

Missionary Report for 1939 of the work of
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In the Mercy of our loving Saviour we rejoice to look over the past year of 1939 and see His hand leading us each day of it. "Surely the lines have fallen unto us in pleasant places" and we greatly rejoice in the place that God has put us.

For the early part of the year we were in Fukuoka on the Southern Island of Japan called Kyushu where we continued our studies with a private teacher and in the Imperial University of Kyushu. God wonderfully blessed in the language study and we were able to read thru the whole new Testament in Japanese script studying each Chinese character and its derivation and meaning. This was very valuable and am sure that only future years will reveal the blessing of studying the Japanese New Testament so thoroughly. Was able also to study carefully some of the books of the Old Testament. In the Imperial University I studied Japanese history closely and also the shrine question that is so hindering our work in this land today. God has greatly blessed in language study and am now able to preach and to pray in public using the Japanese language. We thank God for His mercy to us in this respect and to Him we give all honor.

We were able to hold quite a number of Bible classes each week both in English and Japanese and spoke several times in Japanese church services.

On June 19th God sent little Sally Sue into our home. At birth she was very sick as Helen had contracted beri-beri which is a lack of vitamin B in the blood caused from eating too much rice. For a time we thought that Sally Sue would not live but we committed her to Him "Who doeth all things well" and He answered our prayers in her behalf. We were in Fukuoka until the first of August when we went up to the mountains to Nojiri where we had a lovely rest. It was hard to leave Fukuoka where our loved ones are living and where Helen has lived most of her life.

At the end of September we moved to Nagoya to open new work. We did not know a single person (Japanese) in the whole city when we came, nor did we even know that there were any of our Christians in the city at all. We believe that God was leading us here and He has proved it to us in added ways by sending Christians from some of our other churches to Nagoya even since we have come. We do not have a Japanese helper so we have to trust Him more than ever. God has blessed our feeble efforts to glorify Him and "He hath done great things for us whereof we are glad" We believe with all our hearts that this is the place God has called us and it is our most earnest desire to simply humbly serve Him here. We want to get out into the country districts more and more and to reach the small villages and towns with the gospel message. Nagoya is perhaps the most nationalistic of all the cities of Japan because it is very close to Ise Grand Shrine where the sun goddess is supposed to be enshrined. Also here in Nagoya is a shrine called Atsuta that contains ~~onets~~ the three Imperial Regalia, a sword that is supposed to have come out of the tail of the dragon that had eight heads and eight tails. The other two Imperial Regalia are enshrined one at Ise Grand Shrine and the other a pearl at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo. The one at Ise is a mirror. All three of these objects are worshipped earnestly by many people.

As yet we have not registered our work with the police but have been simply having small meetings, but under the new religions law we must register and we are much in prayer that we may not be entangled in this religio-political situation. Earnest waiting for His coming we submit this report

Feb. 18, 1940



37 Aoi Cho
Higashi Ku
Nagoya, Japan
May 15, 1940

Dear, dear Friends:

How the time does fly by! It seems just like yesterday that I stood on the deck of the Taiyo Maru in San Pedro and said "goodbye" to my dear parents and loved ones, but more than four years have now passed. How wonderfully good God has been to me, and surely I have found in this short time that God keeps His Promises. GIVING ONE'S LIFE FOR JESUS IS A GOOD INVESTMENT. Anything that I may have given up for Him He has more than restored a hundred-fold. Rejoice with us in all the mercies of a Loving Father. It is now almost five years since Helen came

back to Japan as a missionary. To both of us He has been so merciful, and with all our hearts we thank Him, our Lord.

No doubt you are wondering about our work and how God has answered your prayers. When we came to Nagoya last October we did not know a single Japanese in this whole region. Now we would like to introduce to you some of the Christians that God has sent to us, and who are members of our little church here in our home. Mr. Yasuyoshi Goto is our leading member and we call him 'our deacon.' He is a tax assessor for the Japanese government. Although he has worked at this position for seventeen years, still his salary does not equal fifteen U.S. dollars a month. This is less than half the average for a man of his years and experience. His hours are extremely long and yet He gives unstintingly of his time and a tithe of his money to the Lord. Mrs. Goto is a very sincere Christian lady. They have two small children. During the winter they could not bring the young children to church, so one of them would have to stay home with them. Both were eager to come but had to take turns. Recently God has been testing their faith and has strengthened it thru answered prayer in regard to the recovery of his father from a serious illness.

Mr. Juhei Endo is a Christian who came to Nagoya last November from our church in Usami. He runs a business making clothes for the largest department store in the city. He hires quite a number of young people and trains them to make clothes. They all live with him in his home which is also his shop. Some of these young people are earnest Christians. Mr. Endo, because of the press of business and lack of helpers, has not been as faithful to the Lord as he used to be. Mrs. Endo once made a profession of faith in Christ but now does not even claim to be a Christian. Please pray for Mrs. Endo that she may come back to the Lord

Whom she once claimed to know, and that Mr. and Mrs. Endo may be real examples to the young people in their home. They have two young sons who come to our Sunday School. Miss Kanno, Miss Enomoto, Miss Tsuruoka and Miss Hamamichi are all Christian young ladies who work for Mr. Endo. Miss Tsuruoka accepted Christ as her personal Saviour at the New Year's watch night service. Miss Enomoto is a dear sweet Christian girl who never even heard the Name of Christ until about a year ago. When she heard the wonderful gospel story she readily and happily made her decision to follow the Lord Jesus all her life. Recently she has contracted pleurisy and on doctor's orders has to rest for a month or longer, so she has returned to her unbelieving parents in the country. Instead of taking it as a great disappointment she rejoiced that she could go home and tell them of her Wonderful Friend, the Lord Jesus Christ. She is just eighteen years old but a very sincere Christian and her faith in the Lord is very true and simple. Please pray for her health that she may soon recover and if it is His Will that she may return to Nagoya.

Now we would like to introduce to you two young men, Mr. Sai and Mr. Osada. Mr. Sai, as you can guess from his name, is a Korean. His whole family are Christians and his father used to be an evangelist helping the Mino Mission. Since the rest of the family do not understand Japanese very well young Mr. Sai is the only one who attends our meetings regularly. He also helps in the Sunday School and in many other ways. Mr. Osada is a young student preparing to enter the Nagoya School of Commerce. He came to Nagoya just last month from our church in Takayama. Only two months ago he accepted Christ as his Saviour, but since his year of probation has not yet passed, he has not been baptized. When he came to Nagoya he went to live at the home of his uncle who greatly disapproved of his being a Christian and took away his Bible and Sambika (song-book) and prohibited him from going to church. Once or twice he has had to rush home from the meetings but now is not afraid to suffer persecution for Jesus' sake. In spite of all the things to hinder His work we earnestly believe that God has His own in this land who will not bow the knee nor compromise under any circumstance. We feel that the lay Christians are much stronger than the pastors and they can see much more clearly the problems that confront HIS CHURCH. A lady by the name of Mrs. Sasao and her son are also members of our little group. Mr. Sasao died some years ago leaving her a widow with a twenty-five years old son who has TB. He is now in the government TB hospital near Kyoto. Mrs. Sasao lives so far out in the country that she cannot get to services regularly but often comes to Sunday School to help. Except Mrs. Sasao, all our Christians are young working people. The oldest is Mr. Goto who is only thirty-six. We feel that the Christians of our little church really give sacrificially. By our offerings we have been able to help three other churches that have recently taken steps to full self-support. Our little church here has been self-supporting from the beginning and when they choose a pastor of their own we feel that they will support him. Up to now I have been their pastor and since you dear friends out of sacrifice give to the Lord that we may serve these 'His sheep,' they and we are very thankful and grateful. God has taken care of our every need according to His promise in Phil. 4:19, and it is wonderful to see the way in which He answers prayer. Just after we came to Nagoya last October one of the leading Christians of our Tokyo church said "it will be at least ten years before you can get any real work

started in Nagoya." You can see what GOD HATH DONE and to Him be all the praise and honor. We thank you for your prayers.

On April 1st the new religions law went into effect and under it all religious bodies must register their beliefs with the police who must sanction them. If any teaching is considered to disturb 'public peace and order' the police have the right to close up such a church or temple. We feel that under such conditions it is better for us to work alone without a regular Japanese pastor as our helper, and God has blessed us. The few Christians we do have, have taken responsibility very well and we feel it is better for them to help than to push all responsibility on a Japanese worker. There are also quite a number who come to our home as enquirers and Mr. Goto is very good about follow-up work. Helen and I both are still studying Japanese. I have been able to get in about ten hours a week thru the winter when it was impossible to get out into the fields to give out tracts and to speak to the farmers.

Our Sunday School is progressing very nicely. Our little Sally Sue has been a drawing card helping to get the boys and girls to come. We are thankful to say that we have had as many as sixty-one crowd into our front room and all sit on the floor and listen to the story of Jesus and sing praises to His Name. As yet we haven't been able to get much regular help with the Sunday School so I (Helen) have been taking them together as one big class. We do not feel that this is the best system as there are all ages of boys and girls together. As soon as we can, we want to divide them as some of the older boys have stopped coming. We have all the meetings here in our own home. It isn't nearly big enough but God has blessed us.

