Tom and Debi Going are missionaries through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Japan. Tom serves as an educational missionary at Urawa Lutheran School (ULS), a school the LCMS started just north of Tokyo in 1953. He teaches English and works with the school’s summer exchange and faculty development programs that seek to connect ULS with American students and faculty. Tom and Debi have been extensively involved in international missionary work, including more than 20 years of service with the LCMS. In the early 1990s, Tom and Debi first went to Japan to serve with the Volunteer Youth Ministry (VYM) program and teach English to Japanese students.

Tom earned a bachelor’s degree in business from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind. He received his teaching credential and certification as a director of Christian education (DCE) from Concordia University, Irvine, Calif. Debi received her bachelor’s degree in art from Concordia University, Irvine, along with her teaching credential and certification as a DCE. Their home congregation is St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Columbus, Ind. They enjoy music, traveling and sports. Tom and Debi have twin children, Megumi and Isaac, who serve with them in Japan.

Pray for the Goings, that God would continue to bless their ministry to ULS students (only about 5% of whom are Christian) and their fellow teachers (only about 30% of whom are Christian). Ask God to continue giving their family good health and enthusiasm to serve, along with the energy and patience to share the Gospel. In addition, pray for Megumi and Isaac as they study the Japanese language in their homeschool lessons. Pray also for the Japanese people, that their hearts and minds would be open to learning more about Christianity. Ask the Holy Spirit to remind them of the Gospel and the love and grace God has for them, as well as to break the bondage they feel under their ancestors.


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