

Osaka, Japan

April 28, 1949

Dear Folks,

I have started several letters to you this week but just couldn't seem to get them finished. The Johns are still staying at our place but we expect the rest of their furniture including their bed to arrive any day.

It is nice and warm here in Japan now and all of the flowers are in bloom. We have certainly enjoyed the beautiful cherry-blossoms and had two trips to the mountains to see them. You asked about seeds. We could use some if you could send them. I would especially like some sweet-peas [sic] + lettuce seed.

We received three letters from you this week and one from Margaret also [sic] Junior's invitation and picture. I think that his picture is very good. All of the Japanese people say that he is handsome. It sure is good to hear all the news from home. Tell Junior that his gift will come through the mail soon.

Paul says so many words now and is so much fun to play with. I have had to change the buttons on all of his trousers because they were getting

too tight for him. He and Reiko have lots of good times together.

We had a good time on Easter. I

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gave the Easter felto-gram at the Seminary Church in the morning then stayed for the Baptismal service. There were 37 baptized. Eight of them were from our class here at the house including five of the Yoshiki family. We are praying that Mr. Yoshiki too might be saved soon. [sic]

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The week following Easter was our Annual Conference here in Japan. We had good attendance and the glowing reports which each minister gave thrilled our hearts. They have baptized 416 since last year. Nearly every church is crowded to capacity and a wonderful spirit prevails. We are seeing souls saved almost daily in our home or in the services.

Jake is teaching two mornings a week at the Seminary. They wanted me to teach too, but as that is impossible with Paul - I have to be satisfied

with one morning at the Seminary
Kindergarten. I am to begin there next
Tuesday and speak to both children and
mothers.

Last Friday night in my childrens [sic]
meeting at the house I had 85 present.

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At the S.S. [Sunday School] on Easter I spoke to over 200
children. How we pray that the children
might be saved and that the parents
might be reached through this means.
We are going to Kyoto tomorrow and be
there for Sunday services. It is at the
army chapel where Chaplain Fristoe is
stationed. We will spend the night
with them./

/Mr. Yoshiki just returned from the
horse races. His horse "New Ford" came
in second so he will receive about \$450.
The other day it came in first and
he collected over \$3,000. I'm afraid that
he will find it hard to give up horse-
racing to become a Christian. He is
very happy that his family have
become Christians./

I would like to see the new
parsonage now that it is finished.

Language study is progressing and
I feel that the Lord is helping us but

there is so much to be done that
it is hard to settle down to study-
ing.

I had children's meetings again
this evening with about 85 present.
They surely are sweet youngsters. Some
of them come early and play with
Paul. You should see the little girls

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love his baby doll. It makes me
wish that I could give each of
them one.

I must close and get some rest
as tomorrow is a busy day.

Love to All,

Jake, Florence

+ Paul

Paul said his second Japanese
word tonight "uma" (horse)