From March 26th to 29th we had a semi-annual workers' meeting in Tokyo with all the workers of our Nihon Domei Kirisuto Kyokai present. This group is a body recognized by the Japanese Government. The workers came from all over central Japan. Recently because of outside 'pressure' this group has decided to enter the modernistic Japan Federation of churches. As missionaries each one of us both German and American have stood very strongly against this, but we were not even allowed a negative vote, when it came before the Japanese church as a whole of which we are members and fellow-workers. We missionaries want to be patient and loving, realizing our own weakness, but under no circumstance will we compromise with idolatry. We don't feel that we can continue in a group that has deliberately compromised. We as a mission stand firmly against idolatry, but we are sorry to say that some of our Japanese brethren, whom we thought would be the last to compromise, have given in for expediency's sake and now defend their compromise. These are very critical days in the Far East and we need His Wisdom. Oh, pray much for us in this decision. At the last meeting of our conference Mr. Anderson was to have spoken but could not, so the directors asked me if I would take his place. The Lord gave me the message, "I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH AND THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT." This year marks the fiftieth year since our mission began work in Japan. I tried in a short time to review how the Holy Spirit had begun the work here and how He has promised to 'continue it until the day of Jesus Christ.' We felt the presence of our Lord very close.

Lord willing, on the 18th of this month I leave for an evangelistic trip to the province of Hiida. This is the first time that I have gone there since the out-

break of the 'incident' in the summer of 1937. On the first of June I am hoping to begin a two weeks evangelistic trip visiting our churches on the Izu Peninsula. We are looking forward to these trips as times of "Fertilizing" and "Digging" and we pray that there may be lasting results and that lost souls may come to know Him.

During the spring I have been out in the fields giving out tracts and visiting Christians in lonely places. We are endeavoring to try and open as many new preaching places as possible in places where there are no Christian workers. Last week my Japanese teacher and I rode our bicycles to Handa, about twenty-five miles from here. This place is a small city of about fifty thousand on a peninsula without a gospel worker of any kind. On this Chita Peninsula live about a quarter of a million people and there are a few isolated Christians in their midst.

About two months ago two policemen from the little police box, which is about a block from our home, came to call on us. During our conversation one of them mentioned that he had just come back from China where he had seen quite a number of Christian churches way in the inland. He said he wanted to know what Yasokyo (Christianity) was like. We enquired to find out what he knew and it turned out that he had never even heard the Name of Jesus nor did he know that there was such a book as the Bible. It was our joy to tell these two policemen for the first time of the Wonderful Person, the Lord Jesus Christ, and to present them each with gospels written in simple Japanese. Since that time they have been regular callers at our home to enquire of 'The Way' and to visit little Keiko (恵子).

A new school recently has been built in front of our home. In the principal's yard a small shrine has been erected. Every morning about six o'clock we hear loud clapping. At first we did not know what it was, but discovered that it was the young boys who live in the dormitory of the school calling the god's attention. At our back door is a little fox shrine. Here in Nagoya there are also little roof shrines that are found no-where else in Japan as far as I know. They are built right into the roofs and are supposed to protect the houses from fire. Every once in awhile rice and other things are offered to the gods. Many Japanese rise with the sun and worship it as it rises. Many new shrines are being built all over Japan. When people pass a shrine they all take off their hats and bow even from street cars. We need not tell you that we feel very keenly the spiritual wickedness all about us and the intense feeling of darkness, BUT GOD IS WITH US. God has put into our hearts a deep love for these people and by His grace we will not forsake them. We love Japan, but under no circumstance will we compromise with idolatry of any kind even tho it should mean our lives. From many of you we never hear and we would love to have letters from you all. We are counting on your continued prayers for us.

Your missionaries for Christ in Japan,

Helen, Sally Sue and Tim Pietsch

37 Aoi Cho, Higashi Ku
Nagoya, Japan
November 15, 1940



Keiko and her friends

Dear Friends and Loved Ones:

“GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND
STRENGTH, A VERY PRESENT
HELP IN TROUBLE”

To each one of you dear ones who has written to us and given of your means that we might continue in His service in this land we want to send a special word of thanks. We are very sorry that we have not been able to get a personal answer to each letter during the last six months and we do hope that you will forgive us. In all the things that have happened in this land God has marvelously protected us and

we are all well and we believe this is in answers to prayer.

In the last two verses of the Book of Acts we read these words, “And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house and received all that came in unto him, preaching the Kingdom of God and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.” As Paul in Rome was able to continue preaching the gospel in his own hired house, we too are thankful to say that we have not been hindered from preaching the wonders of our Lord to all who come to our home. The Japan Alliance Christian Church of which we have been workers and members has been disbanded. Union at any price seems now to be the fashion in Japan so our organization joined three other churches to form what is called the ‘Reformation Christian Union’ and this group in turn is joining the ‘All Japan Christian Church’ which is an amalgamation of all Protestant groups in Japan. Our Japanese brethren with whom our mission has worked all these years now feel that to have foreign missionaries connected with their group is an embarrassment, so have automatically taken our names off the rolls of the church. Publicly we can have no say in anything that happens tho some of the leaders have asked us to help them unofficially. At present it is also very unwise to try and do country work in the fields with the farmers, so we are only able to carry on in our home. This last April in accordance with the provisions of the Religions Law we registered the fact that we were holding

meetings in our home, so at least for the present we are allowed to continue unmolested. We love these people to whom God has sent us and it is our earnest desire to win them for Him, who loves them and gave His Only Begotten Son to die in their stead. That they might come to know His love and believe in Him, whom to know aright is life eternal, is the only reason we continue in this land. We are not politicians but servants of the Most High God. We are thankful that we are in Japan these days and that we can witness to the wonderful Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour. Many of our friends are leaving Japan and the American consul has urged us strongly to do so also, but we feel for the present at least we should stay.

We are sure that you will rejoice with us in answered prayer on behalf of Miss Enomoto who was so sick with pleurisy. She has now fully recovered and has come back to Nagoya and is very faithful to the Lord and her faith has been strengthened for the experiences thru which she has passed. The Lord has marvelously worked in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Yasuyoshi Goto. He felt that since he was sometimes forced to work on Sundays at the tax office and that he could not give as much time as he liked to the work of the Lord he ought to quit his position. He did so without knowing what the Lord had in store for Him. Simply to obey and give more time to the work of the Lord and to live the life of faith were the reasons that lead him to this decision. He started a business of his own as a tax consultant and in six months his business has grown so rapidly that he is now receiving about five times as much as he did in salary at the tax office. He has been very faithful to the Lord and has urged us to continue our work for the Lord in Nagoya, and not to give up simply because things have gotten more difficult. How thankful we are for these faithful ones. Miss Kanno, Miss Tsuruoka and Mr. Sai are also faithful and come very regularly to study His Word. We are sorry to say that Mr. and Mrs. Juhei Endo seem to have grown farther and farther from the Lord and now seem to have little interest in the study of His Word or in fellowship with those who call upon His Name. We would ask your prayers on their behalf that the Lord will speak to them. Mr. Endo has had a very good business as a tailor for a big department store and perhaps that has turned his heart from the Lord, however we understand that he is soon to loose his business because of new regulations that are soon to be put into force. Oh, that he might come back to the Lord and lead his wife and two sons.

On Wednesday evenings ever since we came to Nagoya we have had a class in English Bible here at our home for young men who work in the export business. Some of them are not Christians but are interested in the Bible and study it earnestly. So far we have not been forced to stop this class even tho it is in a foreign language. Our Sunday School continues and many new boys and girls have come but the average attendance is not as great as it was. Helen is giving piano lessons and by this contact also we are able to interest some in a Christian home and that way in Christ our Head.

It is now just over a year since we came to Nagoya and we thank Him for all that He has done for us during this time. Lately in our Sunday morning meetings we have been studying together the Book of Daniel, especially the 3rd and 6th chapters, and the Lord seemed to be very much with us as we sought to apply these chapters to our lives.

On October 10th we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the work of our mission in Japan, at a meeting in Tokyo with all of our Japanese brethren. It was the last time we were to meet with them as a group, for at the same meeting our organization was disbanded and joined the new union of churches. It was a time of sorrow as we saw the condition of the church today but also of joy as we remembered what God has done thru all the fifty years. Old Pastor Doi was present at this meeting and it was such a joy to see him again. He is so sweet in faith and so untouched by the present situation for he lives above the noise and strife of this world.

The Southern Baptists this year also celebrated the 50th Anniversary of their work in Japan on November 3rd. We had not planned to go down to Fukuoka for it but had thought of going down at Christmas time, so we could all be together as a family, but Grandmother and Mother insisted that we come for early Thanksgiving and the 50th Anniversary as things are so unsettled that we might not be able to go at Christmas. We went and what a joyful time we had together and it was the last time we could be together with the family in Japan for since we have returned from Fukuoka we have learned that Grandmother is sailing on the Mariposa on November 17th and Mary Ellen Dozier with Sarah Ellen and Charles on the President Taft on the 23rd of November. We too are preparing for any emergency so that we can meet it at a moments notice.

