

29th Volunteer Activity Supporting Restoration and Recovery



Date	Saturday, February 8 through Sunday, February 9
Activity site	Iwaki-shi, Fukushima and Takahagi-shi, Ibaraki
Participants	13 (4 men, 5 women, 4 administration office staff)

● Activity Details



On the first day, we held an event in the auditorium of a community center in Iwaki City, Fukushima Prefecture.

With record snowfalls throughout Japan, we were worried about whether the children would arrive. But the children and their families from the temporary housing made it to the event after 2 p.m. and then enjoyed playing games.

Because of the snow, attendance was lower than expected, nonetheless around 40 people showed up.



After finishing with the event, we visited the areas the disaster had struck in Iwaki City. Although covered in snow and so hard to discern, the land with nothing but the foundation left standing and the damaged and abandoned homes we saw were a reminder of the disaster's immensity.

On the second day, we held a fair at a foster home for children in Takahagi City, Ibaraki Prefecture.

We were there with the prizes, balloons and drawing paper for the fair, but the rental company that was supposed to supply the games failed to show up on time because of the snow.

Despite this, from around 11 a.m. we got the preschoolers started on drawing and the elementary school children started on the balloons at the fair, and everyone had fun playing until the fair ended as scheduled. The balloons were liked more than we had anticipated, and we and the children had a great time together.

Our activities this time were affected by the heavy snow, yet all the volunteers managed to finish what we set out to do. One volunteer staff said, "It was good that the children had fun," while another said, "I wish for these activities to continue, and look forward to participating again."