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Public housing for the disaster victims



Temporary school



Course 1 Unit 2 Lesson 8



Course 1 Unit 1 Lesson 6

Four years have passed since the East Japan Triple Disaster occurred. As of November 2014, the number of evacuees is 240,000 (decreased by 230,000 from March 2011). 80,000 people are in other areas, having been evacuated from the nuclear plant area. Rebuilding homes and urban development for reconstruction are now entering the stage of the actual construction, however the progress is hardly fast enough to finish up the task.

We are in the fifth year of our East Japan Support Project offering support to prevent children's trauma through Second Step. Our approach combines (1) lecture meetings where we emphasize the need to pay attention to children's emotional well-being and share the effects of Second Step, (2) training meetings for promising organizations (where they attend free of charge and receive free Second Step materials), and (3) follow-up group visits by our Master Trainers for demonstration and continued support.

As we reported in EJ News No.4 (September 11, 2014), on August 2 and 3 in 2014, a training meeting in Sendai was held. We invited 13 people, mainly elementary school teachers, to attend at no expense and gave them 9 sets of free Second Step materials. On February 3 and 4 in 2015, Kikuko Watanabe (Master Trainer), Noriko Otomo (Trainer), and Masuo Watanabe (Secretary General) observed classes in some elementary schools in Miyagi Prefecture as follow-up group visits to check how they practiced Second Step.

Ms. Atsuko Ono in Kanagase Elementary School in Ohgawara in Miyagi Prefecture let us observe the class for Second Step Course 1 (Kindergarten) Unit 2 Lesson 8 "Trading". It was set up so that a boy is reading a book on dinosaurs and a girl would like to read the book, too. The teacher asked "What would you do if you would like to read the book." A boy naturally used the skill "Fair" he learned in Unit 1 as he said "It is not fair to cheat her into trading them." All the other students enthusiastically thought about answers and actively participated in the class.

Ms. Kikuko Meguro in Kakuda Elementary School in Kakuda city interested 35 students in Course 1 "If - Then" which was a difficult lesson to teach. She also made efforts to deepen the content of the Lesson cards making them easier for students to understand. We hope that Second Step will spread in Miyagi Prefecture with the opportunity these two people gave us.

Yasutaka Tokorozawa, CFCJ President

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