

Hope for Living Tohoku Report

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It's God's time for Japan



Dear Partners and Friends,

A long time has already passed since March 11, 2011. The disaster that struck on that day has, in my opinion, shaken Japan to the core. Things will never be quite the same again.

We are most grateful for the opportunities of proclaiming the good news via literature to the Japanese people at this crucial time. As you will see from this report, substantial amounts of literature have been distributed, and the results have far exceeded anything we have seen in the past.

We first and foremost thank God for this, but we also want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each one who has partnered with us. We at New Life Ministries could certainly not have done this on our own. Many have prayed and sacrificially provided funds, while others have participated in distribution and follow-up. From the bottom of my heart I want to say THANK YOU to each one.

Rejoice with us as you read the following report. And, please continue to pray that many will be won for God's Kingdom. I believe this is God's time for Japan.

Warmest greetings from,



The Project-Our Calling

A Timeline

Sending the Word of God to Tohoku

With the disaster that struck the country on March 11th, we had to contend with the question, "What do the people of Japan truly need at this time?" The government could provide the needed physical goods for the stricken families. However, we believe that what the people truly need is the lasting hope that comes from the Gospel of Christ. As Christians, this is our calling - to send the Living Word of God to them. Thus, the HOPE for

LIVING campaign was undertaken.



Hope for Living (First Phase)

HOPE for LIVING project is initiated. Gospel literature is distributed nationwide for free.

The Tohoku Earthquake hits Japan.

New Life Ministries contacts Pastors in the disaster



March 11th 2011

April

areas and starts sending relief goods.

Relief goods are continually

April – September

Through the cooperation of local churches, over 2 million tracts, 200,000 Concise Bibles, 1.6 million booklets, 30,000 New Testaments, and 70,000 Manga Messiah books are sent all over Japan.

September Hope for Living TOHOKU begins.

The campaign's focus is refined to bring Gospel literature specifically to those in the Tohoku region who are still suffering from the disaster.

Churches in Tohoku are called to take part in the campaign.



Hope for Living - First Phase



Hope for Living - Second Phase



October - November

NLM receives orders from churches in Tohoku.

Churches express their desire to participate. Orders from more than 150 churches are received.

December

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A Christmas charity concert is held with gospel singer Ray Sidney in partnership with Kuon Christ Church.

February, 2012

New Life Ministries staff visit Kesenuma First Baptist Church and interview pastors regarding the kind of literature needed for the next stage in the campaign.



March One year memorial of 3.11



April

Telephone interviews are conducted to all of the churches, organizations, and individuals that used the books. Testimonies, ranging from people being saved through the literature to a church being planted as a result of outreach using the literature, are received. Other local pastors in the Tohoku region are, likewise met and consulted on what kind of literature is needed for the next phase of the campaign.

All the ordered literature is sent to participating churches. Over a million copies are distributed to Tohoku and those around the country.







Manga Mission



Left Japanese New Testament with **Psalms and Proverbs**

◀ Right Ricky the Bear and the Rainbow-colored Egg

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Planting Seeds of Hope

We sought to find what Gospel literature would bring healing to the hearts of the people and foster the lasting hope that they truly need. New Life Ministries produced the following:

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MANGAS

MANGAS:

1 Manga Messiah

Fully illustrated and colorfully captured, this Manga contains a synopsis of the four Gospels and is an ideal tool for reaching the youth.

2 Manga Mission

A powerful Manga conveying the story of Creation, the birth of Jesus, His death and resurrection, presenting the Gospel in a very captivating way.

The Search

This Manga takes the reader through the story of a boy who comes to believe in the Lord in a quest for truth. The personal story helps the reader relate to the character in the story who is struggling to find answers to life's questions.

BIBLES:

1 The Concise Bible

This beginner-oriented, concise edition allows the reader to grasp the Gospel without difficulty.

2 New Testament with **Psalms and Proverbs**

This New Testament is designed specifically for those in Tohoku who have never read the Bible. Using contemporary language and useful reader's guides, it is suited to help the non-believer understand the Word of God

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TRACTS:

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1 One Day Life was Normal

This handy tract shows how peace can only be obtained by knowing God's salvation through the love of the cross.

