

Osaka Army Hospital

Sept. 14, 1951

Dear Folks,

Through answered prayer and the mercy and goodness of God Paul is still alive and is getting better. His high fever of 106 broke last night and now is holding steady at 101. The Dr. said this morning that the crisis is past and unless some unforeseen [sic] difficulty arises he should get well. He is still in a partial coma but awakens at times. The nurses told us once today that he awakened and said "I want to get up." They have taken him out of the oxygen tent too. They are feeding him through the veins. The Dr. says that it may be from 2 weeks to 2 months before they can remove that tube from his throat.

Oh [sic] how we do praise the Lord for His wonderful goodness to us! The Japanese Christians have prayed so earnestly. Last evening three of them came to the hospital + we went outside and had such a wonderful prayer meeting. The Yoshikis have helped Keiko-san take care of John + Jake and I have stayed here at the hospital. Today I went home for a little while to see Johnny. Miss Reid who is a nurse has helped us so much too. In fact every one has been so good. These Doctors and nurses have spared nothing in battling for little Paul's life. Two nurses are by his side night + day.

The Dr. a pediatrician is the very best possible and has a great love for children. It was God's mercy again that allowed us to get into the army hospital as they are so crowded now + usually do not admit civilians. If we had placed Paul in a Japanese hospital he would not have lived through this terrible sickness. Most Japanese who contract the disease die within a few days.

The Lord has been so precious near us during this time of testing and trial-

-Page Break-

He has taught us to trust him more and also shown us that he wants us to carry the same burden of intercessory prayer for lost souls in Japan as we have for Paul these days. We have a wonderful Savior we can never praise Him enough.

Paul is still a very sick boy but we are confident that he is on the road to a speedy + complete recovery for Christ

-Page Break-

has said that He will do exceeding, abundantly above all that we ask or think.

Praise his name!

I will close + let Jake write to his folks – Continue to pray that there will be no after effects. [sic]

The tape recording arrived yesterday. I'm

anxious to play it.

Love,

Florence, Jake, Paul + John