

# Tuesday distribution route

AKIHABARA, TOKYO



LOTS OF COSTCO DONUTS TODAY ...



TOKYO'S SAN'YA DISTRICT, IN THE CITY'S NORTHEAST, IS HOME TO THOUSANDS OF DAY LABORERS. RELIEF AGENCIES WORK THERE TO PROVIDE FOOD AND SHELTER TO THOSE IN NEED. SANYUKAI IS A FREE MEDICAL CLINIC THAT PROVIDES A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY.

CAN YOU GUYS TAKE THESE LOAVES OF BREAD INSIDE, PLEASE?



WE'VE ALSO GOT DONUTS, AND EVEN A FEW APPLE PIES TODAY!



DO YOU HAVE ANY OF THOSE BREAD ROLLS YOU BROUGHT LAST TIME?

SURE, WE'VE GOT A COUPLE OF BOXES OF THOSE! SOMEONE ALREADY TOOK THEM INSIDE.



THOSE BREAD ROLLS ARE GREAT. PERFECT FOR CHEESE SANDWICHES.



WE'VE ALSO GOT PLENTY OF FRESH FRUIT - TODAY BANANAS AND PINEAPPLE.



GOOD FOR HEALTH, RIGHT?

DEFINITELY. WINTER'S COMING. I HOPE YOU GUYS ARE ALL EATING AS MUCH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES AS POSSIBLE!



WE OLD GUYS REALLY APPRECIATE YOU YOUNG HANDSOME GUYS COMING OUT HERE TO HELP US.

HEY, YOU'RE NOT SO OLD ... AND I'M NOT SO HANDSOME!



KID, WHEN YOU'RE MY AGE ...

THANKS FOR COMING OUT TODAY, KUROSAWA-SAN. WHEN YOU GET A CHANCE, WE COULD USE SOME MORE MISO, AND IF POSSIBLE ON MONDAY A COUPLE OF EXTRA BAGS OF RICE. AND WE ALWAYS APPRECIATE THE FRESH FRUIT. THE GUYS REALLY NEED THAT IN THEIR DIET.



ABSOLUTELY. WHENEVER WE GET FRUIT I INCLUDE AS MUCH AS I CAN FOR YOU. SEE YOU TOMORROW.



I'M GOING TO HAVE *TWO* CHEESE SANDWICHES TODAY!