Four young ladies of our mission, the Misses Dahlstrom, Christensen, Walthorn and Nordquist, on their way to India were forced to wait almost a month in Kobe for connections for their boat. They came up here to Nagoya, which is about a five hour ride by train, and stayed with us for three days, and we had times of blessed fellowship with them. This next week Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Gunzel with their two children from our mission in Mongolia along with Mr. Anderson and Miss Larson are to be with us for Thanksgiving. Perhaps this will be the last time as a mission we shall be able to meet together like this in Japan. However we know that some day we shall all meet again with you loved ones too, in a land where joys forever flow, and there will be no partings there. Don't you sometimes get homesick for heaven?

Soon Christmas will be here again and we send this letter forth to greet you at Christmas time. Even tho turmoil is all about us our hearts are

stilled as we think of the sweet sweet message "THIS SAME JESUS SHALL SO COME IN LIKE MANNER AS YE HAVE SEEN HIM GO INTO HEAVEN." Surely this is the only message of cheer and gladness that we have in a world of turmoil and woe at this Christmas time. That the Blessed Lord Jesus Himself shall return. Perhaps before this letter ever reaches you we shall all meet in the gloryland. What a day of rejoicing that will be, to be like Him and to see Him as He is. As we contemplate His return we cry, "Lord help us to win lost souls before it is too late." If our Lord should tarry the greatest joy that could come to us at this Christmas time would be to win some soul for Him. That is our prayer.

This probably is the last circular letter we shall be able to write for some time from Japan. But even tho we cannot write we plead with you again to pray for this land, that the millions who have never heard the gospel may have one more chance to do so. That God will keep us faithful to Himself and use us whether by life or by death to glorify the Name of His Son our Saviour.

In days like these more than ever we cannot tell what the future holds, but we can cast it all upon Him knowing that as He hath cared for us in the past so He will be with us in the future. We commit ourselves and you dear ones into His care knowing that He careth for us. "When He putteth forth His sheep He goeth before them" is a promise very dear to us and we commend it to you. With much love in Christ our Loving Lord.

Your missionaries for Christ in Japan,

Helen, Sally Sue and Tim Pietsch

Latest news We insert this in the last proof of our circular letter. Since writing the above, developments have taken place that make it impossible for us to carry on effective work even in our home, so God willing we are sailing from Yokohama on December 28th and will arrive in San Francisco on January 11th on the Nitta Maru. We would like to meet all you dear friends while we are home in the United States. You can get in touch with us at the home of our Uncle and Aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Grunigen Jr. 60 Santa Monica Way, San Francisco or at our Mission headquarters. Scandinavian Alliance Mission, 2839 McLean Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Camp Savage, Minn.

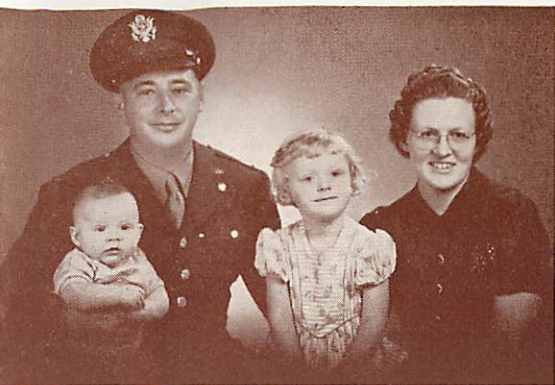
September 10, 1943

Dear Friends in Christ:

It is a good long time since you have heard from us and you have doubtless been wondering what has been happening to us. It is now more than a year since we have written a general letter such as this and a great deal has taken place since that time.

You may remember that in the Spring of 1942 we left Chicago and the wonderful fellow-

ship of the missionaries at the headquarters of our Scandinavian Alliance Mission to go to the West Coast to work among the Japanese. In prayer we came to see that the Lord was leading us to Turlock, California though we did not know why. When we got to the West Coast we found that the War-time Civilian Control Authority was building a large Assembly Center for Japanese evacuees in Turlock. Then we began to realize the reason of His leading. We had access to this center where more than four thousand Japanese were kept behind barbed wire for more than three months until they were moved farther inland to the permanent relocation centers. Not only did we preach in the Turlock center but also in the Merced center twenty-five miles away where there were about fifty-five hundred Japanese interned. We were welcomed by a few but as a whole we met many obstacles from the Federated Churches and the authorities. But we had the joy of showing our gospel sound motion pictures that some of you have seen which show so clearly the way of Salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ. When we had only a preaching service we had about seventy-five or so present but when we showed the motion pictures practically the whole camp would be present. For our first months in Turlock we lived in a vacated Japanese community called Cortex trying to help look over some of the property left behind but our efforts caused us many headaches and the place was broken into and many of our belongings were stolen. We still love the Japanese for Christ's sake and as soon as He opens the way we are going back to Japan with the gospel, the remedy for sin, murder and aggression.



*Helen, Sally Sue, Kelsey and
Timothy Pietsch*

By the end of September, 1942, the Assembly centers of Turlock and Merced were entirely empty of Japanese for they were all moved to new relocation centers farther to the East. Some of our friends wanted us to go with them to the new centers but after much prayer we were convinced that to go under the stipulations laid down by the War Relocation Authorities and the Japanese local ministerial associations, it would be compromising the gospel for which we stand.

The authorities maintain that each relocation center is to be democratically controlled by the Japanese themselves and no one is allowed to come in to preach unless he is invited by the Japanese themselves and has the approval of the Japanese ministerial association. Since the great majority of Japanese pastors were born in Japan and are not American citizens they are almost all loyal to Japan. I felt it impossible to go and ask a man who I know to be in favor of Japan for permission to preach the gospel in my own country. I could not ask the ministers, and if I did, I knew they would never approve of me because of my stand against Japan and her wickedness as a nation. Too, it seems that all these Japanese Ministerial Associations are connected up with a council set up by the Federated Churches and this council passes on the eligibility of missionaries to work in the relocation centers. This council is decidedly modernistic though one of two men on it say they love our Lord they are working with and compromising to the modernists who are in the majority. After much prayer we knew we could not work in the relocation centers without compromising our message that Christ alone can save from sin. We know today of no really gospel work being done for the Japanese in the centers, by a white missionary that refuses to compromise. We can thank God for little groups of Japanese in the centers who meet together to study His word and are really seeking His will. But as for the missionaries who enter these centers the great preponderance are outright modernists. The thing they hold most against me is my stand on Kagawa who I believe was used as a tool in the hands of the Japanese militarists to put over their deception on America.

You are no doubt wondering about the address on this letter and wondering how it is I am writing from an Army Camp. Just at the time, after much prayer, we had come to the conclusion that we could not go to the Relocation Centers without direct compromise, authorities of the U. S. Army approached me about helping our country in the time of its dire need. We made it a definite matter of prayer asking the Lord to lead and if He did not want me in the Army to keep me out, yet that no shame would come to His name or to the cause of missions.

The Army wrote our Mission Board asking them to release me to the service of our country for the duration of the war. We are confident that the Lord lead for our Board felt it God's leading and released me to the Army to serve our country. We committed our ways unto Him and we are confident that He is directing our paths and that we are doing His will. On March 20th I received my commission as a Lieutenant in the Army of the United States and since early April have been stationed here at Camp Savage. I cannot tell you of my work but as never before we need your prayers and what wonderful opportunities we have to witness to His saving power to young men many of whom are of Japanese ancestry.

Since you have heard from us, the Lord sent into our home little William Kelsey born on Nov. 9, 1942. He is named after his two grandfathers, Grandfather William Pietsch and Grandfather Kelsey Dozier. We call him Kelsey after his grandfather who gave his life that the Japanese might hear of the Lord Jesus Christ. His grave is in Japan on a hillside in the city of Kokura, a constant reminder of the gospel. As I am here at camp, Helen and the little ones are in our home at 311 Cahill Ave., Turlock, California. Though they could have come here we did not know how long it would be before I was sent overseas and after prayer we believed it best for them to stay in our little home that the Lord provided for us. It was my joy to remodel an old church building into a little home for our family before coming into the Army. The Lord has been so good to us and has taken care of all our needs. Shall we let you in on a little secret? We are expecting another new addition to our family the end of November or early in December. Will you pray especially for Helen and if it pleases Him that I may be home at that time and not overseas. Also that Helen will find someone to help her in the home. She is the one who has sacrificed the most that we may serve our country that others may be free. May the Lord be to little Sally Sue and Kelsey a Father as their daddy is so far away from them.

As far as we are concerned it would have been much easier to have just watched this awful conflict from the sidelines but we are certain that God led us to this place and that we are doing His will. I am convinced that as long as we have the Constitution and what it guarantees to us as Americans our beloved country is well worth fighting for. Our greatest heritage as Americans is that we can be true to God and at the same time be true to our country. Our country was founded on the Bible by Godly men and it seems to me godly men today should uphold it. My constant prayer is that America shall humble itself before God and truly be on the Lord's side.

*"And thus be it ever when free men shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation
Blessed with victory and peace may the heaven rescued land
Praise the power that hath made and preserved us a nation
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just
And this be our motto "In God is our trust"
And the Star Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."*

When I think of this last verse of our nation's anthem it gives me great courage and my trust is in God. And as we walk these days thru the valley of the shadows surely His Rod, the Word, and His Staff, the Holy Spirit, comfort me. When I entered the Army the Lord gave to us as a family the 91st Psalm as our insurance especially the 7th verse, and we claim the eleventh verse for the dear ones left behind.