2 When Your Whole World Changes

A 30-day devotional which responds to troubling issues that arise when unexpected misfortune strikes. It contains Biblical encouragement and help to ease conflict in the heart.











Tracts and Booklet for Children

BOOKLET FOR CHILDREN:

1 Ricky the Bear and the Rainbow-colored Easter Egg

This picture booklet tells the heart-warming story of renewal after disaster. This colorful story is ideal for taking the story of hope to children in the Tohoku area.





Raising Support Financial Assistance and Distribution



Looking at the Numbers

US\$873,487.96 was raised, and a total of 1,097,316 copies of Gospel literature were distributed.

Funding Source

Contributions came from both domestic and international donors who gave generously to our ministry.

TABLE 1: FUNDING BY SOURCE

	In US \$	In JPY ¥
Domestic	121,715.56	9,737,245
International	751,772.40	60,141,792
TOTAL	\$ 873,487.96	¥ 69,879,037

Donation Allocation

Donations were allocated based on donor specifications. The funds were divided into the following categories below.

TABLE 2: EXPENDITURES

Items	In US \$	In JPY ¥
Printing	752,180.00	60,174,400
Invitation/Promotion	44,191.00	3,535,311
Distribution/Handling Expense	22,167.00	1,773,349
Implementation and Documentation	43,172.00	3,453,740
TOTAL	\$ 861,710.00	¥ 68,936,800

Number of Books Printed

The money allocated for printing was used to print the following quantity of books:

TABLE 3: NUMBER AND COST OF BOOKS PRINTED

	Printed Copies	In US \$	In JPY ¥
Manga Messiah	34,000	85,000	6,800,000
Manga Mission	50,000	9,000	720,000
The Search	105,000	18,900	1,512,000
New Testament w/ Psalms and Proverbs	50,000	77,500	6,200,000
New Testament w/ Psalms and Proverbs LP	5,000	20,500	1,640,000
Concise Bible	250,000	450,000	36,000,000
One Day Life was Normal tract	2,000,000	76,000	6,080,000
Ricky the Bear and the Rainbow-colored Egg	50,000	8,000	640,000
When Your Whole World Changes	26,000	7,280	582,400
TOTAL		\$ 752,180	¥ 60,174,400



The remaining balance of US\$11,777.96 or JPY942,237 from the donations will be used as seed money for the next HFL stage.

Distribution and Inventory

This table shows the number of copies printed, distributed, and remaining for distribution, after meeting all orders from different churches, organizations and individuals during the campaign period.

TABLE 4: DISTRIBUTED AND REMAINING STOCK

	Printed Copies	Distributed *	Balance
Manga Messiah	34,000	11,616	22,384
Manga Mission	50,000	40,600	9,400
The Search	105,000	63,600	41,400
New Testament w/ Psalms and Proverbs	50,000	30,000	20,000
New Testament w/ Psalms and Proverbs LP	5,000	2,000	3,000
Concise Bible	250,000	136,300	113,700
One Day Life was Normal tract	2,000,000	768,800	1,231,200
Ricky the Bear and the Rainbow-colored Egg	50,000	25,120	24,880
When Your Whole World Changes	26,000	19,280	6,720
TOTAL		1,097,316	1,472,684

*A total of 1,097,316 copies of Gospel literature were distributed during the campaign (see Table 4). This figure also includes copies sent to churches outside the region, which used them for their own ministries as well as to send to the highly affected areas in Tohoku. The remaining balance of 1,452,684 copies will also be sent to these churches across the country which can use them to further their ministries.



Understanding Tohoku

Our vision was to send Gospel literature to those who were affected by the disaster in Tohoku. To understand the impact of the project, it is important to see our work in proportion to the demographics of the target area. (See Appendix 1 for the distribution sites.)

The Target Area

Tohoku in Brief



Tohoku and its Regional Characteristics

According to Pastor Kazuyoshi Takayoshi, the executive secretary of the East Japan Disaster Relief Christian Network, the people of Tohoku have a strong sense of individualism with a rooted history of avoiding the rule of the central government. He explains that they still hold a general feeling of being detached from the rest of the country, and that it is difficult to have them open up to people from outside.

