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Osaka, Japan

Feb. 23, 1950

Dear Folks,

Jake has gone to a Youth For Christ committee meeting and both kids are sleeping so I will try to dash off a letter to you before John wakes up for his ten o'clock feeding.

I have quite a bad cold now, it seems like every one is taking turns with them. Jake is having a little trouble with one of his legs. It keeps aching and when he is tired the veins stick out on it. He is going to the hospital tomorrow and see if he can get an examination on it. I see by the paper that all ex-prisoners of war are to receive a dollar a day for all the time that they spent in prison. That means 1,200 for Jake.

Bro. John is very busy talking to the contractors in preparation to begin building on the mission homes. They voted to build a Superintendents house and one other one. We don't know whether that will be for us or for the Parsons.

I got a nice letter from Aunt Mable the other day. She said that she hadn't seen you folks for a long time. I always like to hear from her because she always keeps me posted on all of the cousins. She said that Arline was very disappointed because they had another boy. What did they name it?

It doesn't seem possible that Phyllis will be graduating. I surely wish that she could go to Wessington Springs for a couple years at least. Rev. and Mrs. Parson used to teach at Wessington Springs and she said that she would write to President Kline and tell him about Phyllis. She said that many student were able to work their way through with perhaps only a couple hundred dollars cash.

John is surely growing. He weighs over twelve pounds now. He isn't as good a sleeper as Paul was but is a good baby. He likes to be held better than Paul did. We took some pictures of him the other night. If they are good we will send you some. I am enclosing some of Paul and Reiko with the rabbit. I hear John crying so I will have to sign off. I will try to add a few lines in the morning.

Continued Friday....

This is the recess period between our classes. Most of our days are spent studying the language. Next week is a very busy one for Jake. He has three services on Sunday and one nearly every other day. From now on he will be having lots of services. The other day the man who is the head of all the mines in Japan came to see Jake and asked him to come and speak in every mine in Japan. Also the people on a little island near Okinawa where the Gospel has never been taken are asking him to come and tour that Island. I don't know how many of these services he will be able to handle but pray that the Lord will give him the strength to take as many of them as is possible. The door is surely open!

I am making baked beans for dinner. Jake bought a whole canned ham the other day. It surely does look good but is too expensive to eat especially when we are feeding two maids so I am just using a little of it to flavor the beans it goes farther that way. I think that I will make creamed potatoes, corn-bread and apple-salad. Won't you come for dinner?

It is a little warmer here now but still a little snappy. I heard a robin singing this morning so guess that Spring is just around the corner. Write again when you can, we enjoy your letters. I am surprised that Sadie Andrews died before Homer aren't you? They lived for their sixtieth wedding anniversary anyway and that is more than most folks do.

Mrs. Parson's brother and wife who work for North West airlines in Hawaii are coming in April for a few weeks vacation. They are surely fortunate to have relatives who can afford to come to Japan to see them. Of course these people can come by plane and the company pays for his vacation.

With love,

*Florence, Jake
Paul & John*

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