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# NPO HOPE

Newsletter in Ishikawa



**Three Ministries: Japan Biblical Counseling Association, Koen Network, and International School.**

## Indian Festival

### SPECIAL IN GOLDEN WEEK SEASON

On Saturday, May 4, an Indian festival was held in Uchinada Town to provide fun, food, and cross-cultural exchange for those affected by the disaster. We also received support from the Board of Education and were able to have information flyers distributed at elementary and junior high schools in Uchinada Town. About 160 people, including participants and staff, attended the event, filling Uchinada Bible Church with people. The exchange included learning about India, experiencing the traditional dress sari, math, cooking, and many other aspects of Indian culture. In particular, the food prepared by the Indian people made me feel like we were on a trip to India, and gave us a glimpse into the daily life of India, different from my neighborhood Indian curry shop. The sight of eating curry with their hands was so impressive that even neighbors said it smelled so good that they could bask in the lingering aroma of spices for several days.



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## Bank transfer for support

Hokkoku Bank  
TOKUHI HOPE  
BANK ACCOUNT  
61872  
OR  
YUCHO BANK  
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\*\* Starting this month, we have one account to be supported.  
If you have a specific project to support  
Please specify the business you would like to support.



# Koen Network (Hikari • Community canteen)

## DESASTER RELIEF

by Matt and Mandy (Hong Kong)

June was further blessed with international connections and the work of Hikari Shokudo (community canteen) in Kanazawa City and Disaster Relief Works at Noto. The volunteers from Hong Kong and the Japanese volunteers helped with the feeding project. We also provided musical performances by Korean musicians, and acupuncture services, thankful that we could care for the minds and bodies of the disaster victims. The number of bento boxes distributed to people living in temporary housing has also increased. We hope to continue to meet many people in Anamizu and Wajima and testify to God's love. In the middle of the month, a team of 5 people from Singapore joined us in Noto for support activities and the ministry of Hikari Shokudo. 3 times we made Singaporean chicken rice and served it at Noto and Hikari Shokudo. Haircut services were provided, which we hope will be helpful to those heading into summer. At Hikari Shokudo, we prepared 30 meals, and a new family participated for the first time. At first, the older brother of this family seemed to find it difficult to join the church, but after playing with the Singaporeans, he felt at ease and enjoyed playing with them during game time, we experienced that even though there is a language boundary, God made all things beautiful in His time. May all the glory back to the Lord!

And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Romans 5:5



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# I H I (Ishikawa Hope International School)

by Niwa

## IHI Discovery Day: Baking Cookies, Bonding Hearts

IHI's unique Discovery Day empowers students to explore their passions. On one such Friday, my second-grader chose to bake cookies, a first for both her and her dad. As they navigated the recipe together, their kitchen became a haven for bonding and shared joy. The resulting cookies, like precious gems, were lovingly shared with family and friends.

This experience mirrored Jesus' love for his disciples, a love demonstrated through actions. While unplanned, the class resonated deeply, reminding me of the power of open-mindedness and embracing new experiences.

