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The world is being shaken, but God is our refuge.

Wednesday, March 16th

Dear Stephan,

The world has been gripped these past days by news of the earthquake and tsunami that have devastated the eastern seaboard of Japan. And while our thoughts and prayers have been focused on the dire needs of the Japanese people - other headlines may have passed us by.



Late Friday night at a time when most of the world was first beginning to recognize the severity of the events unfolding in Japan, a group of Palestinian terrorists crept into the Jewish town of Itamar in northern Samaria and stabbed five members of the same family to death.

According to *The Jerusalem Post*, the killings occurred shortly after 10pm when the terrorists strode into the home of Ruth and Udi Fogel, aged 35 and 36, respectively. The attackers went room to room, stabbing the parents, before slitting the throats of their 11 year-old son Yoav, his 4 year-old brother Eldad, and their 3 month-old baby sister Hadas. Miraculously two other young children were spared, presumably unnoticed, by the assailants as they lay sleeping on the couch. The victims were found by their 12 year-old sister as she returned from a youth group meeting later that night.

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"They say *Eretz Yisrael* [the land of Israel] is acquired through pain and suffering," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told the grieving family of the victims on Sunday. "But we didn't think the pain and suffering would be so great."

As we turn our hearts and prayers to the devastation in the nation of Japan; and as we see, from Libya to Bahrain, the increasing turmoil and unrest throughout the Middle East, let us not forget to pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way*

*and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.
Psalm 46: 1-3*

In a world that is being shaken, God is our refuge and strength. He is faithful and He responds to the prayers of His people. That's why we urge you in the midst of this season of upheaval to find ways to get your church or small group involved in our [Isaiah 62 Prayer Campaign](#), for Israel and the purposes of God in the earth.

In Jesus,



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