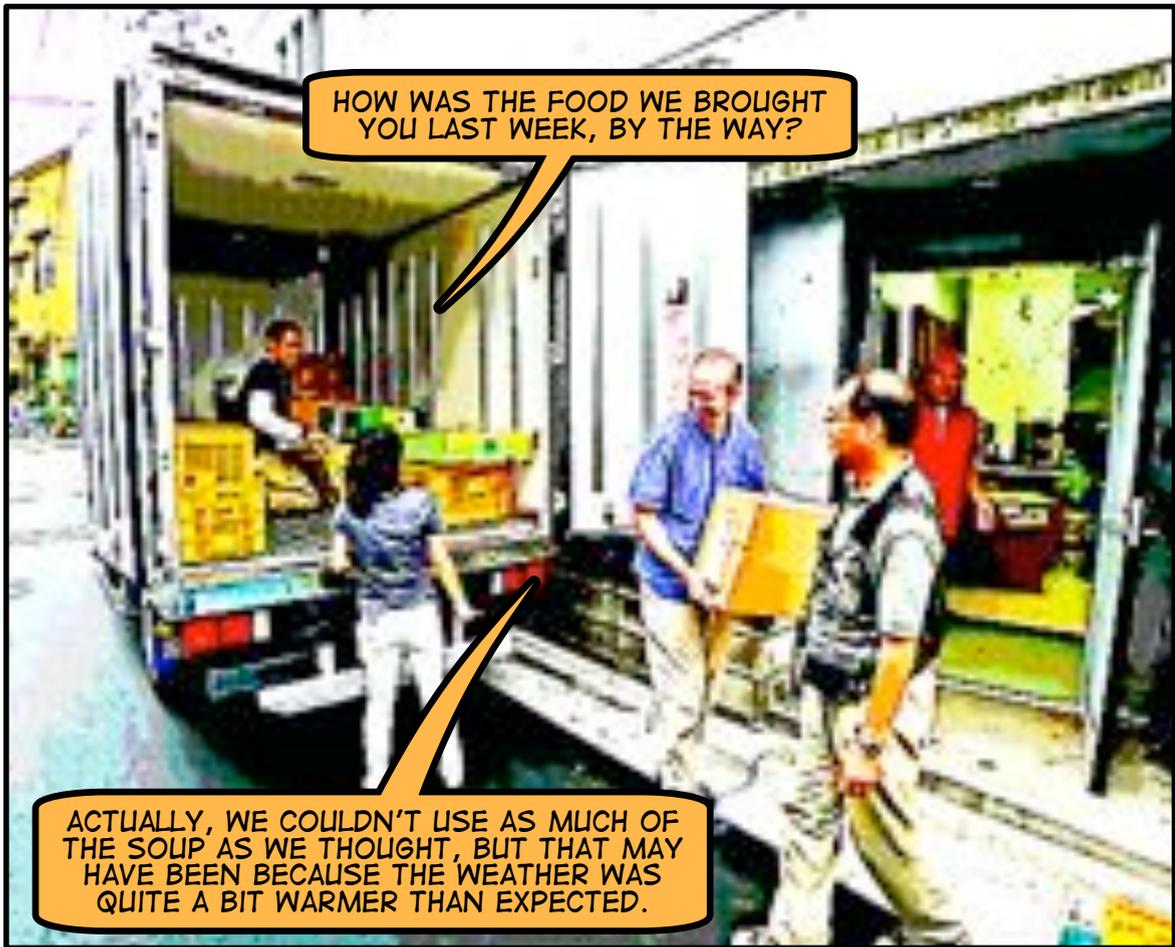
THOUSANDS OF DAY LABORERS LIVE IN SAN'YA DISTRICT. MANY CAME TO TOKYO TO WORK CONSTRUCTION JOBS DURING THE ECONOMIC BOOM OF THE 1960S-1980S, BUT ON REACHING 'RETIREMENT' AGE (55 AT THE TIME) FOUND THEMSELVES UNEMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYABLE. THEY ALSO FOUND THAT UNDER JAPAN'S RESIDENTIAL REGISTRATION SYSTEM, THEY WERE INELIGIBLE FOR MANY SOCIAL SERVICES UNLESS THEY RETURNED TO THEIR HOMETOWNS, WHERE MANY HAD NOT LIVED FOR DECADES. EACH WEEK, SECOND HARVEST JAPAN DISTRIBUTES FOOD TO 14 DIFFERENT AGENCIES IN SAN'YA THAT PROVIDE TO RESIDENTS A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES INCLUDING MEDICAL CONSULTATION, COUNSELING, AND OF COURSE, REGULAR NUTRITIOUS MEALS.

THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY BROTHERS, CO-FOUNDED BY MOTHER TERESA, PROVIDES MEALS, SHOWERS AND OTHER SERVICES TO SAN'YA RESIDENTS. ONCE A WEEK, THE BROTHERS DISTRIBUTE HOT MEALS ALONG THE SUMIDA RIVER.



WE'VE GOT A LOT OF FRESH VEGETABLES FOR YOU THIS WEEK.

THAT'S GOOD NEWS. PERHAPS WE CAN PUT THEM INTO SOME SORT OF STEW.



HOW WAS THE FOOD WE BROUGHT YOU LAST WEEK, BY THE WAY?

ACTUALLY, WE COULDN'T USE AS MUCH OF THE SOUP AS WE THOUGHT, BUT THAT MAY HAVE BEEN BECAUSE THE WEATHER WAS QUITE A BIT WARMER THAN EXPECTED.

