

Osaka, Japan

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Dear Helen,

I have just finished a good hot Japanese bath followed by a cold shower. Paul takes them with me now and really enjoys them. Paul has been having quite a time cutting some more teeth. The other night he had a little fever when we put him to bed. In the night I heard a queer sound so awakened Jake and we hurried into Paul's room. His fever had gone up so high that it had caused him to go into a convulsion. He was hiccoughing violently, his eyes were set and he was jerking all over and water was coming from his mouth. We were surely frightened but thank the Lord we knew where to [illegible] We knelt and prayed

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that God would lay His hands on little Paul - Then Jake loosened

his P.J.'s and bathed him  
with cold water while I  
fanned him. As soon as he was  
cooled a little the convulsion  
stopped. The next day he  
was a little weak but other  
wise feeling as well as usual.  
We took him to the Dr. and  
he said that it was caused  
by cutting teeth + clogged  
bowels. We feel definitely that  
the Lord touched him and  
praise Him also for awakening  
me for if his high temper-  
ature had continued he  
might not have lived. Truly  
we have a wonderful Savior  
and we are learning to  
rely upon Him more and  
more. Jake and I are both  
feeling fine.

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This morning before I  
was even up. "Sportsman"  
Jake's guard came from  
Hiro Shima [sic] to spend the day  
and night with us. We believe  
that the Lord is working and  
that both of these guards

are going to be saved. Join us in prayers for their Salvation.

Last week Jake held a two day youth revival revival [sic] at the Seminary church and over 50 young people came to the altar. Nearly every day he is holding services and it is surely marvelous the way the Lord is blessing his testimony.

I am still having meetings at the house three times a week. Last Friday night I had 83 for children's meeting. Some more from my young peoples group have requested Baptism and others have been saved but because their parents

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are Buddhists they have not yet come out for baptism. Pray for these young people that they will have the courage to take their stand for Christ.

Language study progresses but oh so slowly. We get along quite well conversing

with our friends but when it comes to delivering a message or teaching a Bible class we haven't even begun.

Our fishing trip had to be postponed because of Paul's sickness. The 15th of June we plan to drive to Tokyo for a few days. It is a hard 580 mile trip but I think that we will enjoy the change. We will stay at the Irving Smith home in Tokyo. They are from Seattle and he is now working as a Govt. engineer.

We received word from ~~Rev Haslam~~ President Watson that he will not be able to come to Japan until Fall.

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Rev. Haslam is leaving for the U.S.A. on June 22nd via airplane. He will make it from Tokyo to Seattle in 1½ days. (Seems impossible doesn't it? [sic])

It seems like a long time since we have heard from any of you folks. I know that both you and

Ruth must be very busy  
with the closing of School.  
What do you plan to do this  
summer? I suppose that  
the folks are busy gardening  
I hope that everyone is  
well.

It is getting quite warm  
here in Japan but our house  
is always breezy and nice.  
I see by the paper that the  
rainy season is to begin one  
week from today so about the  
time you get this letter think  
of us having damp beds, clothes  
etc.

Love,  
(over) Jake, Florence  
+ Paul

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Dear Helen,

I can talk lots now but  
still can't write so mommy  
is writing this letter for  
me.

Besides my fish I now  
have two little white  
mice. I call them "Elmer"  
and "Effie". They live in a  
little box with a tread wheel

and ladder which leads to  
the loft where they sleep  
in the hay.

Love,

Paul