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Osaka
10/14/54

Dear Folks,

I am a little tired today so will spend a quiet evening writing to you. Today was John's Kindergarten picnic so I took Mark & went with him. We had a long trip by train and had to stand up all of the way - we visited a Crisanthemum show - climbed a small mt. ^(sp) etc. so the children were ready to fall into bed tonight.

It is quite cold here now (they say the coldest Oct. in 46 yrs. we are busy, as usual. Last week we had company. Rev. Nicholson head of the Wesleyan Methodist Church was here for 2 days mtg. in the school & churches. Bro. Overland, the Bullis & Mrs. Smith were also here we also had a big wedding last wk. One of the students who graduated last year from our Seminary was married. Jake and I were "Go between" which is a combination of (parent + best man + matron of honor.) I helped dress the bride etc. She wore my wedding dress & was surely beautiful. Then we had to walk up the

isle with them and stand for the ceremony. I wore a dark blue silk brocade street length dress. After receiving greetings from all the friends we had a nice reception. The wedding cake was topped with a large cross & decorated with scripture verses. After the reception we took them & all of the gifts to the train. It was quite an experience. Almost like getting married over again.

I am sending some pictures of the family. Paul is enjoying school and doing average work. Jake & I went to his P.T.A. mtg the other night. It seemed strange to be in an American crowd. We sure felt like "furriners". Mark & Carol both had happy birthday. The night before her birthday Carol took 3 steps. She is the slowest as far as walking is concerned but seems quick in understanding. She plays happily & eats & sleeps well but is small (weighed 19 lbs. at a year old.) She adores her 3 brothers & they are tender & sweet to her.

I have a new maid now & just love her. She has only been here a month and a half but takes responsibility well already. She seems to enjoy being here. It is surely an answer to prayer as the other one was sick so much. She still comes some to sew for me.

The Lord has undertaken concerning some of the problems here & we are praying for the "showers" from on high which will blot out all the others. Time speeds by so fast that it'll be no time at all until we see you.

Continued Later - Didn't get this finished so will try again. We all have colds but are getting over them now. Fri. P.M. we were tired so decided to have a little outing. We bundled all of the kids into the car and drove to the station then took the train to a place up in the mts. where they have

hot springs. we stayed in a hotel & had a good bath in the hot springs. The next morning we saw a waterfall & fish hatchery. The children went fishing & Paul caught 3 quite large trout and John I. were they ever excited! we came back Sat. P.M.

you asked me to send a list of sizes & suggestions for Christmas gifts. I hate to even suggest as everyone is always so generous. However I'll try.

Florence - Nylon Pajamas to wear on boat size 40
 Nylon Hose - 9 1/2 pr. L
 Slip (Nylon or cotton) .. size 40 L

Jake - Nylon Pajamas --- 38 size L
 Leather gloves
 socks size .. 12
 color Film 35mm.

Paul - books & games printing set ✓
 Broadcloth Nylon Pajamas - size 8 L
 Long sleeved T shirt 2 " ✓
 Terry cloth shorts -- size 10

John - Dump truck
 Broadcloth Nylon Pajamas -- size 6 ✓
 Long sleeved T shirt -- size 6
 Terry cloth shorts

Mark - Any kind of Toy or books L
 Long sleeved T shirt - size 4-2 ✓
 Terry cloth shorts - 4

Carol - Dress - size 2 L
 rubber pants - large 2 pr ✓
 Terry cloth shorts - 2

House - Pudding mixes, cake mixes, Jello
 Bear T
 scouring Powder etc.

Just suggestions - Please don't buy every thing on the list. Love, The DeKeyser's