

Dear Lillian, John + All,      Nov. 1, 1968

I must owe you umpteen letters! I'll try to do better in the future. It was good to hear from you both recently. We enjoyed all the family and Salem news. So John R. is in the Navy? How does he like it? Let us know his address + we'll drop him a line.

We are all fine. We are looking for the children home tonight for a week's vacation. Our John got his Japanese driver's license so now wants to buy a car – He has a 250 c.c. motor-bike. I wish that he was as crazy over studies as he is over cars. He works vacations + Sat. P.M. teaching English. At school he studies Eng, typing, Am. Govt. and Art. Marks likes school + keeps busy in many activities. He is trying out for J.V. basket-ball, sings in the High School Chorus, leads the Jr. + Sr "King's Court" (Sun. evening service for 11-12 grades) and has a steady girl friend [sic]. Carol finds school difficult but works hard at it – She loves to sew (Lillian if you have any old, simple patterns in size 32-34 she'd sure like them) Ruthie is almost as tall as Carol and I. She likes her new school but misses home, too. Paul is still working at Seattle P.O. and is in his last yr. of college. (Halloween, yesterday was his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday)

Jake and I have been traveling quite a bit. Jake is Supt. Over 7 churches in this area so we have to visit them for District Mtgs. + special services. Last week we went to Sendai (4 ½ hrs. N. of here) It was a beautiful drive. The hillsides were covered with many colored leaves, the rice is cut and hung in the fields to dry – Here and there are persimmon trees with the persimmons hanging like little orange balls. We enjoyed being with the Christians in Sendai (The first time I've been there.) We had a

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Sat. evening class meeting in a believers [sic] home Sun. A.M. and P.M. Mtg. and business mtg on Monday. On Sun P.M. we went with the Church people, by two's [sic] to pass out tracts. It was raining and we had to wade in puddles but it was a thrill to see them working for the Lord.

Our new Church in Katsuta is almost finished. We are looking forward to starting regular services there soon. It is really a parsonage but one room of it will be used as a Church for a few years.

Jake is busy today tiling around our new bath tub which was installed

a few days ago - It's [sic] half way between  
a Japanese + American style bath. You  
can give it a try in 1970 when you  
come for a visit. See you then! Love

The DeShazers