



Kids Who Care

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Kids Without Borders is an all-volunteer international non-governmental organization founded in 2001. Our mission is to engage and inspire youth to serve in their community as well as around the world. Although we are U.S. based and 70 percent of our work is done locally in countless community settings across the United States, we do maintain a strong presence, working among children in over 30 countries.

The devastation and loss of human lives caused by the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, this time, were unprecedented for our current generation. We as a team, immediately rallied around our youth volunteers and started looking for opportunities to make a difference in communities across the Pacific that were struck by this disaster. This is when we met with MeySen Academy. We feel honored to have since been able to work alongside of MeySen Schools.

Over this past year, we have come to admire the Japanese people as we watch how they react and cope with this tragedy, and how they rally together to pull themselves out of the rubble. We have, also, witnessed an enormous display of generosity from people, not only in the U.S, but from around the world, as they too, responded to this tragedy. Volunteers of all ages, here in the U.S, organized fundraising events. Countless individuals stepped forward to make a difference. We in turn were able to become a contact point for funds needing to be sent to Japan. I am privileged to say that through the tireless work of MeySen Academy's volunteer teams, everyone's funds not only arrived in Japan in full, but in many cases, were multiplied by the time they reached the front-lines. This has truly been a display of compassion in action.

As Japan continues on its long road to recovery, we at Kids Without Borders want to continue to be available. We want to do anything we can to help the people rebuild their lives, towns and communities. May God bless each and every one of us as we continue to work together. ■

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● Ms. Katrina Dohn, Coordinator for the MeySen 7th Grade US Home-stay Program, came to Japan from Seattle and saw first-hand the devastation caused by the East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami. She contacted Kids Without Borders for assistance in providing help to the victims, and immediately a donation fund for aid to Japan was established. Beginning with only a few families affiliated with Kids Without Borders, the appeal for help grew into an international effort within a very short time, raising financial aid from around the world for those in need.

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