

Dear Mother + Margaret, 4/30/'69

Margaret's letter arrived yesterday.

We were glad to hear that Mother is improving. I hope that you don't get sick, Margaret. It was nice that Oral and Edward got back for a visit.

It is warming up here but mornings + nights are still chilly. Lots of pretty flowers are in bloom.

Jake and I have been working on house plans but I don't know how soon we'll be able to build. We may have to rent something for a few months – It takes time and money to build these days but it will be so nice to have the kids with us next yr.

Yes, we heard from John. He passed his physical so will probably be in uniform soon. He has been working at a furniture store + has an apartment with his friend. Paul has visited him several times.

We are going to Tokyo on Friday to see Mark play base-ball + bring the girls back for the week-end.

They have six more wks. of school.

We had a nice letter from Della

the other day. I'm so glad that
Martin has joined the church. They
all seem happy about it!

The people here in Hitachi like
their new pastor + family. They

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have 3 children 5, 3 and 1. The former
pastor moved to the new Katsuta Church.

We help some at both churches.

Everyone is better off financially now
and are getting new cars + homes +
it is getting harder to get them to
come to Church.

Ruthie brought her friend home
for the week-end a while back. We
took them for a hike in the Mts. +
to the ocean – She had never seen
the ocean before, though she'd crossed
it twice. (one time she was a baby and
the other was at night + by plane).

Ruth is over 5 ft. tall now + getting
quite grown up. We wish we could
see you but 3 yrs. will speed by!

Love, Florence + All