

Sept. 4, 1962

Dear Folks,

How wonderfully quiet it seems here with the children back in school! They started today. Ruth plays so quietly that one hardly knows she is around. Right now she is at the neighbors.

We received your letter and birthday money and check. Thanks so much. We are not deserving of so much. We wish that we could be with you more + help you. We'd like to see the house now that you have it all fixed up. Phyllis can really get a lot done in a short time can't she? Do you have her address yet?

It is raining here today but we have had a dry hot summer. It is good to have the nights cooler again.

Typhoon Ruth hit here a few days ago but didn't do much damage - I suppose their [sic] will be some others before

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the season is finished. Earthquakes and volcanic eruptions seem to be the news these days so I guess we shouldn't worry about a few little typhoons.

Jake goes to Okayama this Friday for three days of Mtgs. so I'll have to take his place here Sun. Also I have W.M.S. [Women's Missionary Society] this week. We are studying "Important Women" of the Bible and this time it will be on Ruth + Naomi. I also have to help with Cub Scouts on Wed. so it looks like a busy week. We have District Mtg. here the end of Sept. Sunday School + Church attendance are picking up a little now that school is beginning and everyone is back from their vacations. Our leading layman Bro. Gotoh has been transferred by his Company to Kobe so can't attend services here very often.

This is quite a disappointment to all as we depended on him so much but perhaps the Lord wants us

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to trust Him more and not be dependent on the human. We know His ways are best.

Received a nice letter from Aunt Mabel the other day with news of all the cousins and other relations. I hope that Aunt Esther got along alright with her operation.

You asked about Christmas gifts or money from the W.M.S. - They have already sent us so much that I feel like a beggar asking for anything more. We can buy most things here and know that it is a lot of work for some-one [sic] to buy + pack gifts and postage is expensive. However, it always seems a little more Christmasy to get a package (I guess we're still kids at heart.) I will send along sizes and either way you decide will be fine with us.

1. Ruth-Size 6
2. Carol-Size 10
3. Mark-Size 12
4. John-Size 14

5. Paul-Size 18     Florence-16½-40 Bust

(over)     Jake-15½ neck 32 sleeve

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The boys could use flannel shirts (The one's the Church sent last yr. are so nice) or Pajamas. Carol + Ruth like anything in the clothes line. Jake and I could also use P.J's or under clothes or pillow cases [sic]. Jake + Paul can always use big socks

Time out to go buy groceries. Grapes + Japanese pears are so good now. I suppose the kids will be hungry when they get home. Ruth has to have a lunch every day like the other children.

How do Martin + Clark like school this yr.? Would like to see a recent picture of them all.

I must close + clean Paul's room. Thanks again for the money. We'll probably use it on our house which we're buying. Is there anything special you'd like to have us send you from Japan?

Lots of Love,

Florence + All