Knowing this, we are thankful to see the results that the literature has been accepted and used by 158 churches out of 543 churches in the Tohoku region. The majority of the literature was used in Miyagi, Yamagata, and Fukushima, which geographically are closest to the epicenter of the damage caused by the earthquake and tsunami. Although Yamagata shares no border with the Pacific Ocean, we found that it was instrumental in sending the literature to reach out to its neighboring prefectures of Miyagi and Fukushima which were severely affected by the disaster.



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Vox Populi **Interviews and Analysis**



Surveying the Project Impact

In our desire to hear the voices of the churches, organizations, and individuals who used our HOPE for LIVING Tohoku campaign literature, interviews were conducted using a very simple questionnaire. (Please see Appendix 2.)

Age Range of Recipients

The age range with the most recipients of the books was the youth, even though they roughly constitute about 20-25% of the whole population in the region.

In all the prefectures, the youth were the largest group of end-users, followed by the middle-aged and the elderly. It was only in Fukushima prefecture, that the elderly came second after the youth. This could be partially due to the

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comparatively large number of elderly people living in the temporary housing in Fukushima.



Kinds of Literature Used New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs



The book, Manga Messiah, was reported to be the most used literature in all of the prefectures. This could be in correlation to the results above that show how most of the receivers of the campaign literature were the youth. Following Manga Messiah, the Concise Bible came second, and The Search came third according to the servey.

This ranking is true for all of the churches except those in Fukushima prefecture which showed that The Search came after Manga Messiah. Many working at temporary housing units in the region commented on how picture illustrated books such as The Search were effective even for the elderly, who had difficulty reading smaller texts and preferred illustration-based materials.



How they were used



reported that after the earthquake, the town's community center was badly damaged, and their church had been used since as a meeting place for alcoholics and other addicts. They handed the literature out to 60 to 70 of the people who attend these meetings.

Churches that handed out the literature in their surrounding communities mainly gave them to friends, distributed during visitation, left them in the mail boxes,

distributed them at their local schools, and even handed them out at train stations. One church in Fukushima said that they had asked a supermarket to have the books placed outside the store to be taken for free. They

13 churches in Fukushima prefecture answered that they used the literature in disaster relief and support at the temporary housing facilities. Miyagi came second, with 11 churches answering that they used them in their disaster relief work. This is due to the fact that Fukushima and Miyagi prefectures received the greatest amount of damage in the disaster, and have more people living in temporary housing.



Vox Populi **Interviews and Analysis**



Reaction of the Recipients

The most frequent response received was from those who used the literature and thought it was good. Furthermore, as many handed out the literature they saw it being received joyfully, and were given immediate positive feedback from the recipients.

Four churches replied that the literature led to a few individual's salvation. All these responses came from Miyagi prefecture. This could be due to the fact that Miyagi prefecture has the greatest population and highest number of churches with request for literature out of all the prefectures in Tohoku.

Four churches in Miyagi prefecture also replied that the number of church attendees increased because of the Gospel literature, mainly as a result of people being saved through the literature. Another response came from a church in Aomori which after distributing the literature, immediately received a phone call from someone who wanted to start attending church. The church believes that the person started attending as a direct result of the literature distribution.



Usefulness of the Literature

90 out of 93 churches that replied said that the campaign was useful in their ministries.

As the questionnaire was being conducted, many gave positive feedback on how the literature was easy to understand and openly accepted by non-believers. There were also comments on how the recipients were genuinely glad to receive them, whereas before, they would only receive Bibles out of an obligation to accept a gift. Overall, many were very thankful for the free Gospel literature which was sent to them.

The highest number of answers saying the literature was useful came from Fukushima prefecture with 26 churches, followed by Miyagi prefecture with 23 churches.



Most Useful

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Overall, churches in the region found Manga Messiah to be the most useful literature. This supports our earlier findings that Manga Messiah was most widely used, and that most of the recipients of the literature were the youth.

By prefecture, we see that in Fukushima, the epicenter of the disaster, Manga Messiah is considered the most useful literature. This is followed by the Concise Bible and The Search. Other prefectures exhibit the same tendencies, with these three items receiving the most responses.