We trust that many of you will write to us especially to Helen as she is alone in Turlock. Her mother and grandmother and brother and his family are in Honolulu preaching the gospel to the Japanese there. It seems impossible for Helen and the little ones to get over there now. We do not know when we shall see you again, for I may be overseas soon, but we commit ourselves and you into the LOVE OF GOD. What safer place is there?

With love to you each one,

HELEN, SALLY SUE AND TIM.

311 Cahill Avenue
Turlock, California
October 10, 1944.



*Helen, Sally Sue, Kelsey, Tiny Tim and
Tim Pietsch*

Beloved in our Lord:

Psalms 37:4

It is just a year since we wrote a general letter to you our dear friends and supporters. Some of you have been so good in writing to us and in trying to keep in touch with us. How we pray that the time will soon come when we can visit in your homes and

churches in preparation for returning to Japan as His servants.

Last year I wrote you from Camp Savage, Minn. Just about the time of our last letter I came down with a very severe case of hay fever that developed into acute bronchial asthma. I was hospitalized at Fort Snelling Station Hospital where I was in an oxygen tent for about two weeks. The asthma was very severe but God was very good to me and brought me safely through. It was hard being sick so far from home but dear Pastor Prince of Minneapolis came to visit me, and to encourage me in the Lord. I had never had an attack of asthma since I was a small boy until entering the army. I had never been bothered in Hawaii or in the Orient and I thought that I had outgrown it.

In wonderful answer to prayer the Lord made it possible for me to be home at the time of the birth of our little son on November 24th. His name is Timothy Arnold. The Arnold is for our beloved Uncle Arnold Grunigen of San Francisco. We call him Tiny most of the time in short for

Tiny Tim. At the present time he is just about ready to walk and is a fine healthy boy. We rejoice in our Lord and His goodness to us in trusting us with this another little one in our home. For prayer that I might get home to be with Helen at the time of his birth we thank you, and to our Lord for answering your prayers we thank Him.

The first of February this year I was transferred from Camp Savage, Minnesota to Washington, D. C. Early in March I was again transferred to McDill Field in Tampa, Florida, but was again transferred back to Washington in May. On returning to Washington, D. C. my hay fever returned but very mildly. I was sent into Walter Reed General Hospital for a check up, to find out to what I was allergic. They kept me there for two and a half months while checking up on me. They diagnosed my case as severe allergy due to ragweed and coal dust. I had never before been exposed to these for any length of time before coming into the army. Since my asthma had been so severe while at Camp Savage, the medical examiners recommended that I be retired from the service and put on the inactive list. I was brought up before the Army Retirement Board. Upon going before the Board I prayed that His will might be done even in this decision of this board of old army generals. After hearing the history of my case they recommended that I be kept in the service but be sent to a region where I would not be exposed to hay fever. Upon hearing this decision I asked the Lord if indeed this was His will and in answer He gave me Ps. 9:4 "For thou has maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging right."

On July 25th I was transferred from Washington, D. C. out here to California and am now stationed at Camp Pinedale, Fresno, which is only eighty miles from here. So far I have been able to be home every week-end since being there. What a wonderful answer to prayer this has been. This year I took as a promise from the Lord at the beginning of the year Psalms 37:4 "Delight thyself in the Lord, and He shall give thee the

desires of thy heart." How true the Lord has made this verse to me. We rejoice in Our Father's care. As this is being written I am here at home. You can always reach us here. Helen and children have been here since I entered the service of our country and Lord willing will be here as long as I am in the army. How grateful we are for our little home here and for the lovely church and friends that our Lord has provided. We are sure that our Lord guided us when He sent us to Turlock. What a blessed place it is for the little ones during these sad days of war and turmoil.

Some of you perhaps are wondering if we have forgotten the Call of God to us to serve Him in Japan. It is our most earnest prayer that God will send up back to Japan in His time and His way and from our hearts we pray LORD SEND US FORTH. As some of you know, ever since I have been in the army I have been associated with men of Japanese ancestry and we are sure the Lord Himself has put me in this place. In my own heart I feel that I am just as much a missionary as when we were in Japan, for the place I am now in is His will. Recently I have been appointed chaplain of the unit to which I am assigned. It is a very streamlined outfit and so had no regularly appointed chaplain so I have been given that privilege along with my other duties of which I can write nothing at present. By being a line officer instead of a chaplain I do not believe I have been handicapped in the Army at all in the Service of our Lord, but contrariwise I believe I have had more opportunities to reach men for Him. "When He putteth forth His own sheep He goeth before them." There is a possibility that I may be going overseas with the unit to which I am now attached. I am sure that if this is His will you will be much in prayer for Helen and the Little ones.

*"He knows, He loves, He cares
Nothing this truth can dim,
He gives the very best to those
Who leave the choice to Him."*

Camp Pinedale to which I am now assigned is a former Japanese Assembly center, just as the one here in Turlock was where we had the joy of speaking to many Japanese internees about the Lord. A contingent of men that I trained in the East has now come to our camp and they are one of the first groups of American born Japanese back in California. We can be grateful for the way they have been received, just as any other soldiers would be received. A couple of these men I went to school with many years ago in Hawaii.

Now dear friends we do trust that you will write to us and let us hear from you assuring us that you are praying that Our Lord will send us back to Japan.

With love to each one of you in our wonderful Lord.

Yours because His,

Helen, Sally Sue, Kelsey, Tiny Tim and Tim.

Note: Sept. 11. Word has just come today that I shall be going overseas, and by the time this letter reaches all of you I shall have left. Please write to us here at home and Helen will send you my A.P.O. number and the name of my unit or will forward your letter to me. Psalms ninety-one is very dear to us as a family at this time.

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Evening Service - Sunday April 28, 1946

Speaker - Rev. Timothy Pietsch

During my days in the service of our country, I was stationed in Washington, D. C. in the Pentagon Building, and I was not furnished any quarters, so I had to go out and find a place to stay and I went and asked a lady if she had a room. She began to ask me questions of what I had done before I went into the service. I told her that I was a missionary. She was very happy over that. She asked me what country I was from. I told her that I had been a missionary in Japan, and did she turn on me. She said, "You certainly made a flop of it, didn't you?" I had to turn toward her with tears in my eyes and say, "Yes, as missionaries to Japan, we did very little." I had to confess of all the failures, of how many I might have spoken to, that I did not.

I might ask you, what did you ever do to get the Gospel to the land with which so recently we have been at war?

We often said, "The Japanese are great imitators," but did we ever give them a chance to imitate the Lord Jesus Christ? How many missionaries from Japan do you know? How many times have you ever prayed that your daughter or son would go as a missionary to Japan? Our Government took your sons and daughters to send them in defense of our country.

There would never have been a war if the Gospel had been preached in Japan like it has been preached in Southern California. I was the first missionary to ever go from this Church. What did you ever do to get the Gospel to the people with which we have been at war?

Without warning, on September 17th, 1931, Japan attacked Manchuria. On December 7th, 1941, without warning, Japan attacked the United States. For ten years and three months, Japan exploited Manchuria as one of the stepping stones in what she believed to be Japan's conquest of the world. We knew Japan was an aggressor nation. What did we send to Japan? I believe that every home represented here sent scrap iron to Japan. During those ten years and three months, we sent to Japan twenty-one million tons of scrap iron, and all the time we knew where it was going, but somehow we did not raise our voices.

I believe that a man who sells a gun to a known delinquent boy is just as guilty for the murder which that boy commits with the weapon as the boy himself.

We lived in the city of Nagoya, and we returned home in 1941, and our friends asked us where we worked, and we told them, but no one had ever heard of the place, and yet, it is a city much larger than the city of Los Angeles. It was ninety-nine per cent wiped off the face of the earth and that is the reason we have heard of it now. What sorrow and tragedy has come to our nation because we failed to send ambassadors of the Lord Jesus!

In the ways of God that are past finding out, Japan is open as a mission field as never before. In the last five weeks in the Youth for Christ meetings in Yokohama, one hundred forty-seven young people have come to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour, and in a recent letter from a Japanese girl who went over in 1939; she went back to Japan, she tells how on May 25, 1945, she fled from her home, never expecting to return for the houses on three sides were burning, and yet, the only house that remained in all the devastated area, was hers, a witness to the keeping power of the Lord Jesus Christ. All the people around that area took it that the Lord protected these people because they were Christians, and many Japanese today believe that the reason that they have been brought to a place of such dire humiliation is directly due to the fact that they had false Gods. They do not look upon the surrender as defeat, but they look upon it as liberation, and it is to them liberation and the Lord has opened the door.

Forty years ago a great Christian leader stated that we must either send a thousand missionaries now, or some day we would have to send a hundred thousand marines. This was in 1905 at the time of the Russo-Japanese war. Christian friends, it always costs to obey God, but obedience never costs as much as disobedience. To do the will of God is the most glorious thing. No greater thing can ever come to a young man or woman than to go to those who have never heard His Word. It is the greatest honor and privilege to stand on our street corners in Japan with the Japanese Bible and to tell them of the wonderful Lord of Glory. It was deeply impressed upon me during my time as a missionary in Japan and during my service in the armed forces, the truth that we must accept Christ as Lord.

