

Osaka, Japan

May 30, 1949

Dear DeShazers,

It seems like a long time since we have received any mail from Oregon - maybe it is because we have been rather slow in writing.

I have just finished washing my hair and put Paul to bed for his nap. We are having cool days now with lots of wind. We have screens on our entire house now so are safe from the flies [sic] and mosquitoes, but some-times the rats keep us awake with their stampedes on the tile roof over-head.

Sat. we took our Bible-class to the beach for an American picnic - we had Spam Sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad, pepsi-cola [sic], jello [sic] + cookies. There were about twenty-five there and we had a real nice time. We live only about 20 minutes [sic] drive from the beach. Jake, Paul and some of the boys went swimming then we all went for row-boat rides. Afterward we played games + then ate. Next Sat. we are going fishing with the Yoshikis. They have a summer home where they lived during the war years. Mr. Yoshiki says that the fish are so thick in the lake that

you can catch them with our [sic] hands.

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The only thing I hope is that they won't try to feed me any of them raw.

I hope that Glen + the kids are safely over the mumps. We are all feeling fine. Paul is a little cross as he is cutting some more teeth.

We are busy as usual so don't have time to get sick.

Rev. Haslam is returning to the U.S. this next month

The guard who gave Jake the Bible says that he has decided to become a Christian. He came to the picnic the other day and brought his wife and two children. We do praise the Lord for the way He is working in the hearts and lives of the Japanese people.

Time to mail this so must close.

Write when you can,

Love to all,

Jake, Florence + Paul

Florence didn't have time to address the envelope so she asked me to write a little bit to you. That puts me on the spot. I guess you have heard all the news about us. We like to hear about all of you. If we can get anything here that you would like

just let us know what it is. I wish  
you could come in and see us and see some  
of the funny ways of the Japanese.