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## Letter from Edward Washington McMillan to Bill

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# IBARAKI CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Omika, Hitachi-shi  
Ibaraki-ken, Japan

April 25, 1963

Dear Bill:

It becomes clearer all the time that the internal spirit of the work here has deteriorated tragically. For some reason the administration evidently has seen the school as a huge problem to be solved and has allowed the only solving agency (the dynamic Christian spirit) to lag. As a new man coming into the situation I can see this clearly but I possibly would have done worse if I had been responsible.

We have an historic enrollment-1,139, I am told, and we turned away hundreds more. We really have something potentially great here.

The school directors thought it better to offer the presidency (rather, the vice-presidency) to Richard Baggett first, but he declined it. We now are left back upon Elmer Prout, and today I have a letter from him indicating that his elders will probably refuse to let him serve in an administrative post. If they do, we are stuck again.

The board here stands firm on the necessity for my name to head the administrative list. They are willing for me to be in America but they want my name there for some reason. I have met so many cross currents the last six months I almost wish at times that I were some unknown plowman way out in the hills. Too, I ask myself repeatedly, "Is This God's way of showing me that he wants me to quit everything else and come to Japan"? Of course I am slow to decide in the affirmative on that question but it all does have me thinking as I have not thought for a long time.

I expect to call home tomorrow if I do not hear. No word from any one yet makes me wonder if Mrs. McMillan is sick. She usually writes at least a short note soon after I leave home.

I hope that all of you are well. Regards to all friends,

Sincerely,

E. W. McMillan

Missionaries here all recommend that Mary Ann not return; so, I have written her to this effect and will set the office up with good Japanese help.