In Japan, there was a very great tendency among the Japanese professed Christians to accept Jesus as Saviour. They said, "We believe that He died for us, but we cannot accept Him as our Lord because of the exigencies of the situation that prevails, and our Government demands first allegiance. We cannot put anybody above the Emperor. We believe that Jesus is our Saviour." They don't call Him, Emperor; they call Him, Tenno Heika. "We cannot accept Him as our Lord. Japan and the Emperor is our Lord."

I might mention right here, that now, beginning this year for the first time the Japanese will be able to be true to their country and true to God without being traitors. To be a true Christian, you had to put Christ above the Emperor and very few Japanese are willing to do that. Most of the Japanese Christians were constitutional Christians, and the first law of Japan was to worship the Emperor. The Japanese government demanded not only the things of Caesar, but the things of God as well. They were Christians only after they were Japanese. There was a very famous Japanese Christian leader. I have heard him talk many times about the Blood and the Substitutionary Atonement, but he never acknowledged Jesus Christ as his Lord.

During the days of heart searching in Japan, when our friends were writing us to come home, saying, "You are just wasting your time," and others refused to give their money to send the Gospel to Japan, we searched the Word of God asking Him why we were there.

I never found a single passage of Scripture in the Bible where you could accept Christ as Saviour and reject Him as Lord and be saved. I have not found a single passage in the New Testament that says, "We must accept Christ as Saviour," but we read in Romans, the tenth chapter and ninth verse: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

We read in Romans, the fourteenth chapter and the ninth verse: "For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that He might be Lord both of the dead and living."

And I say, I wonder sometimes if we don't have right here in America, a counterpart of what was going on in Japan. I believe that He died on the Cross for me. The systems of this world have no place for Christ as Lord. Some professed Christians say, "Jesus is my Saviour, but the world is my Lord."

This doctrine, I believe, is the most essential doctrine of salvation. It is the basis of the keeping of the believer. You can't preach that Jesus was the Saviour and divorce from Him the fact that He was the Son of God. There is not a single place in Scripture where it says, "I can receive Christ as Saviour, and all His wonderful work on the Cross, and reject Him as Lord and be saved." If somehow you could divorce from Him the fact that He is Lord and present Him simply as a Saviour, like some kind of a religious insurance policy, the world has no argument with him.

In Japan, if you preached that you must confess Him as Lord and that you must bow your heart and your head to Him, you could find yourself in trouble. We got into very serious trouble, for to try and intimate that anyone is greater than the Emperor is like treason.

Is Jesus Christ your Lord? If He isn't, you have no place in a Missionary Conference. You need to go to a revival.

In the first chapter of John, He is presented as the King of Glory, the Creator of the world, "who was in the world, but the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." This rejection began before His birth, and its culmination was before Pilate when the crowd cried out, "We will not have this man to reign over us," but as many as say, "We will have this man to reign over us," God gives the power to become His sons, even to those that believe on His name. This is the very basis of missions; that He is our Lord.

Many times in my college days, when I was in Wheaton, my roommate would talk to me and say, "If you have to be a missionary, why don't you be a missionary in a nice place," and people have said to us, "Why are you a missionary to the Japs?" We are not missionaries to the Japanese because we love them. Oh, how frail has been our love, but because the Lord Jesus Christ loves them. God loves the Japanese and He is sending His Gospel to Japan.

I pray like Isaiah did of old. "Oh Lord, I am a sinful man, for my eyes have seen thee, but Lord, I have heard Thy voice." We have heard thy voice; "Whom shall I send," and Lord when you are sending forth the Word, send me as one to carry it.

The Lord has opened Japan. What are we going to do about it? Is He your Lord? Are you willing to let Him talk to you? Did you notice in the verse that was quoted in the first message, Acts 1:8, "Ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Did the Lord send His disciples immediately to the people they hated the most; with whom they had no dealings, to the Samaritans? Yes, and it was in Samaria that the great revival broke out under Philip. Are there any who have natural prejudices toward the Japs?

Being a Christian is not a natural man, but a Christian is a supernatural man. I am going to name a man for you; Arnold Grunegen, who is very interested in the Japanese. When we went to Japan as Missionaries, he helped us a little with our support. During this war, their oldest son, a Radio Operator on a B29 was shot down over Kobe, and has never been heard from since. It would be only natural if he did not want to have any more to do with the Japanese, but in a very nice letter to our mission, he wrote telling them of the loss of their son and that they wanted to send money that the Japanese might hear the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Are you going to Samaria, to the people we naturally dislike? This is the true Christian.

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of man and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross."

Yes, it is sometimes very humble to be a missionary, but never as humble as what our Lord suffered for us. The only reason we are missionaries is that we have a personal relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ, and a missionary call to us is simply the recognition of His command and our ability that He has given us. Naturally, He has given us strength to carry His Word in obedience to that command.

I have been in missionary appeals here at B.I.O.L.A., at Wheaton, and at Moody's before going out to the field. How many are willing to do what the Lord wants us to do? I say the most wonderful thing is to be a representative of the Lord Jesus Christ to those who have never heard. I have heard parents say that if God calls my children, I am willing to let them go. You know, our Lord is not interested in your willingness.

I want to give you an illustration from the Army. In the Army, when I would be going across an area and I would call my First Sergeant and tell him that this area needs policing, he would answer, "Yes sir," he had to be, he was willing. But when that Sergeant saw the area all dirty and he got a detail, I tell you that it made all the difference in the world. How many Christians are simply willing? "Delight thyself in the Lord." That is what the Holy Spirit is here for, to get the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

The reason we don't have more men on the mission field is because we don't have more Christian mothers at home. The last time I ever saw my mother on earth before she passed away, she said, "Son, we gave you to the Lord before you were born," and they gave me the name of Timothy. When I was a young man, I thought my parents had afflicted me terribly by giving me the name of Timothy, especially when the teacher would say, "Now Timothy, it is your time to recite." My mother called me to her side, and she said, "We gave you the name of Timothy with the desire that you might be like the man in the Bible, for Timothy means to honor God. So, it is more than that I want to tell you. You know I wanted to be a missionary to China, but God never in His wisdom let us get that far." Mother said, on her deathbed, "I prayed that God would take you and send you to those who have never heard. Son, will you promise me that you will answer that call?" Mother did not have any hesitation. "If God calls you, will you heed that call?"

Some people act as though the worst thing that could happen, would be to have their children called as missionaries. I think you know my sisters are missionaries as well. The Lord took us all and gave us the privilege of preaching His Word.

Young men and women, are you willing to do the will of God in obedience to His Word? It is the most wonderful thing in all the world. I am very grateful that the Lord sent me to Japan. Just ten years ago tonight, I was off the coast, just ready to land as a new missionary. One of the greatest moments of my life was when I went to a little Japanese village. I visited a home, throwing open the sliding door, I bowed in Japanese style and said, "Pardon me." Usually from the inside of the house, there is an answer, but there was no answer, but I heard little footsteps coming over the rice straw mat. They have very clean rice straw mats, and I heard these little footsteps, then I saw a little black head coming around the door and then running as fast as they could to the back of the house and saying, "Mamma, Mamma, come quickly, Mr. Lord Jesus has come back to our house."

I stood with this very Bible on a Japanese street corner and read to a little group of people, of the One who left Heaven's Glory to come to the earth. He did not love white men only; He loved white, black, yellow and red, and I told them the story of our Lord Jesus Christ. There was a little boy about ten years old, I presume, in the group. I visited in their home, but he did not know my name, so he gave to me the name of the one that God delights to honor. Isn't that what it means to be a Christian?

In Second Corinthians, the fifth chapter and the twentieth verse:

"We are ambassadors therefore on behalf of Christ, as though God were entreating by us: we beseech you on behalf of Christ, be ye reconciled to God."

In place of the Lord Jesus Christ, we plead with men in His stead, "To be reconciled to God."

311 Cahill Avenue
Turlock, California
February, 1947.



Tiny Tim, Kelsey and Sally Sue

Dear Friends in our Loving Lord:

Undoubtedly many of you have thought, "Why didn't we hear from Tim and Helen for Christmas?"

Instead of sending out cards we thought that after the rush of the Christmas season we would write a letter telling you we would continue to pray for you, and to ask you to keep praying for us. God has been wonderfully good to us, and we know we can trust Him for the future.

The future has not been very certain as to when we would get off for Japan, but we are making definite plans now. Tim was very disappointed in not being able to accompany our senior missionary, Rev. C. E. Carlson. Each mission was limited to one representative, and so Mr. Carlson went out alone arriving in Japan the middle of October. Tim's military permit has now been received, and one can be obtained for Helen, but up to the present no permits have been granted for children. Our three little ones pray most earnestly to go, and they seem as anxious to get to Japan as we are.

If passage can be secured, Helen and the children will in all probability go to Hawaii to be with Mother and I will go alone to Japan until they, too, get permission to enter. Since permission for adults is now being granted, Ruth Forsberg and Grace DeCamp are hoping to go soon.

