

Osaka, Japan

April 19, 1949

Dear Folks,

Paul is sleeping so I will take this opportunity to write to you. We all have been having colds but feel better now.

I guess that it will just take time for us to get immune to all of the Japanese germs.

We received Helen's letter this week and it was so good to hear the news from Prospect - I eagerly watch for letters every day.

Yesterday we went with the Yoshikis to see the cherry-blossoms. It was a long trip up into the mountains and we were very tired when we got home but had a good time. The blossoms were not entirely out but some of the trees were very beautiful. At noon we had chicken-sukiyaki in a Japanese hotel overlooking the cherry-trees and fish ponds.

It is much warmer here now. I have daisies, pansies + daffodils blooming in the window. We are having quite a little rain too but they say that the real rainy season begins in June. The Japanese fields are green

with grain and are spotlessly clean. You cannot see a weed anywhere.

Easter was a good day here in Japan.

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I gave the Easter felto-gram in the seminary church. There must have been at least 200 youngsters present. There were 37 people baptized in the morning service. About eight of them were from our class here at the house including Five [sic] of the Yoshiki family. We are praying now that the Lord will help Mr. Yoshiki to take the way. He is such a fine man and a very influential (sic) citizen. He is happy that his family has become Christians and is very good to us. I think that the Lord is dealing with him.

We are glad to hear the good revival report from Salem and want to thank the church people for their prayers + gifts. We had a jar of your chicken the other day and it surely tasted good. We surely do enjoy the home-canned jams, fruits + vegetables too. They taste so much better than the boughten ones.

The Johns are still staying with us. Some of their things have arrived

but their bed will not get here until
some time [sic] next week.

Our annual Japanese Conference
is to be at the end of this week so
this will be a busy wk.

Jake + Rev. John + Rev. Haslam, Miss
Fensome + all of us are kept very

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busy. In one of the services where
Jake spoke the other day - 80 people
made a decision for Christ. To God be
all the praise for these glorious
victories!

We would like to have been with
you for your birthdays and to see
Aunt Julia + family. How long did they
stay with you. [sic] We never hear from
them any-more. [sic]

I must close + get dinner. I would
like to get some mending done this
afternoon. Paul is growing so fast
that the buttons on all of his
suspenders need moving - He and
Reiko were tickled with the Easter
baskets which I fixed for them. Reiko
says lots of words now + loves to come
up and play with Paul.

Remember us in prayer - we know
that you are,

Love to all,
Jake, Florence
+ Paul