



FAR FLUNG AIR
日本

JAPAN



Greetings from Tennessee!

We are thrilled that you will be joining us on this incredible journey to Japan. Our hearts are filled with anticipation for all that God has in store – not only for the lives of those we will serve, but also for the unique ways He will work in your life. We firmly believe that the Lord has brought this team together for a specific purpose, and we are eager to witness how He will use each of you to make a meaningful impact.

This packet contains important logistical details for the trip, as well as insight into the deep connection that Far-Flung Tin Can has with the people of Japan.



In 2018, the Lord placed Japan on Kyle's heart. He and his wife, Marion, visited shortly after in 2019, where the beauty of the land and its people inspired them to bring hope and make a difference. Far Flung has partnered with Mike and Rachel Sawka, pastors in Sano, Japan, through Catch the Fire Ministries. In 2023, we returned with nearly 100 people for the Together Project, continuing our mission to impact the people of Japan.



Catch the Fire is a global ministry encompassing churches, music, books, schools, and events. Far-Flung has partnered with Pastor Mike and Rachel Sawka in Sano, Japan, to support their mission in this nation. One of the greatest needs in Japan is to bring hope and joy to a population deeply burdened by shame and guilt, where the value of life is often overlooked.

Japan's predominant religions are Shinto and Buddhism, which shape much of the cultural and spiritual landscape. Our mission is to share the light and hope of Jesus, helping restore the people's sense of worth as beloved children of God.

What does missions look like in Japan?

The average Japanese person does not face significant financial or medical hardships, making this trip unique compared to a typical Far-Flung Air mission. Our purpose in traveling to Japan is not to provide material aid, but to bring hope and encouragement to the hearts of its people. Historically, Japan has experienced alarmingly high suicide rates, a reality that deeply moved us. Kyle's visit to the Sea of Trees, also known as the Suicide Forest, further inspired the vision to return and record music filled with hope and joy in that very place, as an expression of love and light for the Japanese people.



Nuts and Bolts

Mission trips involve a significant amount of information to review and share. By providing you with this packet, we aim to equip you with all the essential details well in advance of our departure. This will allow you to begin preparing for the trip early and ensure a smooth and meaningful experience.





Packing Guidelines

Appropriate Clothing

Average temperatures in Japan in April range from 50–70 degrees, so choose clothing accordingly. If you have tattoos, they will need to be covered at all times. We recommend a rain jacket, good walking shoes, boots and a jacket/hoodie.

Clothing for Church Services

Church attire does not need to be formal. Modest clothing, such as pants and dresses, is perfectly acceptable..

Toiletries

Bring all personal hygiene products, including hair care, body wash, deodorant, and similar items. You will need a power adapter for any 3-pronged plugs.

Medication

If you take daily medications, ensure they are in their original bottles with your name clearly labeled to avoid any issues at the airport.

Money

You will need money for souvenirs, snacks, food while we travel, and transportation for your free days in Tokyo.

* Please note that you may be responsible for covering the cost of your checked luggage with certain airlines. Your trip lead will be able to tell you that information ahead of time.

Bible & Journal

Apart from your passport, these may be the most important items to pack. We anticipate that the Lord will speak to you in meaningful ways during this trip, so bring a journal to record your experiences and reflections. We also want you to come equipped and prepared – don't leave your Sword at home.

Towels & Pillow

Lodging will vary from hotel beds to traditional Japanese mats on the ground. Depending on your personal preferences, you can bring a pillow or a blow up mat for comfort.

Miscellaneous

- **Power Adapter:** We recommend bringing a universal power adapter/converter. Japan uses Type A outlets which are the same as a 2-pronged US outlet. The universal adapter should allow you to use your 3-pronged electronics.
- **Coin storage:** You will have a LOT of coins in Japan. This will help you keep them organized and make check-out at 7–11 more efficient.
- **Hand Towel:** Paper towels are not typically seen in public restrooms in Japan.





Suggested Vaccinations

There are no specific vaccines required for this trip. However, we do recommend ensuring your tetanus vaccination is up to date as a precaution.

Allergies

If you have any allergies to food, animals, or substances that may cause a reaction, please inform us as soon as possible. This information will help us ensure your safety when selecting groceries and preparing meals during your stay. Additionally, if you require any medication for allergies or allergic reactions, please bring it with you and ensure it is clearly labeled with your name.



a Note from Kyle

Hey everyone! We're so excited that you are joining in the work we are doing throughout Japan! Catch the Fire has been ministering all over this nation, but there's still so much work to be done as less than 2% are believers.

Nations are not transformed overnight, but we believe through consistent and intentional ministry, we will see a huge harvest! Make the most of this trip and see what God does through you.



Tentative Schedule

* Please note that the itinerary for this trip is subject to change due to weather conditions, the evolving needs of the people we serve, unforeseen circumstances, or the guidance of the Lord.

- Day 1** Start travel to Japan.
- Day 2** Arrive in Tokyo. Drive to Sano. Possible service. Dinner after.
- Day 3** All day in Sano. Special family event at CTF Sano.
- Day 4** Sano > Tokyo > Fly to Oita
- Day 5** Oita airport > CTF Oita. Meet the team, prayer and dinner.
- Day 6** Spend day with Oita team and students. Prayer and worship night with community.
- Day 7** Drive to Miyazaki. Meet with Stephan, Minako and team. Street evangelism, prayer and services.
- Day 8** Travel to Okinawa. Street evangelism, prayer & services.
- Day 9** Day in Okinawa with team.
- Day 10** Okinawa > Tokyo. Day in Tokyo.
- Day 11** Day in Tokyo. Start travel back to the US.
- Day 12 & 13** Travel days.

