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“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’” (Matthew 25:40)

Dear friend,

We want to let our friends, family, and co-workers know about an exciting opportunity that we will be embarking on.

The Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church (SJUMC) – Garden Church is sending a 2nd UMVIM team to Japan in response to the recent invitation from the Tohoku Disaster Center. The Tohoku Disaster Center has requested assistance due to the devastating effects of the earthquake and tsunami that occurred in northeastern Japan on March 11, 2011.

The SJUMC UMVIM Team will depart Sacramento on February 26, 2012 and will return March 9, 2012. The six member team consisting of Yuri Kimura, Betty Hirata, Yvonne Kato, Mary Nakamura, Paul Nakamura, and Joyce Oshiro is excited to go and all are currently in the process of completing the necessary preparation. The weather will be very cold (High/low: 40 /27 °F) and the team expects the work to be both physically and mentally challenging. In spite of this, all of us are looking forward to assisting the citizens of Sendai and Northern part of Japan on behalf of the church while letting them know that they are not forgotten.

As you might imagine, the cost to the team members is significant and the time for fundraising is short. The team members are working on raising support for this important mission trip. If you would like to assist in defraying any costs for the team, please make checks payable to:

“Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church” or “SJUMC”

In the memo line, write “Japan Mission Fund” and the name of the person you are supporting, for example “Japan Mission Fund – Betty Hirata”

SJUMC is a qualified Section 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and will provide tax deductible receipts for all donations. You may give your donation to any member of the team or mail it to the church:

SJUMC
6929 Franklin Blvd
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Attn: Mary Nakamura – Japan Mission

If you prefer, you may donate online using PayPal:

<http://www.sacjumc.com/japanrelief.html>

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We would also appreciate your prayers for this trip that God's purposes will be accomplished, both for the trip and in the team.

Recovery efforts are likely to take time so SJUMC plans to send additional teams to Japan in the future. If you have any questions, please see the link to the Japan Relief page on the SJUMC website at www.sacjumc.com, send an email to JapanRelief@sacjumc.com, or call the office at (916) 421-1017. The Team will be updating the site while we are on the trip. Please let any of the team members know if you are interested in participating in future Japan disaster relief trips. You will also receive a report once the team has returned home.

Sincerely,

February 2012 SJUMC/UMVIM Team (Japan Earthquake Recovery)

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SJUMC was formed with the uniting of the Pioneer and Florin Methodist Churches in 1968. Later, Walnut Grove UMC became a part of SJUMC as well. SJUMC has been in ministry for 118 years and we are looking forward to continued growth in the future.