Now we wish to bring you up to date on our activities. While Tim was away in meetings during the Fall months Helen was kept busy around the house with our three precious children who love Jesus, and with the large number of friends who been a blessing to us in their visits to our home for shorter or longer periods. Our general director brother David H. Johnson and our dear brother Bach have also been here and it was a joy to have them.

We have also had the joy of sending box after box of things out to Japan. All you sent to us we have sent out, and we have used your money to buy things to send to our German missionary friends of the Liebenzeller Mission. Some of you have had word from them. We do thank you for all the things sent to us—there is still a great need of clothing, food and medicines.

If you will send things to us here, we will repack them and send them out. We are grateful for the fine GI's and chaplains out in Japan who receive these things and turn them over to the missionaries. In one of his letters brother Carlson mentioned that the Japanese had not had sugar in three years. Some of the friends who read the letter gave us sugar, and we sent some of ours, so our pastor and Christians have had a taste of sugar.

Salt, Ovaltine, soup mixes, vitamin pills and medicines are most needed. Men's suits and children's clothing are very helpful. Shoes also are needed. If they are old, please tie a pair of new soles and shoestrings to them. The recent earthquake and tidal wave which now have made many hundreds homeless in Japan must be used as an opportunity to show love instead of hatred. Brother Carlson writes that the Japanese are amazed at the kindness and generosity of the American Christians, and that they cannot understand it.

Thinking that I would be going with brother Carlson last September we all made a rush back east to see the folks in Waterloo, Iowa, and our sister Mercy Pietsch in Winchester, Ky., as well as the dear supporters at Marquette Manor in Chicago. But the children all came down with whooping cough. On top of that Helen got it too, so our trip was cut short and we were sorry we did not get to visit you all. It was quite a trip back across the continent with four whoopers. We were so glad, however, that the folks and Mercy could see our boys. The folks in Chicago did not get much chance to see them because of the whooping cough.

Mercy Pietsch is more radiant than ever, never complaining even though she is in almost constant pain. We were so glad to have my sister Grace (Mrs. Tobelman), her husband, George, and their daughter Janet Marie with us on furlough from Alaska. They are back in Seldovia now and are having quite a time with food shortage due to the strikes. Uncle Paul Pietsch has not been so well lately, and is in need of prayer and a good rest. Three of the children, Jim, Bill and Mary are in BIOLA this year. It was also our joy to have our brother Edwin Dozier and his family with us. He is now in Japan as the first Southern Baptist missionary to return, his family staying in Charlotte, N. C. Mother (Mrs. C. K. Dozier) and Grandmother (Mrs. D. T. Burke) are still working with the Japanese in Honolulu. Grandmother will be ninety-one on March 7. Though her sight is almost gone she still enjoys meetings and helps all she can. Mother Dozier keeps so busy for the Lord. We are praying that we can visit them on our way out to Japan.

Every letter from Japan continues to emphasize the wonderful opportunities there for the gospel. We would wish to share excerpts from some of the letters with you.

1391 Karuizawa, Japan,
December 5, 1946.

... "Please help us pray through all the problems of our work near our Todoroki Mission Home where we found ways to start Sunday school and Bible classes. It has been difficult to find a place after our church was burnt in the fire raids, but we have meetings temporarily in a carpenter shop. We hope to get the lease of some unfinished buildings to open a war orphan home. Chaplain Hixon has promised to support this project warmly. It is a great joy for us to serve the Lord here."

Karl Nothhelfer.

Now one from brother C. E. Carlson, whose address is CE&I Section, GHQ SCAP APO 500 c-o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

... "I was deeply impressed with my trip to Hida. In the past it has been very difficult to get cooperation from public leaders because this province has been a stronghold of Buddhism, but now the mayor of the city of Takayama himself pleaded with me for a missionary to come and live there.

... "The meetings at Chiba were all good the Sunday I was there, but the evening meeting especially left a very precious memory. It was held in the home of the pastor, whose name is Kishita. He is teaching in the high school in order to earn his living, and his wife also teaches. They invited five of their teacher friends and two of the church members to take dinner with us. Before sitting down for dinner I was asked to give a Bible reading. I made it simple and brief, but when I looked to the pastor to close the meeting he was in tears and the others were in the same conditions.

... "He then asked for decisions to follow Christ and the four unconverted teachers all responded. Brother Kishita's mother also sought our prayer for salvation. She is the one who gave her son a razor with the command to kill himself with it because she could not stand the disgrace of having a Christian in the family. That took place early in his life of faith. To see those teachers seeking God impressed me very much because school teachers have been very hard to win. They were the tools in the hands of the military to train the children in fanatical nationalism. What a change, and what opportunities!"

C. E. Carlson.

Missionary Ernst Lang writes as follows:

"On Christmas Day another eighteen girls and two boys of the Youth for Christ were baptized in Kikuna, and in the afternoon our Dr. Ito from the Yokohama Gospel and Medical Mission was baptised

in Chaplain Hixon's chapel. It was a day of great victory. About four hundred people packed our small church to capacity. Some had to return home because they had no possibility of getting in. We pray that they will not only come on Christmas in such large numbers, but every Sunday of the year—and not only come, but really accept Christ."

Yours in His service,

Ernst Lang and Family.

Many of you perhaps do not know of our missionary magazine called THE MISSIONARY BROADCASTER. In order to follow the work more closely we would like to urge you to get it. We are now publishing it monthly instead of bi-monthly, and for a dollar a year (no increase in price) it's a real bargain. We believe we are doing you a real favor when we ask you to get it, for the blessing it will be to you.

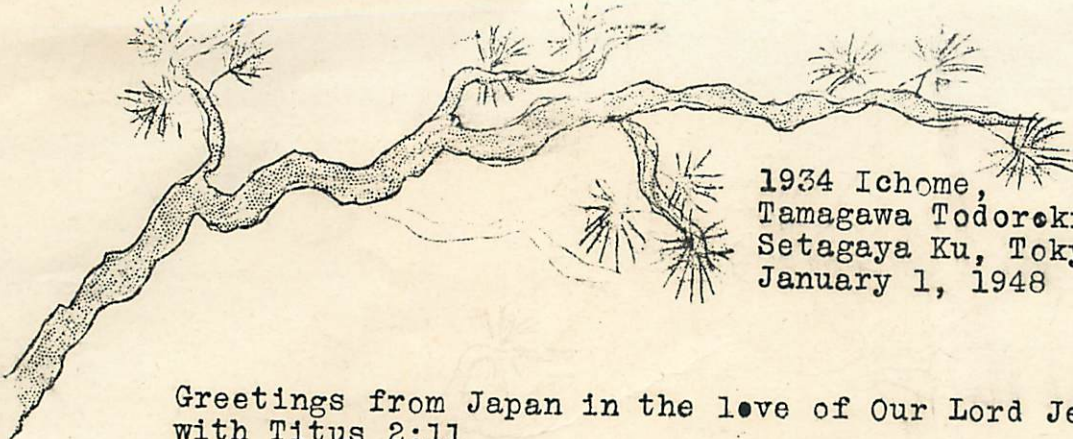
If you prefer to send us the dollar we will send it in, or you can send it directly to mission headquarters: The Scandinavian Alliance Mission, 2839 W. McLean Avenue, Chicago 47, Illinois.

LATEST NEWS: God willing, we hope to sail April 18 on the S. S. "MARINE LYNX" from San Francisco. We are praying that arrangements can be made for the entire family to go on that ship. Since permission has not yet been granted for missionary children to go to Japan, Helen and our three little ones will go to be with her mother, Mrs. C. K. Dozier, at 1701 Clarke Street, Honolulu 33, T. H., and I will go on alone to Japan. It is not easy to break up the family again, but we are glad to be able to do something for our Lord and for the Gospel.

Those of you who would like to send clothing and things to Japan, please get them to us here in Turlock as soon as possible. Mail may be sent here until we sail, and then to Hawaii at the address given above. As yet I have no address in Japan, but will let you know when I reach there.

Yours in our Wonderful Lord,

Timothy Pietsch.



1934 Ichome,
Tamagawa Todoroki Machi,
Setagaya Ku, Tokyo, Japan
January 1, 1948

Greetings from Japan in the love of Our Lord Jesus Christ
with Titus 2:11

Long before this we had hoped to get a letter off to each one of you friends and to say, 'thank you' for the part you had in making it possible for us to return to this land of opportunity as His servants. On June 1, 1947 I landed here safely and enjoyed the fellowship and hospitality of our dear fellow missionaries Rev and Mrs. Karl Nothelfer. They made a home for me until finally on the 18th of October they were able to leave for America with immigration visas after 18 years of service in this land without a furlough. The same day they left Helen and our three children landed in Yokohama after a long round about trip via the Philippines and China. The two ships passed each other, one coming in and the other going out at the breakwater in Yokohama. How wonderfully our Lord answered prayer for us all. On the 24th of October Miss Mable Culter arrived here in Japan and is now living with us. With Helen and the children on the S.S. General Gordon came Rev and Mrs. Oliver Degleman, new missionaries in our mission, who brought with them a house trailer. It was first thought that they could park it on mission lot at Nakano where our pre-war Japanese missionary headquarters was located, but the mission home and the whole area had been burnt to the ground and electricity and water were unavailable so they asked to put it here. On Dec. 12th Rev and Mrs. Joe Meeko of the Conservative Baptist Mission landed in Japan and they also brought with them a house trailer and they too are now living in front of our home here. We have quite a little group here now and this house that was so wonderfully saved during the war, after a fire bomb hit it, is of great blessing.

