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On New Year's Day, my NHK News app alerted me that a major earthquake had occurred in the Noto region of the Ishikawa Prefecture of Japan, on the west coast of Honshu (Japan's main island). A significant part of the coast was evacuated, including my extended family members who live in the adjacent Fukui Prefecture.

As some of you know, our family has been privileged to serve with different disaster relief ministries over the years, from the Great Tohoku earthquake and tsunami to the major quake in Kumamoto Prefecture. We again have that opportunity.

I'm now in process, serving as Associate Staff with Global Intercultural Services (GLINTS), which is the sending agency for our volunteer disaster relief work (more information at glints.org). I had the privilege of serving with GLINTS leaders, Levi and Diane Velasco, in the aftermath of Japan's Great Earthquake and Tsunami in 2011.

This year we're planning to head to the Noto region to help with established ministries who are currently serving in the damaged area. Our dates are from July 28 – August 8, 2024. We've a small team this year, since this is our first return to Japan since the pandemic. My 23-year-old son Peter and yours truly will be serving together.



We'll be doing whatever the recovering community needs. We have experience with cleanup, relocating residence to and from temporary housing, providing programs in temporary housing and childcare centers, among our other experiences. As this is a recovering disaster area, we're preparing for anything.

How to support us:

Prayer support: We really need your partnership to prepare and participate in this work. To join our prayer support team, send an email to me personally, ayoda77@gmail.com. We'll also be providing updates at our blog, <https://ayoda.blogspot.com>

Financial support: We welcome financial support to cover airfare and accommodations (we'll be housed with our sleeping bags at churches), plus gifts, games, and other supplies to share with those we'll be visiting in temporary housing. Our fundraising goal is \$6000 (any unused funds will be designated for future Japan ministries). Here's how you can donate:

By Zelle (preferred): Use **donations@glints.org** or **6307150734**. Write in the comments section "Japan Mission Team."

By check: Make checks payable to GLINTS and send to GLINTS, PO Box 962, Wheaton IL 60187. On the memo section designate your donation to "Japan Mission Team."

By credit card or PayPal: Go to www.glints.org/donatenow. Write in the comments section "Japan Mission Team."

ありがとう (thank you) for your continued partnership!

Blessings,
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