

The official newsletter of the Mirabella family!



THE MIRABELLAS IN JAPAN



Countdown is on...

Dear friends,

We are in the midst of preparing for our move back to Japan on April 18th! Our plan is to move out of our rental house sometime next week and head up to Northern VA for the last five or so days before we fly back.

This is a short update, but we wanted to touch base to let you know how grateful we are for the chance to reconnect (and meet some of you for the first time) over this nine-month home assignment. Sorry we didn't get to see everybody – Tom will be coming back in June to visit three more churches and attend General Assembly, but we know that will still not cover everyone. We plan to come back for another visit in two-years when Matthias and Leighton graduate from high school.

Would you please pray for us in the meantime?

- For everything to get done over these next two weeks
- For our hearts as we leave three kids in the States and only return with the twins (and our dog Gus)
- For wisdom to know how to reengage with our responsibilities in Japan in a sustainable and healthy way
- For God's mercy as we deal with a number of difficult situations within the ministry right now
- For good communication and grace between Tom and I as our stress levels are higher in the middle of trying to get everything done
- PRAISE for God's provision of a rental house for us...it's smaller than we're used to but we're thankful and look forward to settling in

For those of you in the Valley: Our family will be at [Smiley's](#) in Bridgewater on Monday April 10th from 7 to 8:30pm. Please come eat ice cream and say goodbye to us if you can!

One last thing: We are excited to share that our middle daughter AJ (freshman at Covenant College) is preparing for a summer mission project with MTW in Thailand! She will be helping with outreach on a college campus in Bangkok. She is raising support for this trip, so we want to pass along her information. Please let us know if you want to be on her prayer list and click [here](#) if you're interested in supporting her!

Thank you SO much! We look forward to updating you more when we are settled back into our routine with our [Chiba AO team](#) in Japan.

If you are interested in joining our support team, all the necessary information is on our webpage here: <https://themirabellas.wordpress.com/giving/>

Thankfully,
Karen (for the Mirabellas)

Photos:

- Tom preaching during our last church visit at Cornerstone PCA in Maryland.
- Sharing time at Covenant Little Rock's missions conference earlier last month.
- Visiting AJ at Covenant College family weekend.
- The twins turned 16 years old last month!
- Trying to stop and enjoy the beauty of spring!





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