Thank you each one who sent packages of food and clothing. My, what a blessing they have been and such a great help in the work. It is very cold here now and there is still a great need for warm clothing and food so please keep them coming. However the Army has become very strict about the use of the APO and no longer should any mail be sent to Mr. Carlson's APO. It is best to send letters directly to our address given above. Air mail letters take about a week and cost 25¢, first class mail takes about a month and costs five cents. Packages should also be sent to the above address but they can weigh only twenty two pounds and they should contain such things as: sugar, lard, soap, thread, warm clothing mittens yarn, canned meats and powdered milk. Clothing can be packed in gunny sacks but food should be well packed in boxes. Prices here continue to soar yet the rate of exchange of U.S. money remains at fifty yen to one dollar. A pound of butter costs two hundred and five yen, (four dollars and ten cents) at the official government price. Because of this unfair rate of exchange it has been impossible to rebuild the burnt churches and the

May 1, 1948

Beloved Friends in Christ:

What a joy it is to be here again in Japan.

We cannot thank Him enough for granting us this privilege of carrying His word to this land of need and opportunity and of reuniting our family here. Our Lord has granted blessed fruit in the conversion of lost souls. On Easter Sunday we had thirteen baptized here in the river near us. Praise Him with us for this evidence of His blessing. Not alone are we working in the church here but I am also doing evangelistic work trying to open new places for preaching of the gospel.

Thank you for the boxes of food and clothing you have sent. They have met a real need and have been of much blessing in the work. There is still great need here for food and clothing. We are all fine and happy. Robbers are very active in Japan now and have bothered us a good deal. They broke into our place and stole all our children's clothes. We are thankful they only got their clothes instead of the children. Eph. 5:20

Since coming to Japan I have distributed over four hundred thousand tracts and we have hundreds of answers by mail and Helen goes almost from morning to night answering the door for those who come inquiring the way of Salvation. Love in our Lord.

Your missionaries for Christ in Japan,
Helen and Timothy Fietsch

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October 20, 1948

Dear, dear Friends in Christ,

Please accept this as a personal letter to you. I wrote you last summer but Tim said he'd try to get a card off to you first and then I could send my lengthy letter later so now he is in the States going from place to place presenting the Gospel and our great needs in Japan. He was called back suddenly and the mission board asked him to fly back to save time. It seemed such a short time since he came here alone, then we followed him, and now he had to go again. This seems to be the most critical and needy time for him to be here when so many vital decisions have to be made and the opportunities are great, yet this is for the Lord's work too. You can perhaps contact him through our mission headquarters; Timothy Pietsch, c/o Scandinavian Alliance Mission, 2839 W. Mc Lean Ave, Chicago 47, Ill. We hope to have him back before Mr. David Johnson, our director, gets here in February.

We are in the midst of another busy fall. This summer we went up to the mountains for a little vacation to rest after a strenuous year's work and to get away from the heat for a little while. But even this summer Tim had very little rest. He was away most of the time for meetings. What wonderful and blessed meetings they were! He was able to give one or more Gospel messages to perhaps 12000 people besides giving out tracts. Most of these people had never been in a Gospel service before.

On September 25th we were happy to have my Brother, Edwin Dozier, and his family come back to Japan. They are staying with us until they can move into their own home in Tokyo.

We are expecting over ten or twelve of our own new missionaries to come as soon as the strike is over. They will be busy with language study and maybe some classes and speaking engagements. We have just recently heard that even children less than a year old can come with their parents to Japan.

Some of you may have heard about our schedule but maybe we should give the rest of you an idea of what we've been doing besides times of preparation and Tim's evangelistic trips and executive committee meetings and many other meetings.

We keep busy around Todoroki and neighbouring stations. Let's start with Sunday morning. About 300 to 356 children (just now the number is down we are sorry to say) and fifteen teachers go to Sunday School at a carpenter's school at nine A. M. In this number there are older people too because we have classes from kindergarten age to adults. While we are thinking about the S. S. children I wonder if any of you would like to send us some cards and buttons with Scripture verses on them to give children? Every Sunday they learn and recite verses. The next Sunday they stand before the S. S. and recite them again, then we give them a card (we are out of them now). Even a little one the size of a postage stamp is appreciated. When they have collected a certain number it would be nice to give them something special. I may order some more S. S. material. We hope to build our S. S. to at least 500 or a 1000.

Ten forty-five A. M. is time for church service when 181 to 191 grown people come. We don't have to worry now with Mr. Sukigara as pastor wondering what kind of a message he will give. He always gives a fine message in a simple way and he doesn't fail to ask after every service if any are ready to accept Jesus as their Lord or if they want to be Christians. Almost every Sunday there are some or several who respond.

After greeting all the people and helping them with some questions etc. we take some guests and the pastor, his wife and their son or daughter home with us for dinner. The boy and girl take turns coming because one has to stay home to look after the house while the others are away.

At two P. M. about 20 or 30, mostly young people, get in the jeep and trailer with us and we start out for our street meetings giving tracts on the way and while the crowd is gathering.

We take our portable organ along, song sheets, big mottoes, and sing, give testimonies and messages each place.

At seven P. M. about 35 to 45 came to our home for evangelistic meetings. Here again the pastor or Tim ask for decisions and sometimes there have been 15 or 20 on their knees seeking. We have just started having evening meetings at the school.

Almost every day is filled with callers or we go visiting. I wonder how many have the joy we have of explaining the way of salvation to many who come to our home seeking something better than what they have had. Most of the people with whom we come in contact do not know Christ or have never heard of Him. What a wonderful joy and privilege and responsibility is ours as we lead our souls to Him.

Once a month we have missionary prayer meetings at General Harrison's home. Tuesday nights from seven to nine 25 to 35 Japanese come to our home for Tim's English and Japanese Bible class. Now I am teaching them.

Wednesday nights we have prayer meeting and after that Sunday School teacher training class which Genevieve Smith has just started teaching. Thursday nights we had hymn practice (most of the hymns are old to you but not to them), or preparation classes for inquirers. Friday nights are supposed to be free but almost every one we are busy. Saturday afternoons I had English Bible class for H. S. girls at our home. Now Erma Taylor teaches in English and I interpret. Then we go to clean the auditorium and class rooms for Sunday services. Usually Saturday nights Tim (if he wasn't out for other meetings) took about 14 in the jeep to Tokyo Gospel Hour but now we have our own Todoroki Gospel Hour at the church and we have from 65 to 85. The young missionaries come to help in this meeting too.

We have a lot of company most of the time and until my brother and his family came Mrs. Sukigara spent two or three nights a week in our home and he stayed almost all of the time since they live so far away. ~~They are really earnest workers for the Lord and are quite rare.~~ If all Japanese Christians were as much on fire for the Lord and soul winners there would be far greater results. Most of the Christians in our church are new ones but they are working with us, but they have to be taught most everything. It is hard for them to give up all their past religion and

superstitions. We have about ten older christians, then eight were baptized in October 1947. Easter Sunday Tim baptized thirteen. On the 11th of July twenty-three more were baptized including our Sally Sue and Sumie san who helps in our home. This month nineteen more were baptized.

We had hoped to start a Japanese Kindergarten this fall but there is so much to be done. We have to start from scratch and we aren't ready. We thought we might have to teach our own children at home this fall because the rates for missionaries children were raised so tremendously this year but the Lord has helped us and so far we are keeping Sally Sue and Kelse in school but Tiny Tim should be in kindergarten. We cannot afford that this year. I may have to teach all of them later.

Pray that the Lord will keep Tim in safety and health and strength so he can do the most effective work and that he may soon be back helping us in this most needy time in this needy land. He is needed here now. Pray that I may be given wisdom from on high to help in some of the decisions that Tim would ordinarily have to help make. Pray that we may be able to do much more for the Lord and lead many, many souls to Him. Now is the time. The time is short. Pray that funds to provide for missionary housing will be supplied (we hope to have a hundred missionaries on the field here soon). We thank God for you dear friends who are praying for us and with us. Thank you for your letters, love, and gifts to us and for the work. May the Lord richly bless you. Many you have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year in His service.

Your friend in Christ,

Helen Pietsch

Tim wants to be remembered to you too.

Helen and Timothy Pietsch
1934 Ichome, Tamagawa, Todoroki Machi
Setagaya Ku, Tokyo, Japan

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Send mail to
Helen and Timothy Pietsch. Tokyo Foreign
Missionaries APO 500 o/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

Airmail 6 Cent.

Ordinary mail 3 Cent.

Beloved Friends in Christ:

February 16. 1949

In the goodness and kindness of our Lord I arrived home safely on the fourth of February to find Helen and our three little ones safe and sound and happy. Thank you each one for praying for me and for your kindness to me while in the United States and for your gifts of love to His work in this land. Especially in remembering the very urgent need of housing for the many new missionaries.

