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Nishinomiya, Japan
July 5th, 1950

Dear Julia and Family,

I just finished writing a letter to my husband. He has been gone since last Sat. speaking in the coal mines in Kyushu Island. I haven't heard from him but trust that he is seeing many souls turn to the Lord. He will be gone until the wighteenth of this month, then we will be together for a two weeks vacation then he will be gone for the rest of the summer. I miss him a lot but don't have time to get lonesome. I like this new home so much better than the other one. It is cooler and so nice for the children. Then I have the chapel where I can hold services.

We completed this term of language study last Friday and both passed our examinations. I am trying to study a little each day this summer so that I won't forget what I learned.

We were very surprised to hear the other day that Rev. John is to return to America to raise money for the building of our seminary. He is the Superintendent of our mission, you know. That leaves all of the administrative work up to Jake and Rev. Parsons. Bro. John says that they will start building the mission homes before he leaves the middle of this month and they can be completed in about six months so it looks like we will be living in one of the new houses after a while. I rather hate to move back to Osaka even for a new house because I like it so well here. It will be nice to be close to the Parson's and the school though. The Johns will sail on the 20th. of this month. I hope that you get to hear them speak and see their movies and slides.

I have just been listening to the news and it sounds worse and worse concerning the Korean situation. Whatever happens, though don't worry about us. "If the Lord be for us, who can be against us". How we need to pray and work now while the opportunity is ours.

Johnnie is getting so big. He sits alone now and wants to stand up and take steps. He and Paul play together so nicely and Paul never hurts the baby. Johnnie likes the kitten to bites its ears and kisses it and pulls its tail. Paul ran to close to the wing the other day and got a black eye but it is almost healed now.

I am enclosing a clipping from our newspaper. Mr. Faulkenberg is the man who wrote that pamphlet of Jakes. He is making a tour of Japan to see what kind of Christian literature is needed. The other lady in the picture is that Quaker lady which I wrote about in our last letter. We all went to the Chinese restaurant to eat the day that Dr. Faulkenberg came.

We would like to see you all and wish that we could have seen Lavae graduate. Perhaps we will get back in time to see her graduate from college. We are going to Kobe next week and my language teacher will go with me. She has a friend who works in the silk factory there and he will let me have samples of silk to send to Lavae and also the prices of each so that she can choose. I hope that it won't be too late. I'm sorry to have taken so long to get these to her.

We had some fire-works last night and also the night before to celebrate the fourth of July. The little Japanese children who live in the house next to us and play with Paul every day bought some for the 3rd. and we bought them for the fourth so the children had a very good time for two nights. If it is nice I plan to take them to the beach tomorrow. We have been having nice weather. The rainy season is over and I suppose that it will be getting scorching hot soon.

I must close now and get to bed. Morning comes quickly when there is a baby in the house. Remember to pray for us.

With love,

The Re Shazers

The Newspaper picture is Terrible - but it is us anyway!