



# Moving House!



Dear friend,

Well, praise the Lord, it is done! We are now residents of a new house, trying to make it into a home.

Here is the new address and phone number for the Clarks:

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**All our emails are the same.**

News about the move:

Thanks everyone for praying for a safe move - it all went well. There are a couple of those pin knobs that hold up a

shelf in our china cabinet that disappeared, and if anything else went missing we don't know it yet. We are thick into unpacking boxes and everything, but we had lots of friends helping, so almost all of our furniture is where it should be by now.

There was some questionable weather predicted for the day, but God answered prayer for good enough weather and actually the sun was out a lot of the day, no rain until the last friend went home late that evening. Everyone's back held out, though I confess I have a very tired one and it was hard to sleep through the first night here! The piano was safely moved, and newly close friends have started stopping by and having us to dinner. A couple friends from church have stopped by with perfect timing to handle some of our last minute needs.

The first night Rochelle woke up at midnight and couldn't sleep, finally at 2 she decided this was crazy and spent an hour clearing off the dining table and putting away kitchen items. She finally went back to bed. Of course her mind is spinning with things to do and things for her "honey-do" list. We are all working those things through, and Ben and Melissa have been great helpers, and Josh a real trooper through all this.

This week is the kids spring break from school, so while they have been helpful they are also interested in playing around with friends. We are trying to balance that out a bit. Today we also took advantage of planned family time and went together to an old haunt from our single days long ago when we first arrived. Koganei Koen is famous for its cherry blossom trees, and we enjoyed a little outing there at the peak of open blossoms for the main varieties of cherry blossom trees here (just like Washington, D.C., as well).

Next week it is back to work, and I have a bit of a pile that is true! In fact in spite of and around the action with this move, I have been shepherding a recording of the Japanese track for a DVD with Athletes in Action that will be used in the World Cup outreaches this June. The timing of special opportunities isn't always coordinated with family things, but the Lord answered our many prayers for that item too, and it was completed today. I will tell you more about it later on.

We love you all and pray for you - let us know how we can be praying for you!

Blessings,

Steve and Rochelle

Dear praying friend,

I wanted to give you an update on our move!

We have started renting another rental house, this one very close to the kids school, a couple weeks ahead of time. We are now moving things over there by our van, bit by bit, and next Tuesday we will have the big moving truck rented to handle our big stuff and furniture.

The landlord here has been planning to demolish this house, so we have had to make this move, even though it is the middle of the school year. But the kids are actually all excited to be so close to their school.

The new place, besides being close to school, is just as large as this one, although arranged entirely in a different way than this. So we are trying to figure out where everything will go in the new place. Yesterday we had our two air conditioner / heater units moved over (there is no central here in Tokyo, so it is all one room units for each place we want it. The phone is already up, but not our DSL yet, some paint comes for one room tomorrow and the washer and sink unit gets moved the next day! Well, you get the idea - lots of details.

Please pray for a safe move. We have lots of helpers on both ends coming Tuesday, but pray that everyone's backs hold out okay! We have a piano to move too!