In very strange and wonderful ways God has opened to us a wonderful new opportunity under the Pocket Testament League. Brother Alfred Kunz, head of the PTL, came to the headquarters of our mission and told of the plans for a great campaign here in Japan to distribute a million Gospel portions through preaching services. It was felt by us and by the board of directors of the SAM to be of the Lord, so beginning the first of April we begin our work with the PTL. We are really thrilled at the new opportunity God has given us and we would be a blessing to all evangelical missionaries in this land. We are confident that this is of the Lord. We love the Scandinavian Alliance Mission just as much as ever and thank God for each one of the directors and the missionaries who so faithfully honor our Lord. To each one of you who has had part in the forwarding of the work here in Japan, as a little token of thanks, Helen and I have ordered for you a ten month subscription to the Missionary Broadcaster. We trust that you will enjoy it so much that at the end of the ten months you will subscribe to it yourselves.

Your missionaries for Christ in Japan,
Helen and Timothy Pietsch

Luke 9: 23-



1934 Ichome, Tamagawa Todoroki
Setagaya Ku, Tokyo, Japan
April 15, 1949

Beloved Friends:

First, We want to tell you that God has blessed our home with another little boy, David Dozier Pietsch born on the 24th of February. He weighed seven pounds and nine ounces so he is our 'teensy'. His daddy got home from America just twenty days before his arrival into this world. Little David was named after our cousin David Grunigen who was shot down over Japan during the war in a B29. He had hoped some day to become a missionary. We are trusting the Lord to save little Dave while he is young and to make him His own servant. Brother David Johnson, beloved general director of the SAM was here in Japan at the time of his birth and came to the hospital and prayer for him and dedicated him to the Lord Jesus Christ. While little David and mother were still in the hospital the school called and said they now had room for Tiny Tim in Kindergarten, so that helped a great deal to make him feel bigger and no longer the baby of the family. Now he goes to school with the other children but comes home at noon. It is a great help to be able to send them to school.

It surely is expensive these days here in Japan to raise a family. Most things are now available here but prices are about 30% higher than the U. S. When our children got here to Japan in the Fall of 1947 they were some of the first missionary children to get into post war Japan and they were allowed to go to the army school with all the other American children. The former American school had been taken over by the army when they

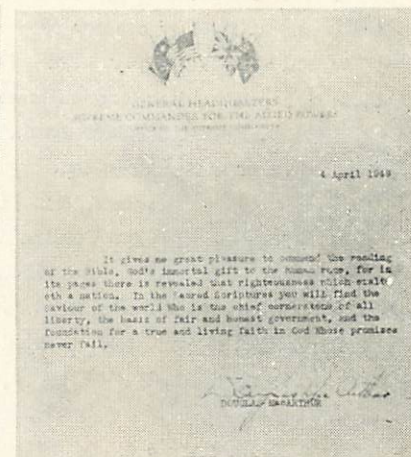
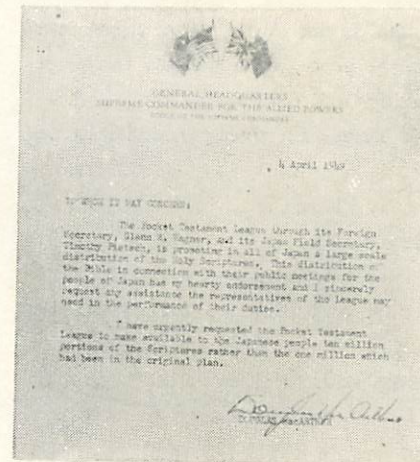
came to occupy Japan. At first the army charged a small sum for all for tuition but last Fall in 1948 suddenly they decided that children of army officers and occupation civilians would be free but children of all others would have to pay four hundred and eight dollars per year per child. Since missionaries have no connection whatsoever with the occupation this hits us pretty hard especially since we have three in school and they charge just as much for a first grader as for a senior high school. However the tuition does include the noon meal. We do trust that this great investment to keep a family here in Japan will bring forth real fruit that shall abide. The children are real little missionary helpers and are now earnestly memorizing Bible verses in both Japanese and English. They love to go with us to street meetings and to distribute tracts. This last Sunday afternoon we distributed over sixteen thousand gospel tracts at Shibuya Station. Since the end of the war it has been our joy to distribute about six hundred and fifty thousand tracts.

We have had some very remarkable conversions here since my coming back from America in February. Two of the robbers who broke into our storehouse and stole our children's clothes were let off with probation and have been coming to church and now have made public confession of acceptance of Christ. Last Sunday one of our young Japanese Christian men brought with him to the service an American soldier. This American lad was unsaved but we had the joy of leading him to the Lord here in our home at the end of the service. We have had quite a number of young men saved many of whom have come to the services in answer to tracts. This coming Easter Sunday thirty five are to be baptized and our little church is growing.

Some of you have been asking about our relationship to the Pocket Testament League which we entered on the first of April. We do not have any salary from the PTL but receive that which is sent in for us just as was done under the SAM. We are here trusting the Lord Jesus Christ and we do thank Him for those who so faithfully have helped to support us all during the years. The Pocket Testament League puts out a free quarterly bulletin to all who request it and I am sure some of you would like to receive it so please write to the PTL, 156-5th Avenue, New York City and request it.

On the 29th of March Brother Glenn Wagner, Foreign Secretary of the

Pocket Testament League arrived here in Japan and it is a great joy to work with him. On the 2nd of April Glenn and I had an interview with General MacArthur about the distribution of Scriptures here in Japan. When we thanked him for the telegram he had sent the League inviting us to Japan he said, "You have the cart before the horse, it is for me to thank you for coming to do this job. Now you will support me in it won't you, and you won't fail me in this will you?" We told him of the plan to distribute one million scripture portions which we thought might take three or four years but he urged us to place at least ten million scriptures and one million this year. He asked us what he could do for us and we asked for a letter commending the reading of the Bible and also one commending the PTL's work. Photostatic copies of the letters he gave us follow:



It is interesting to us that under the flag of Russian should be found a statement commending the reading of the Bible which is the only antidote for communistic atheism. He felt that this scripture distribution was very urgent and said Japan must have thirty million Bibles as soon as possible which would be about one to every three persons. Since the end of the war only one and a half million scripture portions have been sold or distributed in Japan. To think of ten million copies is almost staggering but God, who put this in General MacArthur's, heart can do it. It is our purpose to hold large mass meetings in Universities, schools, public halls

and outdoors, using motion pictures to attract the people and then to create in their hearts a desire to read the Bible and then to distribute free gospels to them who desire it. Moody Bible Institute has allowed us to use their wonderful picture, "The God of Creation". We are using it especially in our mass meetings in the Universities. We are going to print the scriptures here in Japan.

Last Monday evening Helen and I were invited to show the picture "God of Creation" to some of the Princes and Princesses of the Imperial family and after the picture we had dinner with them and we had opportunity to witness of Christ to them. We are praying that we can get a statement from the emperor saying 'I am reading the Bible and commend my people to also do so'. The younger brother of the emperor told me he was studying the Old Testament now in Hebrew at the Imperial University.

In this campaign to distribute scriptures we are especially burdened for the great mass of country people who do not even know there is a Bible and so this summer Lord willing I hope to be out on the west coast of Japan holding large mass meetings and distributing the Word.

Now we have two addresses for we have been given permission to use the APO. Our new address is:

Rev and Mrs. Timothy Pietsch
Tokyo Foreign Missionaries
APO 500 % Postmaster, SF, Calif

This is for our own personal use and mail and packages for us can be sent here but if you want to send relief for the Japanese, and there is still great need, send it to the Japanese address given at the beginning of this letter.

Our 16mm colored movies of Japan are in the U. S. and any who would like to get them for a missionary meeting should write to Mr. Carrol High, Richvale, Butte County, Calif.

With love to each one in our Lord Jesus Christ

Yours because His

Helen And Timothy Pietsch.



GLENN WAGNER & TIMOTHY PIETSCH
DISTRIBUTING SCRIPTURES AT
WASEDA UNIVERSITY, TOKYO.

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June 15, 1949

Beloved Friends in Christ :

Thank you for remembering us in prayer and God is doing wonderful things here in Japan that we could never have even dreamed of before the war. Our Lord has given wonderful access into the largest Universities in Japan for the distribution of scriptures. But not alone have we been able to distribute portions of the Bible to all who come but we have in each University brought a gospel message concerning the Cross and resurrection of our Lord. Then we also have showed the wonderful sound motion picture 'God of Creation' and have then given an open invitation to come to Christ. We have seen some call on the Name of the Lord. Everywhere we have gone the auditoriums have been filled to capacity and into Universities we had crowds of over four thousand students. This is the most thrilling work I have been in, in my life and I feel that all the days up to now have been in preparation for this ministry. We had two meetings at the Tokyo University formerly known as the Imperial University, and in spite of a general strike by students the hall was crowded and some came to the Lord.

Right now we are in the midst of printing one half million specially prepared PTL Japanese Gospels of John, with the plan of salvation included. We trust you will especially pray for this work. With love in our Wonderful Lord, Yours because His

Timothy Pietsch.

Tokyo, Foreign Missionaries
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Luke 9 : 23