

Osaka, Japan

June 12, 1949

Dear Folks,

It seemed so good to get your nice letter this week and to hear that you are all well and having a good time in your gardens. I would like to be there to see all of your pretty flowers. I am so glad too, that Helen is to be with you for the largest part of summer. She will be such good company for you and it will be a good rest for her too.

Paul is feeling fine now but his teeth have not come through yet. The couple whom Jake married just came for a visit and they brought Paul a wooden rocking horse. He surely does like it. Jake is gone for two days but will be back Tuesday. Then on Wed. morning we are leaving for Tokyo. We are taking the car but as it is a 580 mile [sic] trip we will take it in two days. That means that we will have to stay in a Japanese hotel for one night. That will be a new experience for me. They say that the [sic] roads are bad and that it is a hard trip but [sic] I think that we will all enjoy the change. There is a possibility that we will be moving to Tokyo this fall. The Elmer Parson's [sic – Parsons] are coming to Japan from China. They have received a permanent transfer which means that they will not be returning to China even if the situation there (sic) would allow it. They are coming by plane the end of this week but I don't suppose that they will be able to bring much furniture or anything along. They have two little boys, one three and one just a year. They will be good playmates for Paul. Their coming may mean that some of us will be transferred to Tokyo. When we go up we will look about a house etc. I would surely dread to move just as we are getting nicely settled here but I think that it would be a much better place to study the language as they just will not seem to give Jake time to study here. Besides the Tokyo Language school is accredited [sic] and we could receive Govt. compensation which would make it possible for us to have a private teacher for me. In

a week or so we will be able to to [sic] tell you more definitely what our plans are. In the meantime, pray much for the work here in Japan. In some ways Rev. Haslam's two years of work here have been more of a detriment than a help. You can be sure that the Board is not making a mistake by bringing him home. He is flying from Tokyo on the 22nd.

This is supposed to be the Japanese rainy season but thus far we have been having nice sunshiny days. It is very warm outside but our house is nice and cool.

Yes, we did receive the medicine that you sent and thanks so much. I thoughtt [sic] that Jake wrote to you after we received it but must have been mistaken. The chocolate candy-bars [sic] came through fine. We have given most of them away as gifts because Jake will not let me eat them. Once in a w [sic] while I sneak one though. The marshmallows were so fresh and nice and we are enjoying them in salads and cocoa. Perhaps during the hot summer it would be best not to send and [sic] chocolate bars but most anything else keeps even in the hot weather.

I was so sorry to hear about Da Verne Fromke. Sometimes we just can not see why thinks like this have to happen but I'm so glad that he is recovering so rapidly.

We are having ripe tomatoes to eat now and they certainly taste good. There are still lots of strawberries too.

I spoke at the Nippon Bashi Church for their Children's Day. There must have been over three hundred children present. It was really a thrill to see the large church just filled with youngsters and to hear them sing. I think that I enjoy my work with the children more than any other thing here in Japan.

Are Clinton and Glenda there with you now. [sic] I wish that we could bring Paul for a week or so but I don't know what I would do with out [sic] him even for that long. He is surely a lot of company for me especially when Jake

is gone.

I must stop now and get Paul ready for bed. Perhaps I will add a few lines tomorrow.

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I didn't get this letter finished yesterday so will try again today. Jake got home at about 10:00 o'clock. Today we are busy getting ready for the Tokyo trip. This noon we plan to eat dinner at a Chinese restaurant and tonight we are going to Rev. John's for a farewell supper for Rev. Haslam.

I have taken a baking spree and am just finishing my third batch of cookies. Two batches of oatmeal cookies + one of peanut butter.

Here comes Jake so I must close,

Love to all,

Jake

Florence

+ Paul

(P.S.) Received Velma's letter yesterday.