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## Christmas Card, 1949

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“The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus  
Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23)

Dear Friends,

Christmas greetings! By the time that you receive this letter we will have been in Japan one year. The Lord has marvelously led, blessed and helped us during this year in a strange land. We give Him all the praise for what has been accomplished.

This has been a year of adjustment for us. Adjustment to a new language, narrow streets, Japanese homes with tatami (straw mat) floors, strange customs, new climate, wooden geta (clogs), change of foods etc. But, with the help of the Lord we are feeling more and more at home in Japan. Paul prefers rice to either potatoes or bread, handles geta with as much ease as his shoes and gives even his English words a Japanese accent. We have learned to sit on the floor, eat with chop-sticks, bow at the proper time and even to drive the Chevrolet on the left side of the street.

This has also been a busy year. I have spoken over three hundred and fifty times in schools, churches, prisons, hospitals, department stores and factories. Mrs. De Shazer has held Bible classes in our home and spoken, by means of the feltogram in Sunday Schools and kindergartens. We have studied the language almost daily and during the hot summer months I wrote a book concerning my prison experiences and conversion. This book is now on sale

*Greetings at Christmas*



in Japan and will soon be ready for publication in America. We have passed out thousands of tracts and held many street meetings using our public address system. We have also had many opportunities to write articles for leading newspapers and magazines of Japan. Truly the Lord has opened the doors for the entrance of the Gospel into Japan.

This has also been a year of Spiritual victory. A time when we have drawn nearer to the Lord and a time when He has helped us to realize the desire of our hearts in seeing the salvation of many souls. In nearly every service there are from twenty to fifty people who signify their desire to become Christians. Five of the members of the family where we live have become Christians and just the other evening the father also voiced his desire to be baptized. We wish that time and space would permit us to tell you of others who have been brought from heathen darkness to the glorious light through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We thank you for your prayers which have helped make these victories possible and ask that you will continue to pray for us as we labor for souls here in Japan.

With Christian love,

*Rev. & Mrs. Jacob De Shazer  
& Paul*

NEWS FLASH . . . . . A new member of the  
DeShazer family John Douglas  
arrived Dec. 11 at 5:56 A.M.

*7 lbs. 6 oz.*



*"The people that walked in darkness  
have seen a great light:"*

*Is. 9:2*