.
- Not only do nuclear power plants do nothing to stop global warming, they worsen it.

Massive quantities of CO<sub>2</sub> are released through uranium mining and processing, as well as through <u>nuclear waste</u> disposal.

Ocean warming (An amount of hot water equivalent to 25% of all of the water in Japan's rivers has been dumped into the the ocean, raising its temperature 7–10 degrees)

There is great potential in renewable energy.

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### WHY MOVE FORWARD WITH NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS?

Economic development

Profits of ¥100,000,000 per day

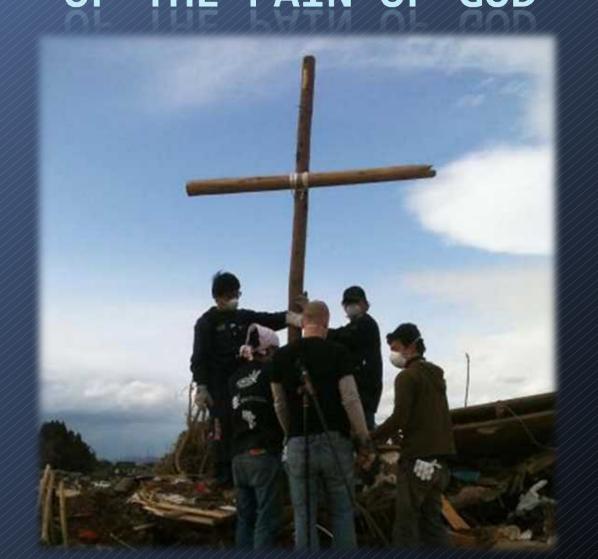
Attempting to sell nuclear reactors to

Asia and the Middle East

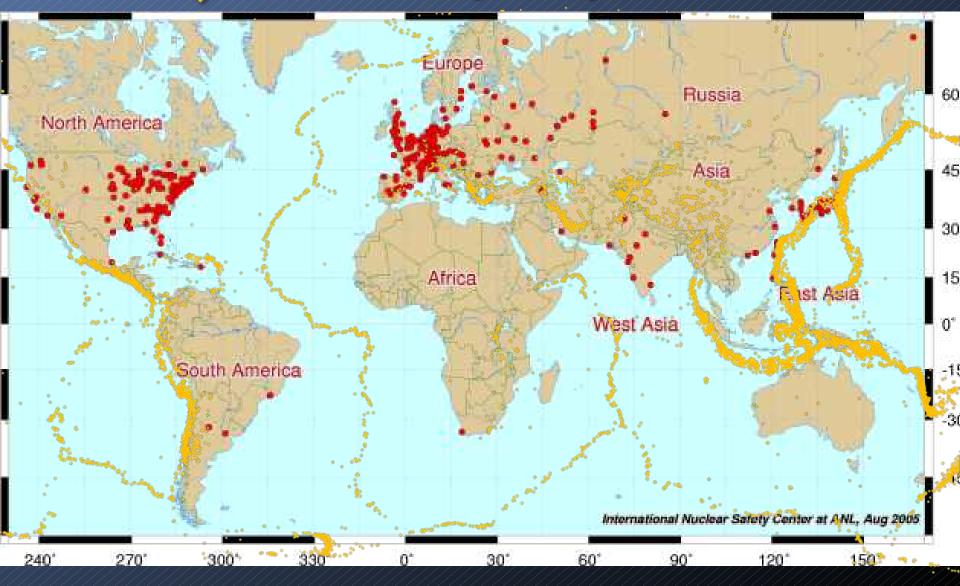
Military development

Nuclear power plants are fresh plutonium production factories

# A THEOLOGY NOT OF GLORY, BUT OF THE CROSS, OF THE PAIN OF GOD



- 435 nuclear power plants in the world
- the location of huge earthquake faults



## WCC International Ecumenical Peace Convocation

The nuclear catastrophe of Fukushima has proved once again that we must no longer rely on nuclear power as a source of energy.

### **DEUTERONOMY 30:19**

"I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live"