

1. Osaka, Japan

Dear Folks, Feb. 14, 1952

Happy valentines [sic] day! I don't have any valentines to send but we all send our love and I am enclosing some snapshots. Paul is like his daddy and doesn't like the sun so it is hard to get a good picture of him.

We are all feeling fine now. Paul goes to kindergarten every day from 9:00 until 12:00. It is really more like nursery-school. They sing and play and draw. I am glad that he is learning to draw because the Japanese are so skillful. His teacher says that he does exceptionally well in art. They have a rhythm band and are going to teach them to read notes. John would like to go to [sic] and sometimes does go over for a visit. Paul is growing weighs [sic] 44 lbs. now but I guess John is going to be a little squirt [sic]. He just weighs 28.

We were happy to get your letter the other day as well as one from Margaret with one from Junior enclosed.

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We haven't been quite so busy with services lately as usual but suppose that we will have more when spring arrives and we can have tent meetings. Rev. Lamson is coming in April and will be here for our Annual Conference on May 9. We also have two new missionary couples coming out this Spring in fact one couple are on their way now. They will be stationed in Tokyo.

I'm going to have to get some house-cleaning done soon. We ordered new pull drapes for our living-room and dining room. I hope that they arrive soon.

Jake is busy preparing a message for prayer-meeting at the seminary this afternoon. John is outside and I better check to see what mischief he is into!

We have had kinda [sic] of a cold winter with lots of wind. The last few days have been a little warmer. It is rainy today.

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Mrs. Parsons just showed me a cartoon in a magazine. It was a picture of a room strewn with toys, curtains pulled off the rods, pictures hanging crooked etc. two children were playing Indian. Outside it was raining. The frantic mother was kneeling at the window praying "Rain, rain go away. Come again on a school day" we got a good laugh out of it as it looked like our houses do with 4 boys at play.

Continued Later – we just returned from the school prayer meeting. The Lord blessed so we stayed 2 ½ hours instead of one. Jake has to leave in just a few minutes for a service. He just had time to grab some milk toast for his supper – guess we'll all eat the same.

Paul went with Tayoko-san to buy an air-plane. They have little paper ones fixed with a rubber band. The youngsters enjoy them but they break so soon. (P.S.) I got a nice letter

from Aunt Esther yesterday.

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Later. Just got the children tucked.

in bed and though it's rather

early I think I'll go soon too.

I have to be out late tomorrow

night for my Bible class at

Nishinomya. I rather dread going

out there on these cold nights. It

is so far (takes 3 hrs. on the street-

car). However, the Lord blesses in

the services and I enjoy the

young people so much. I don't

mind the trips when it is warmer.

Our maid goes to Bible Class

on Thursday nights.

Continued Sat. I didn't get to bed early

after all as Jake's guard from Hiroshima

came with a friend of his. They stayed

all night.

Sun. We went to a church this A.M.

with Jake. He had services in P.M. and

evening too.

Monday – Finally, I am going to

finish this letter. We just got back

from seeing the Dr. He says every-

thing is normal – I have to have a

Japanese Dr. this time. The hospital

is nice, though a little far – Takes

about an hour by car. – I'm feeling

fine.      Bye for now

Love,

Florence, Jake, Paul + John