



EMERGENCY DISASTER SERVICES BULLETIN

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Salvation Army in Japan Begins Earthquake Response

Text-to-Give donation number announced

THE Salvation Army in Japan is responding to the earthquake and tsunami that brought devastation to the north of the country. Communication and travel have been badly hit by the disaster, and at the moment the true cost in human life and property can only be guessed.

The most damaged city is Sendai, about 400 kilometers away from Tokyo. Commissioner Makoto Yoshida, leader of The Salvation Army's Japan Territory, was at territorial headquarters in Tokyo and reports: 'Our building swayed tremendously. It was hard for us to keep standing and many of us were really frightened.'

He adds: 'We are sending a team to Sendai tonight [11 March] and tomorrow we will start providing the basic necessities as well as assessing the level of damage so we can decide what else we can do.'

Public transport in Tokyo stopped because of the earthquake, leaving many commuters unable to leave work. Commissioner Yoshida says: 'We opened our hall on the ground floor of territorial headquarters to those who could not go home. We served them with hot drinks and packed meals.'

General Shaw Clifton, the international leader of The Salvation Army, has already been in touch with the commissioner to assure him of the prayers and support of Salvationists around the world.

TEXT TO GIVE: How you can help in the US

Please text the word "Japan" to 80888 to give a \$10.00 donation to The Salvation Army's earthquake relief work. Terms: A one-time donation of \$10.00 will be added to your mobile phone bill or deducted from your prepaid balance. Please be sure to respond with the word **YES** to the Thank You! message you will receive. All charges are billed by and payable to your mobile service provider. Service is available on most carriers. Visit mobilecause.com for terms and conditions, or text **HELP**. Text **STOP** to cancel. Message & Data Rates May Apply

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