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Babies, babies, & more babies! Busy clinic!

Hi there, friends! Happy New Year to you! How we can serve Jesus better this year?! Let's DO it! He is WORTHY!

Our village (Mwandege) clinic is getting BUSY! We regularly see 40+ patients per day now, & up to 80 pts on Mondays. There are MANY pregnant ladies in our area; they seem to approve of our care/service. We are delivering about 15-20 babies per month now. The most I've delivered in one night is 4! (Why do they always seem to come at night-time?!) Yes, we still see many people with HIV/AIDS. SO MANY families have at least one or two people who have died or are very ill from it. Promiscuity is SO common here. Dear God, please change hearts/habits/lives to follow/obey You, & bring premarital-purity & faithfulness in marriage!

God has blessed our village medical outreaches! Deborah & I recently went to Kimanzichana village & Gongolamboto village — both are VERY Muslim communities. We went with several other YWAM missionaries, who were involved in sharing Jesus with people while we were attending patients. Praise God!! 3 people accepted Christ as their Lord & Savior in one village, & 30 in the other!! God is GOOD!!! We have arranged with local pastors to follow-up on these new believers.

Are you comfortable praying for patients? If you are medical, & feel that God may be calling you to serve overseas, we could definitely use your help in our clinic & in the village outreaches!! Would you pray about coming out here to help? Either short-term or long-term would be GREAT! Midwives, family docs, pediatric docs, internal medicine docs, nurses, dentists, eye docs — we could use your help anytime! Please e-mail if you're interested.

What has God been teaching me lately?

The Lord says: "Don't be afraid, I created you, I formed you, & now — I have redeemed you. . . You are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. You were created for my glory. You are my witnesses that I am God. You are my servants. I have chosen you, that you may proclaim my praise. I am the One who removes your sin. Isaiah 43: 1-2, 7, 10, 12, 20-21, 25. I am the first & the last. Who is like me? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock...Return to me, for I have redeemed you. I made all things. Isaiah 44: 6-8, 22, 24. I will go before you. Woe to him who quarrels with his Maker... Does the clay say to the potter, "What are you making?" Isaiah 45: 2, 9. I am he who will sustain you. I have made you & will carry you.

Thanks for your faithful prayers & support & encouragement! God bless you BUNCHES! We serve a WONDERFUL God!!!

Love, Drs. Joel & Deborah



Prayer Requests:

- God's miraculous healing for pts
- Salvation for the MANY lost Muslims here
- Village medical/evangelistic outreaches. Boldness to share about Jesus.
- Music ministry
- Preaching/teaching ministry
- A great marriage, filled with joy!
- Wisdom. Faithfulness. Love. Patience. Joy. Self-control.
- Deeper love for people here
- Our missionary co-workers
- For God to grow His church here
- Our clinic-work & HIV-patient ministry/outreach
- 2 or 3 more Godly medical-staff workers for our mission clinic

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My purpose will stand. I will do all that I please. Isaiah 46: 4, 10. I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go. Isaiah 48: 17. You are my servant, in whom I will display my glory. I will not forget you. I have engraved you on the palms of my hands. Isaiah 49: 3, 15-16. Do I lack the strength to rescue you? Fear me. Obey me. Trust in me. Rely on me. Isaiah 50: 2, 10. Pursue righteousness. Seek me. Put my law/Word in your heart. I will comfort you. Isaiah 51: 1, 7, 12. My unfailing love for you will not be shaken. Isaiah 54: 10. Bind yourself to me. Serve me. Love me. Worship me. Pray. Hold fast to my covenant... & I will give you joy. Isaiah 56: 6-7. Be humble & contrite in spirit. Tremble at my word." Isaiah 66: 2.