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HELLO ALL!!!!!!

It's been a long time since writing to many of you, but believe me you are in our thoughts and prayers. At this time of year our thoughts return to the beautiful cherry blossom season in Japan, what a blessing the Lord has given to those of you in Japan. We have had a very cold and hard winter and then this spring has been really hectic with all the snow melt then the rain on top of that! I imagine all of you have heard about our flooding here in Indiana, we live just about 50 minutes drive from the Fort Wayne area which recieved such serious flooding. We were in Fort Wayne two days ago and the water has begun to go down and most of the town is now clear of water. Our little town had some water also but nothing like Fort Wayne did, we did not have any water in house or office, thank the Lord! This morning as I was preparing to come to work I heard on the radio a phone call to Japan and this person said she had heard every day this week about Fort Wayne, IN. so I wanted to assure all of you that we had not floated away.

This Sunday we are having a group of people in our home that have either lived in Japan or are planning to goto Japan or are just interested in Japan. John Junker who is a missionary kid is going to school here in town at the same school as Paul, Grace Seminary, and he is the one who planning this get together. We are looking forward to this opportunity meet some new friends.

We are really settled into the town now and love it here. The town is only 23,000 people, which sounds very small in Japan. We have 3 lakes right in town and many more in the county, or "ken", so we are looking forward to the summer and all the many water activities. We all enjoy the water so much, the girls will be taking swimming lessons this summer.

We have made new friends here in Warsaw. We are attending a wonderful church which really stands upon the fact that the Bible is the Word of God and that there is salvation only if a person receives Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. There are about 500 people who attend the worship services each Sunday and the church is growing. Paul is very, very busy and so is Pam. Pam is working at the law office as Paul's legal secretary. It is wonderful to see each other during the day. Nikki and Laura have fully adjusted to Warsaw. Today they each received their school report card and both of them earned top grades. We are very proud of them. Paul is again getting active in the Christian Legal Society, which is a national organization of Christian lawyers. Paul is very grateful to God for the opportunity to study at the seminary. But with a full-time job, it is a problem to have enough time to study and to be the type of father and husband God expects him to be. Yet things are so very wonderful, we certainly are not complaining in any way. We have received so many letters from our friends in Japan. We thank you very much for writing. We will do our best to respond to all of your letters and to keep you informed about what is happening here in Indiana. So please continue to write often. The Lord is so good. We pray for you all regularly. Good by for now.

Love, Paul, Pam, Nikki, and Laura REFIOR

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