

Dear Mom, Margaret + Phyllis 7/27/'68

If I don't get a letter off to you soon  
you'll think we're all dead! It has been a  
busy summer but not too hot so far.

It is good to have the kids home but  
it keeps me hopping getting them fed.

John is teaching English at the Education  
Center in Mito and also taught several  
times at a large copper mine in Hitachi.

He also has been going to driver's school  
+ hopes to get his drivers [sic] license soon.

Mark is working, too, as a caddy at  
the Hitachi Golf Course. He plans to go  
to Karuizawa (resort town) for a Youth  
Camp Aug. 6-13. He has a girl-friend.

Her name is Carol Seely + she spent a  
few days with us last month.

Carol is visiting friends in Nagoya.

She is learning to sew so we bought  
a sewing machine!

Ruthie is growing fast (4 ft. 9 in) She and  
Carol had trouble finding rooms for  
school next yr. but finally they were  
accepted in the Assembly of God Hostel  
so all the kids will be in Tokyo next  
school year – I will really be lost!

We had a letter from Paul yesterday  
He is still working at the Post Office.  
He makes \$3.14 pr hr. so thus far has

been able to pay his school expenses and his car payments. He is renting the downstairs of a large house with three other boys. They do their own cooking.

Jake keeps quite busy. In May he was elected Supt. of the Eastern

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District. It is a small district with only 6 scattered Churches but involves quite a bit of traveling. We also have responsibilities here at the Hitachi Church and with the new work at Katsuta.

The ground-breaking ceremony for the Church in Katsuta will be Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>

I intended this to be a birthday letter for Mother + here I've filled up the whole paper talking about us.

"Happy Birthday", [sic] Mother, from us

all !! We wish we could be with you to help you celebrate. What do you hear from Juniors? [sic] I know that you are enjoying having

Phyllis home! I'll write to her soon.

I must close + mail this + go to the dentist.

Love + Prayers,

Florence + All