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## Correspondence from Edward Washington McMillan to Shoichi Oka

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March 18, 1963

Mr. Shoichi Oka  
Ibaraki Christian College  
Omika, Japan

Dear Brother Oka:

Your kind and much welcomed letter reached me today. I hasten to reply, because I have planned to write you for weeks, and because I want you to know how much your letter helps me.

I, too, desired to talk with you at length while I was in Japan, but the opportunity did not come. My mission to Japan was so sad to me that I could hardly think my way through.

I am looking with pleasure to seeing you for a more extended period soon. As now planned, I shall arrive, if God so wills, April 16 or April 17. Which date I arrive will be influenced much by some details over here preceding my leave. My plans will keep me in Japan until near June 1. This will give us plenty of time to talk. You and I will never have any difference, I am sure. We can locate somebody who can convey understandings through words, but we always shall have an understanding of heart which no words in any language can express.

Likely Brother Doyle told all of you that I have accepted the responsibility of president of Ibaraki Christian College. This I did because all of you deserve to feel settled, without uncertainty. I still am hoping to secure a good man to take my place, however, because my own health is uncertain. I will fulfil my pledge, however, to see you through this crisis. We must secure soon, though, some good man who will give his life to the school. We have had too much of temporary presidents already. The school deserves a permanent head. I will not stop trying until we have located that man.

If it is possible for you and Brother <sup>Doyle</sup> to do so, I would appreciate having a balance of all our business affairs connected with the school—our debts and the terms of payments due, also our assets. I am writing Brother Doyle a letter to this effect, too.

Mrs. McMillan joins me in sending warm greetings to your charming wife. She is desirous of making a trip with me as soon as we can provide for it. She has strong desires to meet all of the Japanese people of whom I have told her so frequently. May God give you strength and wisdom for all the heavy burdens which you bear.

In Christian affections,

E. W. McMillan