



DR. JOEL & DEBORAH'S PRAYER-NEWSLETTER

Medical Missionaries serving in Tanzania with YWAM

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Keep Jesus your #1!!

YWAM's mission statement is: "To know God, & to make Him known!"

It's a New Year to Serve Jesus!!

Dear praying friends:

Praise God! He is GOOD! The mission clinic ministry is going great! The ministry here has continued just fine while we were in the States, though the other hospital staff were VERY glad to have us back! We are seeing about 50-100 patients each day. We are delivering about 20-30 babies each month. Other YWAM-ers come to the clinic daily & share about Jesus with the patients in the waiting room, while they wait to see Deborah & I for medical treatment.

We had a nice family-time with Deborah's family at Christmas. Then, we got to drive up & spend a few days with Joel's brother (Tim) & his family. We thank God for our family!

We've had a rather rough first few weeks back in Tanzania. We arrived home to find that our refrigerator wasn't working, & there were other electrical problems & plumbing problems to fix. The HOT season has begun — & we are suffering with the extreme heat. I got traveler's diarrhea, then I came down with malaria. Then Deborah's stomach started hurting her. And then, the twins started having bad diarrhea — especially Jaycee. Praise God, we're all doing fine now!

We are hoping to help plant a new church in a neighboring village this year. A good friend of ours, Nickson Kalinga (& his family), is obeying God's "call" on his life. He is leaving his ministry with YWAM, to become a pastor in this new church-plant. Please pray for him, & us as we help him get things started.



Nickson & Edith Kalinga

We want to intentionally work on growing friendships with many of the Muslim people around us, here. Would you pray that God would grow these friendships & use us to share about Jesus with them, & draw many of our neighbors & friends to come to love & serve the Lord?!

Thanks bunches for your faithful prayers & love & encouragement! We love you too! God bless you & YOUR ministries!

Sincerely,
*Drs. Joel & Deborah
Carpenter*



Prayer Requests:

- *Our personal spiritual growth*
- *Our medical ministry & salvation for the many Muslim people here*
- *Our marriage & family*
- *Nickson Kalinga & the church-plant in a nearby village*
- *Our health*



Christmas: Deb's parents, Deb, Joel, & Jaycee

What's God been teaching me lately?

A new year has arrived. Let's look back at this past year, & look ahead to what is before us. Have we grown to be more like Jesus this past year? Are we improving in our "weak-spots"? Is our character more holy, honest, kind, loving, caring, respectful than we were? Do people see true joy & hope & patience & love & peace in our lives, that reflects God's working in us? Are we consistently digging into

God's Word & spending quality time with Him in prayer? Are we sharing Jesus with our friends? Are we becoming better husbands/wives/parents/children? Are we seeing less of our old sinful natures... being selfish, easily angered, full of worries, &/or constantly grumbling & complaining?

Jesus, my Lord & my "example", I want to become more like YOU every day!!!

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