

Osaka, Japan

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Dear Glen + Velma,

Greetings from across the ocean!

I am sitting at the desk in the hotel in Osaka. Our freight has arrived and we expect to be settled in our own home soon. Jake is going to try to get our stove up today.

We will be living in the upstairs of a Japanese home. We will try to take some pictures of it to send to you. We have to install our own kitchen as there is no convenient place for one. I will try to draw a picture for you.

[Hand-drawn floorplan of DeShazer's home]

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By Japanese style [both bedrooms in the hand-drawn plan include the notation "Japanese Style"] I mean that the

rooms have sliding doors and mats on the floor. If we want to take a bath we go downstairs where they have rigged up a shower and a Japanese bath tub. The tub is wooden and in one corner has a little electrical device which heats the water. We surely will miss all the conveniences of home but I think

that we'll be quite comfortable when we get steeled. We are so thankful for the refrigerator, oil burner, etc.

We got Paul out of the hospital last Sat. A.M. and in the evening took the train for Osaka. He seemed to be over his cold but his teeth are bothering him a lot. We had two services Sunday one in the Nippon-Bashi Church here in Osaka.

It seemed good to finally be in Japan but there are many adjustments to be made. As I sit here I can hear the constant clickety-clack of the wooden "Geta" (sandal). Nearly all of the women + some of the men wear them. There are some automobiles mostly be-

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longing to the occupation forces. The Japanese automobiles use charcoal burners to produce gas. There are many, many bicycles (won't we look cute skooting [sic] around on our motor bike?) Our Chevrolet arrived. It is a black club coupe. We expect to get our gas card soon and also our Over-Seas Store (OSS) card which enables

us to buy American products in limited quantities. Some thing such as (fried [sic] chicken) are cheaper here than in the states. For most of our buying we use military Script [sic] which is an equal exchange for our money. However, if we buy from Japanese shops we use yen which are 270 for one of our dollars.

Mr. Yoshiki (the man in whose home we are living) is very interested in horses. He used to own a factory + 7 race horses [sic]. His factory was destroyed during the war and also one of his sons was killed. He says that Jake will take the place of his son. He still has

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three race horses and as a hobby collects horses of all sizes + shapes. These people are not Christians but have welcomed us as though we were their own family. Pray with us that we may soon lead this family to the Lord. Besides Mr. Yoshiki and his wife there is his mother who is 86 yrs. old. His son + wife who have a cute little girl

just Paul's age (we'll try to get
their picture together) and a
daughter 17 and son about 12.

The Lord is blessing and
helping us. Jake's speaking
engagements are being outlined
for him and we expect to
start Language study soon.

Write soon + tell us all the news
from home. I hope that you
have been getting our other letters
and that you will send this
one on to the folks, Helen etc.

Our next letter will be to Helen.

Hi Clinton + Glenda!

Love to all,

Jake, Florence

+ Paul