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STORIES OF HOPE Personal Testimonies



Seeing the Harvest

The following pages show testimonies of how the Gospel literature made a difference in their lives and to those around them.

Ryota from Asahigaoka Christ Church

A story of salvation from a boy who, after having been going to the church for 2 years, decided to receive our Lord and be baptized after reading Manga Messiah.

One testimony about a boy being saved through one of the books came from Asahigaoka Christ Church (Asahigaoka Kirisuto Kyoukai) in Sendai, a major coastal town in Miyagi prefecture. Ryota, an 18 year old boy made a confession of faith and decided to be baptized after reading the Manga Messiah book. His pastor explained how he had always been at church for about two years before he made a public confession of faith and decided to be baptized on Easter Sunday, 2012.

Coming from a non-Christian family, he had never attended church until he decided to do so mainly because of its location. "The church is one of the three hideouts that the children use in the area" Pastor Senda explained.

The church building, which was originally a house, looks homey, with its doors open to the children of the neighborhood. The pastor explained how the church was right between a daycare center and a park, and that it also served as a short-cut for many of the school-goers in the area. With the church's strategic



and be baptized.

The Manga was the final push for him on making the decision to be a Christian. He and his pastor were very grateful for the Gospel literature.

Pastor Minegishi of Kesenuma First Baptist Church

An encouraging story—a church whose infrastructure was swept away, experienced growth in numbers due to so many that came to Christ after the disaster.

Pastor Minegishi of Kesenuma First Baptist Church, in Kesenuma, shared his thoughts on how the Gospel literature has helped his ministry since the disaster on March 11th. His church at the time was close to the shore, and was completely swept away by the tsunami along with his house which was next to it. All that remained of their previous location was a large wooden cross that was put together by volunteer workers in remembrance of the disaster. They relocated their church more inland and continued services there.

Since March 11th, the church has been working to provide for the physical needs of the people in their community, and while doing so, many opened their hearts to the Lord. Pastor Minegishi cited 15 new people who have made confession of faith, and a few non-Christians who continue to attend the church on a regular basis. In a small church of less than 20 members, this was a remarkable work of God in the area. "Our church grew primarily because many people who had lost their homes and needed physical help started coming. Through the Gospel literature, we were able to give them the spiritual help that they truly needed," Pastor Minegishi said.

The Concise Bible has been very instrumental in following up with new believers in the church. It served as an excellent start-up material with illustrations for believers who needed an introduction to the Word of God. THE BIBLE with Psalms and



location, Pastor Senda places Mangas and tracts outside their church for people to take for free. So far, he said that this had been very effective.

Ryota read Manga Messiah one day at the nearby park in only 30 minutes. By the time he was done, he had made up his mind to believe in the Lord

Proverbs was also used as an excellent 'next step' for those who finished reading the Concise Bible.

The pastor also handed out Gospel literature when he was invited to pray and give his blessing during a reopening ceremony after the reconstruction of a house. Since Pastor Minegishi is one of those Christian pastors who stayed and helped people rebuild their homes, he was accorded this honor normally reserved to Buddhist priests.

According to him, the Gospel literature would not have been so openly accepted had it not been for the relationships and connections that the church has



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made with its surrounding community. He continually works to send relief goods such as rice to those living in temporary housing, and always gives out the Gospel literature together with the goods. He believes that it is because of the relationship that he has built with them that the people are more open to receive the Gospel literature.

When asked about what other materials he would like to receive in the future, he commented on the need for a book explaining that God is the Creator of the universe. This is to counter the concepts in Japan that gods only take care of certain places or aspects of life, and that the whole universe was not created by one God. He wants to teach about the God who created the whole universe and is omnipotent over it. He also expressed the need for books with larger texts so that the elderly could read them without difficulty.



Ai no Kyoukai

One church in Sendai shared on how the Gospel literature is essential in their ministry to reach out to those living in temporary houses in Minami-sanriku. They plan to start an in-house church in the area, as a result of ten new people who have come to know the Lord.

Sendai Ai no Kyoukai in Sendai, Miyagi found the literature very useful in their ministry. Currently, the church sends teams twice a week to minister to people living in the temporary housing in the devastated areas in Minami-Sanriku. Together with other organizations, they visit the homes delivering rice, blankets, and other supplies. They also distribute Gospel literature and slowly start building relationships with them.

