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Dear Mrs. Whitney,

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This morning after mass I had Father Clement bless my miraculous medal, and at the same time had the pleasure of getting acquainted with him. As we chatted along - suddenly he inquired - "are you friends of Mrs. Whitney" - & on answering yes; he said he had heard of you from the Bishop at Tucson, Father Caffery & Father Lavery. Father Clement said he thought the Whitneys were such wonderful friends to have, and that he was very anxious to visit you some day if at all possible. According to his plans so far, we are going to have mass at Poston every Sunday & mass at Gila every other Saturday as there aren't very many Catholics there. Also - temporarily, he & Brother Paul are going to stay at a small Chapel in Parker, & when the Army permits - They'll come to Camp #1 to live.

Frankly, all these good many Sunday's I've hesitated staying after mass to talk to Father Clement as he seemed so very

different than Father Lavery, but  
now I know differently. He's very  
pleasant, & friendly, and gave me  
the impression "when anything goes  
wrong - I know where I can go -  
& who I can talk to."

2-29 All of us are keeping our fingers  
crossed in hopes that you & Mr.  
Whitney will be able to visit  
us sometime in the near future.  
I'm afraid I shan't be able to  
tell you the names of any of  
the towns where you might stay  
over night, and I suppose the  
only place would be Parker -  
unless visitors quarters are  
completed by the time you  
decide to come. Indio wouldn't  
be much of place to rest  
would it - it is that about  
half the distance? If you  
wish, I will enquire & get  
a little more information.

Mr. Nagasaki is looking  
better than he ever did in  
Upland - (he's gained weight too).  
He's been over several times,  
but I imagine he's busy  
visiting newly made friends.  
However, he hasn't changed  
the least bit.

So far, I haven't heard as to whether any of the Upland Japanese plan on returning to Japan. Most of them have something to return to in Upland - and I <sup>230</sup> think - only think in terms of going back home - (Upland)

It looks very much as if there is no getting away from flowers for dad. On Monday & Friday - from 9-11 A.M. - they had classes (in our mess hall) in paper flower making. They are really just too "real" for words. Most of the people attending are young girls or older women - but dad decided to go - & seems to be the only man attending. I'd really give almost anything to be able to go too, but pre-school hours are from 8:30 - 11:30 - unfortunately. They ~~also~~ had classes in knitting & crocheting, and by the time we leave camp, I have to be an accomplished knitter & crocheter. One is ambitious - & has lots of free time you could learn a good many things here - plastic arts, ceramic & etc.

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about my children - I've been  
having from 10 - 12 every day  
for the past 10 days - which is  
just about 3 too many for me  
to handle, especially now that  
we are starting to take children  
2 1/2 years old. Whoever said  
Japanese children were model  
children was wrong - They're  
brats too!

The weather has been so much  
better this month - in fact mornings  
are almost too cold. I agree  
with Dad tho' as he is looking  
much better now - and lately  
he has been helping around in  
the yard (block # 4). The neighbor  
man & dad thought they'd  
try & find some kind of light  
work to do so it'll help keep  
them warm this winter. Oh  
yes, did I tell you Sue was  
attending classes in Nurses Aid?  
and then - eventually she hopes  
to work at the hospital as an  
apprentice nurse.

I have been doing some sewing  
lately too - and as I tell the  
kids, as long as I'm sewing