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Dear Folks,

The children are watching "Popeye" on T.V. so perhaps I can snatch a few minutes for a long over-due [sic] letter to you.

We have had a cold winter with lots of flu and other sickness which has made Church and school attendance small. The days are warmer now but still windy. The children have all had the mumps (except John) [sic] Paul had them first, then Carol and Ruth and last Mark. so [sic] we have had quite a siege of it. They've also had ear-aches [sic] and colds. Now that it is getting warmer we hope that the flu bug will die.

This week Jake was gone 3 days to Osaka for Conference. He has been busy enclosing part of our back porch for an extra room for John. There is so much work to be done on the house and yard before summer.

We are all excited about Phyllis' coming. We hope that Jake's sister

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will be able to pay us a visit  
too on her way back to the States  
from Germany.

Our W.M.S. [Women's Missionary Society] group had charge of the  
Church service this morning. We have  
12-15 women who come regularly to  
W.M.S. but only five are Christians and  
it is hard to get the others to attend  
the Sunday services. Today 3 came  
who had not attended before. We  
are so thankful for the Lord's blessing  
and help - We would like to get a  
building up soon but I don't know  
when the people will be able to afford  
one.

The children are speaking Japanese  
quite well again now and seem  
very happy with their life here. They  
have lots of Japanese friends and  
also American play-mates at school.  
The boys belong to Boy-Scouts so keep  
busy with all kinds of activities. The  
other day Jake took Paul and  
John skiing. They  
had a wonderful  
time. Carol is getting  
to be quite a young lady. She  
likes to dress up and also play "Hospital"  
She says that she is going to be a

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nurse. Little Ruth is full of cute sayings and doings and keeps us all entertained.

We hope that you are all, keeping well. We would love to see you. Have a happy anniversary on the 21st.

I'm enclosing a snap of the kids taken Christmas night. Ruth was sick so looks a little peaked.

Love to all,

Florence, Jake

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