

CBI Japan: Ministry Campus Earthquake Reinforcement Project

Dear friend of Christ Bible Institute JAPAN,

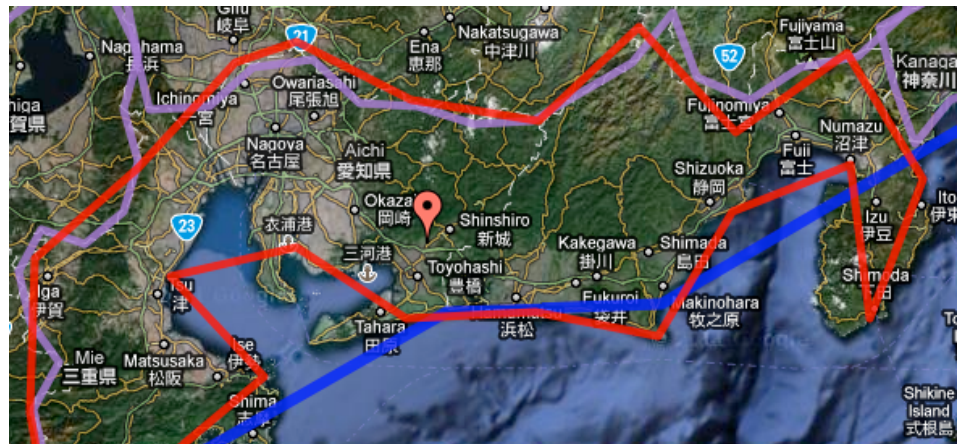
We rejoice in God's faithfulness and your partnership in the new CBI Japan ministry campus in downtown Nagoya. Thank you! We are beginning repairs and renovations on the property and hope to have a building dedication in September. **An urgent need has arisen, however.**

An engineering report on the building has revealed that the 1st and 2nd floors need reinforcement to strengthen against earthquakes.



The building recently purchased for CBI ministry.

The recent events in Sendai are a sober reminder of the potential devastation of earthquakes in Japan. Another sobering reminder is that we are still waiting for "the big one" in Japan. The "big one" is the Great Tokai Earthquake that is expected to hit along the most dangerous fault line in Japan in the Tokai region. Scientists state that there is a 90% chance that the Great Tokai Earthquake will hit in the next 30 years.



A map of the Tokai region of Japan.

Near the center of the Tokai region is Aichi Prefecture and the city of Nagoya.

The Need:

Engineering tests revealed that the 3rd and 4th floors of new CBI Japan ministry campus are well within current earthquake standards, but the 1st and 2nd floors of the 30 year old building need strengthening with criss-crossing steel beams anchored underground. **The cost of this reinforcement is estimated to be \$130,000** (we were able to negotiate the price down from \$150,000). The expense of the entire repair/renovation project is also escalating due to the dwindling supply of construction materials in Japan because of the rebuilding efforts post-earthquake/tsunami.

After God's amazing provision of \$1.3 million to purchase this downtown property, which was valued during the real estate bubble at around \$20 million, **this is yet another faith challenge.** We need to ask again for the generous help of our friends and supporters. While there is some level of frustration with the need to raise additional funds, we continue to believe in the vision that the Lord has given to us to shine the light of the gospel in the heart of the city of Nagoya in the largest unreached nation of the world.

Is this worth it?:

How do you calculate the value of human life? That is the question we have been asking ourselves. The CBI Japan team feels compelled to seek the spiritual and physical safety of the people the Lord has called us to minister to—and to be careful stewards of our own lives and our families, as well. Toward that end, we are asking for your help.

It has been amazing to see the responsiveness of God's people to the recent tragedy in Japan. In light of that tragedy in Sendai we've been thinking, "If we could go back in time two years and double the height and the thickness of the defense wall to protect against tsunami, would we?" Of course we would. It would be a minimal expense to help save literally 20,000 lives.

We are hoping and praying that God will move His people to respond to the opportunity to avert future crisis and tragedy.

When and how to give:

We are asking everyone to join us in prayer and in support. **The funds are needed in the next 60 days (by the end of July 2011) to have the reinforcement done as part of the other repairs and renovations.** This will lower the costs of the reinforcement project and ensure a safer environment as we begin the ministries the Lord has called us to in the new CBI Japan ministry campus.

Contributions can be made online at <http://cbijapan.org/fonts/serving/howtogive.htm>, or your check, payable to "FONTS" (Friends of Nagoya Theological Seminary), can be mailed to:

FONTS
401 S. 42nd Street, c/o Woodland Presbyterian Church
Philadelphia, PA 19104

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*Students from the March 2011 Christ Bible Seminary graduating class.
Please pray for this new generation of Christian leaders.*

In particular, the families of the staff and students of the CBI Japan team thank you for your help to ensure our safety and the safety of those who will train in the gospel and hear the gospel in our new ministry center.

On behalf of the CBI Japan team,

Michael Oh, Craig Chapin, and Joe Kim