East Japan Disaster Relief Projects Report

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Residents of temporary housing units enjoy meal and fellowship with members of local church congregation in Sendai..

Resident of temporary housing shows off her sewing at church bazaar.

Residents of temporary housing go cherry picking with Emmaus..

Total Domestic Giving
（through Sept. 18, 2013）

¥ 599,610,926

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Healing waters of Okinawa

Two and half years have passed since the disaster and at the Central Shichigo Temporary Housing Complex at which Emmaus has been working throughout the aftermath gradual change can be seen.

Repairs on progressing on the homes of many, some have found new permanent housing and the number of people leaving has been increasing. Amongst these changes one of the things happening is that some of the residents themselves are planning and carrying out events such as karaoke parties and luncheons. On the other hand there are numerous residents who have experienced pain caused by human relationships who have ceased attending daily functions as they once did in the past.

Along with responding to these changes has been gradually expanding its work into two more temporary housing complexes. Also from this past May a project was initiated by Emmaus that host dinners at local churches in Sendai at which members of the congregations and residents of the temporary housing units, many of whom have never entered a church before, are able to fellowship together.

Lately some of the volunteers have heard a desire from the residents being voiced to help out at the church bazaars and offering to bring their handmade crafts to be sold. It is easy to see the pride people have in their handiwork. As we see the progress in these victims both through joyfulness and ambitiousness, we must also move forward in our support of the recovery.

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