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Why did the earthquake happen?

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“the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.” Matt4:16

The earthquake that struck early on New Year's Day certainly deprived many people of a great many things, leaving them in a state of anxiety and darkness in their hearts. I have always wondered why the Lord allowed this disaster to happen. But at the same time, I was deeply moved to tears by the many kinds of support from people of faith in Christ who overcame the cold and hardships to come to Noto, the disaster-stricken area, and the prayers behind them. It has increased over time. Their kind and loving eyes that shared the hardship comforted the grief of the people in the affected areas and shone a warm light into the darkness of their hearts. Soon, numerous Christian organizations and volunteer teams from around the world in Japan, which would have been unknown to us without the disaster, began to “Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.” (Romans 12:15) and not wanting to leave those in need, they came to Noto, a remote corner of Japan, and spread support to the local community to share the hardship with those in need. This became a spiritual support for those in the disaster area, and light began to shine in the darkness. We saw the grace of the gospel open up without words. At the beginning of the Lord Jesus' ministry, the Bible says, “The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.” I felt as if my eyes had been opened. Moreover, the Lord came down in human flesh, and His eyes, which wept as He stood by people and shared their hardships and burdens, were a light that healed and revitalized them. I no longer seek the reason why such an earthquake happened in this area. The Lord Himself, who forgave this disaster, is now here in Noto, living and working here. This was because of the way the volunteers served and leaned on each other, who would not have come to Noto if the earthquake had not occurred. The NPO Hope is also an organization that serves the Lord, which the Lord has established in this place for this time. Please continue to pray for blessings on this work.



Logo of Koen network

Koen(Light & Salt)Network

This month we would like to share with you the logo of the Light and Salt Network. What do you find when you look at this logo? There will be 5 pieces inside!

- 1) Triangle: rice ball
- 2) Top: the lid of a jar of salt, sprinkled with salt, so it has a slope shape.
- 3) Middle: Kanji character for LIGHT "光".
- 4) Line in the middle: The image of a line (to connect or link), and the three dots look like the wires of a light bulb.
- 5) Yellow coloring: like a light bulb, yellow means shining.

The meaning of "Light and Salt Network" is from the Bible, Matthew 5:13-16 and Colossians 4:6. There are different meanings of each point. We will share more one by one next month. by Matt & Mandy



At the Anamizu Fureai Cultural Center, we offered massages during an event and nearly 20 people received massages. One of the elderly women in the group blurted out that she was bored since she and her son had been living in temporary housing and had no conversation, which prompted me to say, "Mother, please take a walk, look up at the sky, and talk. It can be nature or birds." I told her. Then she said, 'Well, no one has ever told me that before. It was a good realization.' He responded happily. May God the Father hear this person's voice. by Takano



Ishikawa Hope International School

During the third week of June, my second-grade daughter sprained her ankle at home and was unable to attend physical education class. As an alternative, we turned to our collection of educational card games. IHI offers a wide variety of fun card games such as proverb cards, kanji games, prefectural card games, world flag cards, map symbol cards, and weather proverb cards. While card games don't involve the same physical exertion as sports, they do provide a great mental workout and can complement learning in other subjects. It's also a wonderful opportunity for parents (or teachers) to bond with their children. Recently, we purchased multiplication tables card games and English sentence-building card games from IHI. These games not only make learning fun but also help children develop their communication skills and build positive relationships with others. Please continue to pray for the children at IHI. by Niwa



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