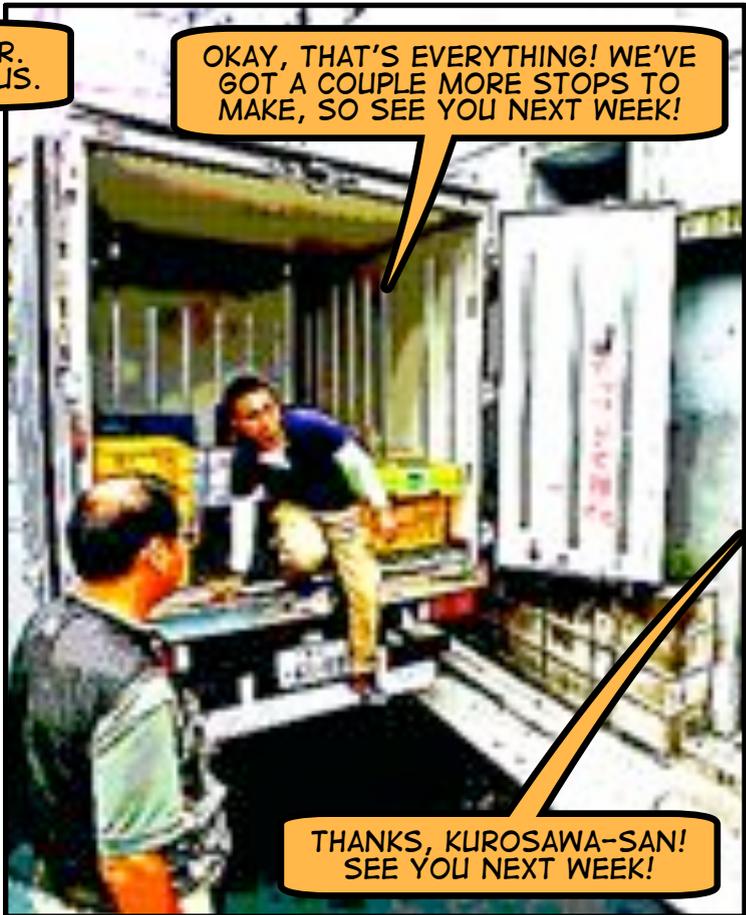


IT'S GOOD TO KNOW, ANYWAY, AND I'LL REMEMBER IT FOR THE FUTURE.



ALSO, AS YOU KNOW, FRUIT IS ALWAYS POPULAR. WE CAN DISTRIBUTE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN GIVE US.

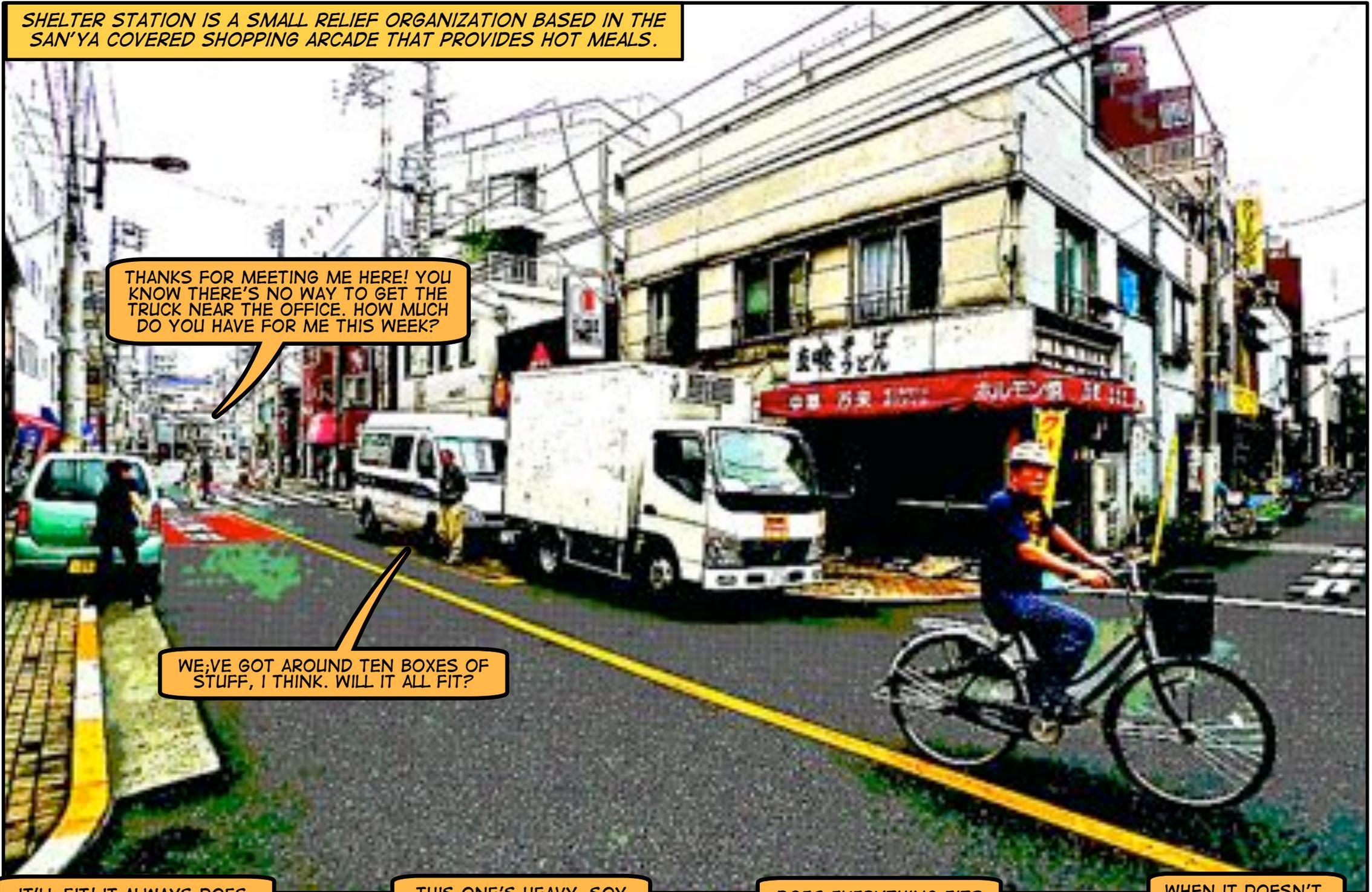
SURE, I REMEMBER.