They reported that over ten people had believed in the Gospel and were saved. The situations in which the people were saved vary from people who believed simply by reading the literature to those who came to believe through conversations about the Gospel with the volunteers over a cup of tea. Regardless of the circumstance, the workers in Sendai Ai no Kyoukai believe in the need for evangelism through Gospel literature.

Since the disaster, they have distributed an astonishing 3,000 Bibles and 20,000 tracts that were provided mainly by New Life Ministries.

They plan to start an in-house church in the temporary housing in Minami-sanriku, beginning with the ten new believers who were saved there. They were thankful for the Gospel literature provided for them and the work they are seeing God do in the land.



Testimony from Aomori

A woman in Aomori shared about her work in faithfully reaching out to her community and friends through the Gospel literature. Her testimony tells of how people are more open to Christianity than ever before.

A woman in Aomori told us about how she used the Concise Bible and the Japanese New Testament to reach out to her friends and the community around her. Now at the age of 62, she has retired from her profession in public health and works to bring the Gospel to her friends in the same field of work who are currently working in Tohoku. She also sends the books to her relatives in the army, as well as to convicts at the local jail.

There were positive responses from her friends who received the Bibles. She said that two-thirds of her friends who live in Tohoku replied, giving her thanks and that they had started reading the literature. Some of her friends finally opened up to her saying that they had "actually graduated from a Christian university," or that they "don't have a bad impression of Christianity."

One friend who is a doctor, had difficulty accepting Christianity. However, she received a reply that he was still reading the Bible after she gave it to him. Another friend who volunteers at the disaster-stricken areas, replied that although he felt powerless to help, reading the Word in 2 Timothy 3 about the end times struck his heart, and he told her that he truly felt strengthened in his spirit to continue working. This was truly encouraging for her to hear, coming from her non-Christian friends who were previously not open to Christianity.

It came as a surprise that although she has known these friends for tens of years, this was the first time for her to sense such openness to the Gospel from them.

In her ministry in sending the Bibles to the jailed convicts, she received a letter asking for more Bibles. Since there is a restriction on the number of books that can be sent, she is still thinking of how that can be done for them.

Overall, she is very excited to see the effects that the Concise Bible and the New Testament have had on her friends and the community around her. She strongly believes in the need for more Bibles in the area. She is saddened by the fact that she does not see any Bibles at book stores, and that Christian book stores are becoming fewer in the area. She was very thankful for the campaign that provided the Bibles for her ministry.

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FUTURE PLANS The Next Step



Hope for Living Kizuna

We are seeing many new believers come to the Lord, and now is the time for planting the Word of God and raising their faith in the Lord.

We are now initiating the third stage of the HOPE for LIVING campaign. A year after the disaster, much has been done by the Church and we are seeing how the people of Tohoku are becoming open to Christianity more than ever.

With this unprecedented openness, we have decided to name the project, 'HOPE for LIVING KIZUNA'('kizuna' means 'bond', or 'connection' in Japanese). Our hope is that the people of Tohoku continue to maintain this new bond and connection with the church as they let in God's Word into their hearts.

In consultation with the local pastors in the region, we found that there is a need for literature with larger size and text to accommodate the elderly living in temporary houses, who have trouble reading smaller text, along with tracts that are simple and easy to hand out. These findings, then, greatly shaped our choices of literature to be used in this third phase. The following are four items that we are offering to the people of Tohoku for free this year.



1 Bible Verses in Calligraphy Notebook

This book consists of famous Bible verses focused on hope for the reader to write out in calligraphy style. The layout consists of two pages for each verse - one showing a designed text of the verse and the other with lines for the reader to write along to mimic the first page. The book's idea came from what the pastors in the area explained as a need for those who had recently come to open their hearts to Christianity to be directly fed with the Word of God.

Having the reader write out each of the verses in calligraphy style assists them to memorize the scriptures. The visually colorful and attractive design of the pages also makes it possible for them to take each verse and post them up on their wall as decor.

