

Osaka, Japan

Dear Margaret,

Jan. 11, 1953

I guess that it has been six months since I have written to you. We were glad to get your good letter the other day - we also want to thank you for the lovely Christmas gifts. It seems like you always know what the boys like! Thanks so much. We had a good Christmas but a very busy one. I cooked two big dinners one on the 25th + one on the 30th (Had chickens (roasted). I also attended many church + school Christmas'es [sic]. Paul was a sheep in the Kindergarten program. He is getting to be quite grown-up and is strong and healthy. John is lovable but spoiled. He is well too but is much smaller featured than Paul (looks and acts like Dad). Mark is such a happy good little fellow but lately has been spitting up a lot. We took him to the Dr. yesterday and she said that it was just from a cold - She gave him penacillon [sic] + strept o-mycin [sic] shots. He is some better today.

This has been an exceptionally warm winter. It was just like Spring today and is raining tonight. It is cold though to go out because most of the Japanese buildings are unheated. I laugh at Jake when he gets ready to go out

preaching. He wears summer T shirt
and shorts, 2 long winter underwears, [sic]
2 or 3 socks, 1 sleeveless sweater, white
shirts, long sleeved sweaters, suit coat,
over-coat, muffler, sheep-lined slippers
and rubbers.

So Junior is getting married. I must
write to them soon.

Jake is trying to preach in Japanese
now. I help him translate his
messages. It is surely a hard job.

We have been having vacation
from Seminary but classes start
again the 12th. I am teaching
kindergarten methods + P.E.

We wish we could be with you to
celebrate your birthday on the 25th.
We hope you have a blessed time and
many more of them.

Time for bath + bed so will close.

With love,

Florence, Jake

Paul, John, + Mark