

Osaka, Japan

Aug. 19, 1949

Dear Julia, Garland + Kids,

Paul is safely tucked in bed for the night and Jake is busy typing so I'll try to get a letter off to you.

It is a little bit cooler here now but still too warm to suit me. Monday, Tuesday + Wed. of this week we spent with the Yoshikis at their summer home on Lake Biwa. We had a very restful time in spite of the fact that we slept on the floor + ate Japanese food. We enjoyed the swimming – Jake and I both got sunburned but Paul just got brown like a cocoa-nut. [sic] We went for rides in sail-boats [sic] + row-boats [sic]. One day we went in a Japanese fishing boat + watched the fisherman net millions of tiny fish which

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had been trapped in a maze made of bamboo poles. The Japanese batter-fry these fish but do not

remove the heads or entrails. I like most Japanese food but to these I must say "No Thank You" Paul enjoyed the beach, water and fish very much. I enjoyed the drive so much because at this time of the year all of the country-side [sic] is carpeted with the brilliant green rice crops. Now and then we saw graceful white kingfishers searching for food among the rice plants. On the hillsides in the background were many slender bamboo trees.

On Thursday afternoon I had to speak, using a felto-gram, at the "Sunday School Workers Conference."

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Jake's book is finished and in the hands of the publisher here in Japan. However, it has to be re-typed etc. for publication in America. He is very busy with all of the red-tape involved.

We are to begin language

study again next month so
will be very busy again. We
are all feeling fine and the
Lord has been supplying our
needs and helping us in
a wonderful way.

The 29th is our third
wedding anniversary and I
still think that I was a
mighty lucky girl to get such
a sweet good husband. We
have just found out that
our new missionaries "The
Parsons [sic] were also married
on Aug. 29th so we plan to
celebrate together perhaps

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supper at a Chinese restaurant
and then ice-cream and
cake at home. Rev. Parsons' mother
+ father plan to visit him either
this fall or next spring also
Pres. Watson from SPC will be
coming this fall. It will be
good to see him.

I must close and get to bed
Tomorrow will come all too soon.
Write when you can.

Love to all,

Jake, Florence

+ Paul