2 The Japanese New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs (Large Print)

This is to accommodate the large number of requests to provide larger text Bibles for the elderly who have difficulty reading small text. This New Testament is a good follow-up on the Concise Bible.

3 Seven Days of Creation Booklet

This short booklet tells the Creation story in a very simple but graphically beautiful way. It covers each of the seven days of Creation, with corresponding Bible verses and vivid illustrations in the background. In picture-book format, the message is very clear to the reader that God is the Creator of the universe.

It is imbedded in Japanese culture that gods exist for different aspects of life, and that the universe is not under the control of one God, but many. Thus, for those new to Christianity, this fundamental concept needs to challenged with the Word of God that shows the there is one true Creator of the universe.

4 Honto no Kizuna

▲ Sample of enlarged text

This evangelical tract focuses on the importance of the 'kizuna', or bond between people when disaster strikes. More than the bond we have with others, his writing brings the reader to understand that the connection with our Creator is what matters most. The bond between man and God is only possible through Jesus Christ who died for our sins and rose again to life. Just as how the character of Job in the Old Testament had a strong connection with God during his trials, this tract helps us see that it is in this relationship we have in Christ Jesus that we are also able to endure through life's greatest trials.

APPENDIX 1

This map below shows where the literature was distributed. Three areas: Miyagi, Fukushima and Yamagata, comprise at least 70% of the bulk of these distributions. For more details on the distribution per book type, kindly follow this link: www.nlljapan.com/nlldata/Appendix1.zip (Google Earth is required to view this.).



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APPENDIX 2

The results of the questionnaire per prefecture are listed in the chart in Appendix 1. One number counts for how many times a church in the prefecture answered for the particular choice. For example, for the question, 'Which literature did you use?' Akita prefecture answered, Concise Bible: 9, meaning that 9 different churches in Akita answered for the Concise Bible. (Some of the questions were not answered by all of the churches, and multiple answers were possible for all of the questions except for question no. 5).

Total numbers of Churches per prefecture	Akita	Iwate	Aomor	Fukushima	Miyag	Yamagata	TOTAL
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Questions	19	18	19	36 a	39	نة 27	158
1. What was the age range of those who received the books?							
Youth (0 yr-24 yrs old)	13	8	9	23	21	11	85
Middle-aged (25 yrs-54 yrs old)	11	7	7	17	20	7	69
Elderly (55 yrs old and above)	10	5	4	19	17	7	62
2. Which literature did you use?							
New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs	0	3	6	4	4	0	17
Riacky the Bear and the Rainbow-colored Egg	0	4	4	4	4	3	19
When Your Whole World Changes	0	3	1	1	5	0	10
One Day Life was Normal	11	4	5	21	16	16	73
Manga Mission	11	6	4	20	22	12	75
The Search	14	6	8	22	18	14	82
Manga Messiah	14	7	9	27	24	16	97
Concise Bible	9	6	8	21	24	16	84
3. Where did you distribute the literature?							
Used at church (outreach events, kid's ministries, others)	9	5	8	14	21	14	71
Distributed in the surrounding community	5	3	3	12	11	11	45
Used in disaster relief, support in temporary houses, volunteer work	1	3	0	13	10	4	31
Others	0	0	1	1	1	0	3
4. Where there any reactions from the recipients?							
The number of church attendees increased	0	0	1	0	4	0	5
They became more open to the church and were able to talk about Christianity with them	2	2	1	1	3	4	13
Testimonies from those who used the literature and thought they were good	2	2	6	7	10	5	32
People were saved through the books	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Others	2	2	4	3	1	0	12
5. Did this campaign help your ministry in evangelism?							
Yes	11	5	12	26	23	13	90
No	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Not sure	1	2	0	5	2	0	10
6. Which literature was the most useful?							
New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs	0	0	1	3	2	0	6
Riacky the Bear and the Rainbow-colored Egg	0	1	1	1	0	0	3
When Your Whole World Changes	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
One Day Life was Normal	0	1	0	1	1	3	6
Manga Mission	3	0	0	6	5	2	16
The Search	2	0	3	10	4	4	23
Manga Messiah	2	1	2	16	7	6	34
Concise Bible	3	1	1	10	2	4	21



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