

Kagoshima  
Japan

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
10:05 PM  
(@:05 AM Ft. Lauderdale)

Dear Grandma, Mom, + Dad -

Yesterday we were in Kumamoto and had a day off there. I visited the Kumamoto Castle - one of Japan's most famous. I got some great photos. Later in the afternoon we came upon a fair. There were food stands, games, etc. Some high school age guys had a group together of drums + bugles. The drums were Japanese (leather heads ~~on~~ + the drum was attached to a 4 foot bamboo stick) Mike (a trumpet player) + I played their bugles + then they applauded + ask us to play more. It was funny because they didn't speak any English - except "Hi."

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Mike + I went out on the town last night. We met ~~a~~ some school teachers who had left their wives ~~at~~ at home to go out on Sat night. I think its common practice. Anyways, they were so impressed that we play with "World Faymos Gwen Meeeler Orkasta" that they gave us a \$20 bottle of Japan's Finest whisky. They spoke some English so we talked on the street corner for a few minutes then said "good-bye."

The Japanese people love to give presents + infact that night some other band members were treated to all they could eat + drink at a restaurant in Kamamoto. I'm watching the movie "American Graffiti" as I'm writing this. <sup>(on TV)</sup> — dubbed in Japanese! Love, *Sam* PS Got letters from Sherry + Aunt Tere too.