

Osaka, Japan

May, [sic] 18, 1949

Dear Ruth,

Jake has gone to Tokyo for several days so Paul and I are alone again. We had planned to go with him but couldn't get reservations on the military train. Jake went on a Japanese train and had to set up all night. It would have cost \$120.00 for the three of us to go on a Japanese sleeper car. So we stayed at home. Perhaps we will get to go next month on the military train. Jake is to interview some men about seeing the Emperor.

I know that these must be busy days for you. Do you know yet what you are going to do this summer? We plan to go to the mountains + rest all during July as it is so very warm then.

It is quite warm now and the mosquitoes bother so at night that we can hardly sleep. We are having screens made for the

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house and they should be finished in a few days.

My maid hasn't showed up this morning. Her brother is sick so perhaps she is needed at home.

I would surely like to see the girls. I suppose that Cheryl can hardly wait until next fall when she can start to school. Paul is getting so big now and talks a lot - He says several Japanese words but mostly English.

It doesn't seem possible that we have been in Japan for 5 months. The time has gone rapidly and we are happy here in the Lord's work. Jake's publicity never seems to diminish and every month it seems like he is busier than the month before.

Yesterday we went to Bro. + Sister Oda's for dinner. We had

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Japanese Sukiyaki and then for dessert we had strawberry short-cake. It was surely

good. I made strawberry short-cake last night too so we really filled up on it yesterday. We got a large box (at least a quart) for 25¢ and this is the first of the season perhaps by the end of the season they will be very cheap and we can have them often.

Well I haven't gone any place or done anything special so news is rather scarce.

President Watson writes that he won't be able to make the trip to Japan until fall.

Love to all,

Florence

Jake + Paul

Dear Elaine, Cherry + Angie,

Thank you for your letters. I surely did like the little ducks. The other day some people brought me lots of toys - A wooden

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dog, horse and rooster, two

big celluloid fish and a  
zylophone [sic].

When we went to Oda's yester-  
day I saw fine little baby  
kittens. I had lots of fun  
playing with them.

Did you get your puppy?  
What is his name?

The children next door  
have a puppy named John  
I like to play with him  
but sometimes he chews  
my trouser leg.

I will be glad when July  
comes then I will go with  
Mommy + Daddy on a vacation  
and go swimming and  
fishing.

The other day I saw some  
silk-worms eating mulberry  
leaves. I held them in my  
hand and was not afraid  
of them.

We had a picnic out in  
the yard the other day. Two  
lizards came but we didn't  
invite them. Write again

Love

Paul