OKAY, THAT'S EVERYTHING! WE'VE GOT A COUPLE MORE STOPS TO MAKE, SO SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!

THANKS, KUROSAWA-SAN! SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!

SHELTER STATION IS A SMALL RELIEF ORGANIZATION BASED IN THE SAN'YA COVERED SHOPPING ARCADE THAT PROVIDES HOT MEALS.



THANKS FOR MEETING ME HERE! YOU KNOW THERE'S NO WAY TO GET THE TRUCK NEAR THE OFFICE. HOW MUCH DO YOU HAVE FOR ME THIS WEEK?

WE'VE GOT AROUND TEN BOXES OF STUFF, I THINK. WILL IT ALL FIT?

IT'LL FIT! IT ALWAYS DOES.



THIS ONE'S HEAVY: SOY SAUCE AND COOKING OIL!



DOES EVERYTHING FIT?



WHEN IT DOESN'T, I MAKE IT FIT!



FANTASTIC! SEE YOU NEXT WEEK, KAMEHARA-SAN!

SENJU, TOKYO



SENJU CHRISTIAN CHURCH IS A KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THAT PROVIDES MEALS TO PEOPLE LIVING ALONG THE ARAKAWA RIVER.



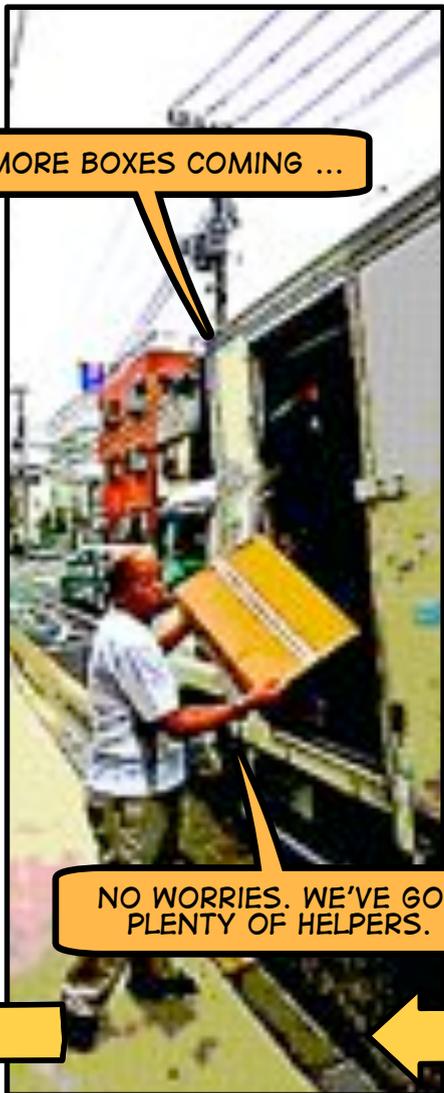
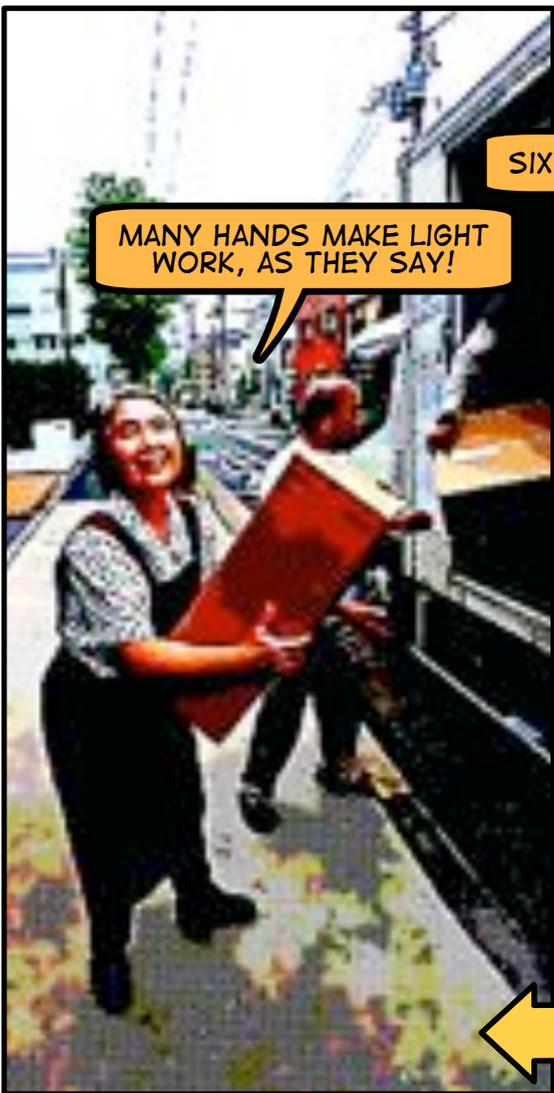
... AND WE HAVE A LOT OF GOOD BREAD FOR YOU TODAY.

THAT'S GREAT, THANKS! ONCE THE TRUCK IS UNLOADED WON'T YOU COME IN FOR A COFFEE?

WE'D LOVE TO, THANKS!

SIX MORE BOXES COMING ...

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK, AS THEY SAY!



NO WORRIES. WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF HELPERS.



LOTS OF SANDWICHES TO BE MADE TODAY!



ON THREE KINDS OF BREAD!



