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THE MIRABELLAS IN JAPAN



September 2023 update

Dear friends,

Thank you for your prayers for us as we have settled back into life in Japan. One of the struggles we have is consistency in our updates to you all, so thank you for your grace as we are often behind in our ability to update you all quarterly...and thank you to those of you who have reached out to check in on us!

As I browse our April prayer requests (for productivity in transition, our hearts to grieve leaving 3 adult children in the states, wisdom to know how to reengage, dealing with difficult situations, good communication in our marriage, etc...) I can see God's mercy to us in these past five months or so. So many of these requests are ongoing...

In a lot of ways, we hit the ground running in April. Setting up a new rental house and getting used to our new normal took a decent amount of energy. With two of our ministry partners on medical leave (one teammate and one Japanese partner, both struggling with burnout) the load felt especially weighty. Would you please continue to pray for these two brothers as they navigate trying to return to ministry responsibilities in a healthy/sustainable way?

Our team is in a very unique space, with team members either in the States or preparing to return to the States for various reasons. We have several team members who are likely to retire sometime in the next few years. Specific prayers for our 3 main ministries are:

- Open House English Ministries: wisdom to know how to move forward with multiple teachers on the verge of retirement
- Covenant Community School International ministry: we are thankful for two new interns for the

school year but recognizing a need for change in order to become a healthy sustainable place, plus it was just announced that the missionary serving as our head of school will be stepping down in order to get married (we are thrilled for her, but this is a big loss for us!)

- Alive International bilingual worship: More to do than there are people to do it...please pray for our growth in community and fellowship of the saints. We recently started streaming our service on Facebook Live. Here is a [link](#) to our last service where Tom preached and Matthias (guitar and vocal) and Leighton (vocal) helped lead the worship!

One more prayer request: We have lost several supporters in the past year due to various reasons. If you are interested in joining our support team or raising your current support please visit our webpage here: <https://themirabellas.wordpress.com/giving/> for all the necessary information!

Thank you SO much!

Gratefully,
Karen (for the Mirabellas)

Our new mailing address is:

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Photos:

- CCSI students at the Talent Show in June*
- AO team dinner and meeting in July*
- Kid's English Camp in August (1st time back since 2019!)*
- Family vacation in Okinawa in August*
- 1st day of 11th grade in September*
- Intern meal in our home last week!!*











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