

Osaka, Japan

March 25, 1950

Dear Julia, Garland and Kids,

It has been a long time since we have written to you. Time is certainly flying by. It doesn't seem possible that it is almost Easter time. I am all alone this week-end [sic] as Jake has gone to Kyoto for a series of meetings. He held six there last week-end [sic] and has eight this week-end [sic]. I really feel lonesome when he is gone. For awhile it wasn't so bad as the Parson's [sic] lived close and we could always go to see them but they moved out into the country today. We will surely miss them especially Paul. He had such good times playing with the boys. Today he took his tricycle outside and played with a little Japanese boy for a long time. Now two of the little girls from next door have come to play with him. They have toys strung all over the house but he is happy and so I don't mind the mess. He surely craves companionship. Little Johnnie lays on the floor and watches them now. It won't be long until he will be big enough to join in the fun.

We are all feeling fine and keeping busy every day. We really feel that the Lordis [sic] helping with the Language study. We just had examinations last week and passed them alright. We close this term on April 14th. and then will have two weeks vacation [sic] before starting in again. The annual conference of our Japanese church will be held next month and then we plan a few days trip to Hiroshima (where the Atom bomb was dropped). Jake's former guard and family live there and we are going to spend a few days with them.

When does La Vae graduate. Is he still planning to go to S.P.C. next year. [sic] I am trying to talk both my brother and sister into going to college.

My brother graduated last year and my sister this year.

Next month the Japanese cherry trees will bloom. They are a beautiful sight. People from all over go to the mountains to see the blossoms. We wish that you could be here to see them.

We surely do enjoy the magazines which you sent for Christmas. They are the only ones that we receive except for the church papers.

They ar [sic] going to begin work on the houses soon but we still aren't sure whether we will liv [sic] in one of them or not. We are quite crowded here since the baby came. We ordered new beds from the states for the kids but I don't know where we are going to put them.

I baked bread yesterday and it turned out quite well. I tryed [sic] several times with no suces [sic]. Finally Jake thought that he would try it. He stirred up a big batch of it but when he baked it [sic] it was so big that it didn't have room to raise in the oven so it just had to fall. I guess that he was used to making it in large quantities for the sheep herders. The last two times I have had a little better success. Maybe if I keep on I will learn how. We are going to have roast pork for supper tonight. Paul eats rice and other Japanese foods better than he does American food.

I must close now and add a few lines from Paul. Write when you can. We surely do like to hear from you.

With love,

Jake, Florence

Paul + John

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Dear Everett [sic],

How are you? I wish that you were here to play with me but I guess that you are getting so big that you wouldn't care to play with little fellows anymore.

I still have my white angora rabbit and daddy + mommy said that as soon as they have time they will buy me a puppy.

I am sending you a picture of me with some of my playmates. I would like to have a picture of you sometime. Do you have lots of dogs now?

I like my little brother and play with him every day. Today I played outside with a little Japanese boy. We ran races with our tricycles. [illegible] had an old tricycle with wobbly wheels but he could go faster than [illegible] could.

I am sleepy so will say good-night [sic].

Your cousin

Paul