LET'S MAKE HAM AND CHEESE, AND CHEESE ONLY. AND WE'VE GOT CHOCOLATE BROWNIES AS WELL.



KEN-SAN, WHAT TIME ARE YOU HEADING OUT TO THE RIVER TO DISTRIBUTE THE FOOD?



I'M HOPING TO LEAVE HERE AT 2:00. THAT'S IN AN HOUR.



WE'D BETTER GET BUSY MAKING SANDWICHES, THEN!



THAT WAS THE LAST STOP. ONCE WE GET BACK TO THE OFFICE WE'LL REVIEW WHAT WE DISTRIBUTED AND MAKE A PLAN FOR NEXT WEEK, BUT CERTAINLY EVERYONE SEEMED TO AGREE THEY'D BE HAPPY WITH MORE FRUIT.

I MADE A NOTE OF THAT. AND THE BROTHERS TOLD ME THEY DON'T NEED ANY MISO NEXT WEEK; THEY'VE GOT PLENTY FROM OUR LAST FEW DELIVERIES. AND THE GUYS AT SANYUKAI LOVED THOSE COSTCO DONUTS WE DROPPED OFF TODAY; I'LL LET COSTCO KNOW THEY WERE A HIT.

WE'D BETTER HOPE COSTCO NEVER GIVES US ANY OF THEIR TIRAMISU CAKE. THOSE GUYS WOULD GO CRAZY.



I THINK IT'S POPULAR ENOUGH WITH COSTCO CUSTOMERS THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THEM GIVING US ANY!

LET'S HEAD BACK TO THE OFFICE - I WANT TO WRITE MY REPORT.

SECOND HARVEST JAPAN PROVIDES A HELPING HAND WHEN PEOPLE NEED ONE, AND WE ALL NEED ONE NOW AND THEN. IF YOU'D LIKE TO GET INVOLVED, WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOUR HELP IN SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY. VISIT [WWW.2HJ.ORG](http://WWW.2HJ.ORG) TO LEARN MORE, AND TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP.

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