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third between 25 and 27; the final group went from 18 to 20 August.

Under the supervision of Brother Fukagawa and other leaders, the young people spent two whole days cleaning up the houses, the streets, the beaches, clearing the grass, collecting bags of sand, clearing mud from the drains and visiting old people left alone.

The experience made a great impression on the youngsters: "I noticed what they lost is not merely their property, but their memories, their own lives. I felt bad about me having my home and living a comfortable

life" one of the young volunteers said. "First of all, I thought I was going to do a lot of work for people. But there were so many things to do. And I couldn't do much. On the contrary, I received a lot from people here, I was encouraged by their smiles, their positive ways of looking at the reality, their living together, helping each other", another says.

"What we did seems to be insignificant", said a third, "nonetheless, what we did does not mean nothing at all. We can hand good will over to the ones who come next. And then it will turn out to be significant!"

