

July 31, 1969

Dear Mother,

Happy Birthday! Hope that you have a happy day + many more.

I should have written sooner but we have been on vacation.

We rented a cabin at Nojiri, a summer resort, for the month of July.

Many Americans + other foreigners have summer homes there. There is a big lake, golf-course (sic), tennis-coarts (sic) etc. It is real cool – we made a fire in the fire-place lots of the time.

Jake enjoyed the golfing but couldn't beat Mark. Ruthie went swimming several times a day. Carol collected bugs for Biology Class + worked at getting a tan. We all enjoyed reading + relaxing. Mark's girl-friend was with us for one week. On the 28<sup>th</sup> we drove to Osaka for Mission Mtg. It was nice to be with the other missionaries for a day. Yesterday we got up at 4:00 A.M. + drove home (12 hrs.).

Boy, home sure did look good! I did 12 loads of washing + we are trying to get some of our letters written. I was too tired to wash my hair so went + had it washed

and set. Tomorrow Jake and I are going to District Retreat for several days.

We plan to move to Tokyo the end of this month. We have rented a house about 15 min. walk

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from the kids [sic] school and will live there until our house is built. We have signed the contract for building and hope to get started soon. Pray for us in these busy days + that the Lord will open the doors for us in Tokyo.

It was nice that Phyllis could be with you for a few weeks. We're glad, too, that she got to Seattle for Paul's graduation. He is still working at the Post Office. He doesn't plan to change until he knows whether he'll be drafted or not. He has moved + his new address is 12729 Greenwood Ave. Seattle, Washington 98133 We still haven't heard from John so don't know his address. Lots of love from

all of us,

Florence