

12/10/'68

Dear Mom + Margaret,

We were glad to receive your two recent letters + Christmas card. It doesn't seem possible that Christmas is only two weeks away. As usual I am slow with my shopping. I got a small package off to Paul yesterday + will try to get yours + Jake's folks off today by air-mail so it should reach you in time. It isn't much.

Thanks so much for the checks!

It's too bad that Juniors [sic] can't be with you for Christmas. Maybe, they'll get up in the Spring when it's warmer. We have had a warm, dry, fall but it is raining today.

We had word from Jake's sister yesterday that his mother is in the hospital with severe heart pains. She suffers so much. His Dad is fine but worries about her. He will be 99 in March.

The kids are all well. Next Sat. their High School has their Christmas banquet. Carol is all excited about going. It will be her first real date (complete with corsage etc.) She was invited by the younger Bro.

of Mark's girl-friend so I suppose
that the four will go together.
John says that he is going with
the best looking girl in the school.
Big stuff huh? I think that we'll
go get Ruthie + bring her home
for the weekend.

We have started services

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in our new building in Katsuta –
only a few are coming as yet but
we hope to see the group grow.
The Churches are busy planning
S.S. [Sunday School] programs + other Christmas
activities. They will be on Dec. 22nd.
Ruthie's school program is on the
20th and their vacation begins on
the 21st. I want to bake some
Christmas cookies. We are going to
try to get a turkey for Christmas
dinner to give the kids a treat.
We wish that you could join us!
I haven't heard from Phyllis for
a long while.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Love,

Florence + All