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## NEWS BRIEFS

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### CLWR Sunday Worship Resources to be Available Online Soon

Worship material for CLWR Sunday, September 25 for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and October 16 for Lutheran Church–Canada, will be posted by July 18. “We are delighted to provide these resources to assist in worship planning for CLWR Sunday,” said CLWR Executive Director Robert Granke. “We know that many congregations plan their celebration of the partnership with CLWR at a time that best suits their own setting, and we hope that by providing the materials early, that planning will be enhanced.”



Bolivian oxen team. Photo: Wendy Kroeker

ELCIC resources were developed by Rev. Jason Anderson of Christ Trinity Lutheran Church in Lethbridge, AB and LCC material by Rev. Lee Loveridge of First Lutheran Church in Kelowna, BC.

Contact Tom Brook at [tbrook@clwr.mb.ca](mailto:tbrook@clwr.mb.ca) for any additional material you may need or to arrange a guest speaker.

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### Update on the Japan earthquake relief effort

*When God laid the needs of the people of Japan on your heart following the 2011 earthquake and tsunami you responded with urgency, compassion and great generosity. Through Canadian Lutheran World Relief and our partners on the ground in Japan, you provided relief and hope where hope seemed impossible. The lives you have touched have the assurance that they are not alone.*

*What follows is a brief description of the work you are supporting. Please go to the [CLWR home page](#) to view a video of these efforts.* – Tom Brook, Community Relations Director

“Houses gone, jobs gone, families scattered”

Hideaki Aonuma fled to the mountains when the tsunami came after him. “I did not see the tsunami as I did not look back,” he explains. “There were over 1000 people on the hill where I escaped to, and

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we stayed there for the whole night. Then when I came to see my house one day later, the house was destroyed and all furniture washed away.”

The 33-year-old from Miyagi prefecture is among tens of thousands in Ishinomaki city who experienced the same terror. His hands were firmly gripped demonstrating his nervousness during the interview. “Influenza is spreading,” he said quietly when asked about conditions in the school room that he must now call home.

Other evacuees in the school told CWS that water, gas and electricity were not available. There was nothing to hint at future plans for them. “Houses gone, jobs gone, families scattered, we don’t know how long we should stay here and where we should go next,” one evacuee said.

Some evacuees stayed several nights in the open air in snowy weather before they got to this school. One said, “I climbed up to the roof and stayed there for one night. Then I went down after one day to the second floor of my house, gathered whatever I could find, and came to this school.”

The port area in Ishinomaki is totally destroyed. Factories that once employed hundreds of people were washed away. Fishermen lost boats and fishing nets. Recovery, seemingly, will have to start from zero.



The height of the tsunami reached 15-20 metres in this area.  
*ACT/CWS/Takeshi Komino*



Mr. Misato Taira fears his pets won’t be able to live with him if he moves to a temporary shelter. *ACT/CWS/Takeshi Komino*

## The aid response

Canadian Lutheran World Relief is working in Japan through its partner Church World Service (CWS), a member of the ACT Alliance, which provided emergency relief support to at least 250,000 individuals living at 100 evacuation sites in the north eastern area of Japan.

The CWS response included ready-to-eat food to meet calorie requirements of those living in evacuation sites. In

addition, the response team distributed sanitation kits, including napkins and soap to fill significant sanitation and hygiene gaps. Water consumption requirements at evacuation sites were addressed, and one potential substitute for water included prepared green tea. Blankets, accessed from sources from within the region, were provided to help protect people from the cold, which became an increasingly dire problem as fuel and gas supplies began to run out. In order to maintain radio contact at evacuation sites, batteries were supplied to support victims receiving vital news on nuclear and radiation related developments and communications. Gas and fuel supplies were also provided to evacuation sites.

The CWS budget was \$2,590,450. This included \$900,000 for food; \$50,000 for sanitation kits; \$675,000 for water/green tea; \$375,000 for blankets; \$80,000 for logistics; \$20,000 for batteries; \$400,000 for gas/fuel supplies; and \$90,450, for operational costs. (Sources: [ACT Alliance](#); [Church World Service](#))

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