

Dr. Joel & Deborah's Prayer Newsletter

Medical Missionaries serving with YWAM in Mwandege, Tanzania

Deny yourself, take up your cross daily, & follow Jesus!!

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Latest News:

Dear praying friends:

Thanks for your faithful prayers! God is working! Do you see it? Have you been looking for it? Have you been asking Him for it?

We had a fantastic trip to Kenya in early February. We enjoyed the Christian Medical Society Conference – where they had an excellent group of expert doctors come from the USA & teach us the latest & best treatments for a whole variety of illnesses. It was also an uplifting/encouraging time of daily Bible studies & meetings with other missionary doctors to discuss various challenges & how to deal with them. Immediately after the conference, we had a 3-day reunion with my brothers Tim & Randy & their families. It was GREAT to catch-up on their lives & just BE family again!

Now, we're back at our mission clinic in Tanzania. We certainly are seeing PLENTY of sick people! We delivered another baby today... I saw another patient with HIV today too.

We are having electricity problems. Because of Tanzania's drought, the hydroelectric generators that make electricity for our country are not able to make as much. So, that means "power-rationing". We have electricity for about 12 hours each day – either in the daytime or throughout the night. I am praying for rain. Lots of rain! God has just provided us with a new generator to use at the clinic. God is SO GOOD!!

I taught/preached at the "Africa Inland Church" in the next village (Kongowe) last Sunday. They've asked me to be a deacon there. Deborah is often called-on to lead music there. Next Sunday, I'm supposed to play piano/keyboards & preach at the International Baptist Church in Dar es Salaam.

Thanks again for your faithful prayers & support! We sure appreciate all that you do for us! God bless you BUNCHES!!!

Love ya,

Drs. Joel & Deborah Carpenter

Prayer Requests:

- ✚ God's supernatural healing for our patients (& wisdom for us doctors!)
- ✚ More opportunities to share about Jesus with patients
- ✚ Salvation for our Muslim & non-believer friends/patients/neighbors
- ✚ Healthy, loving relationships – in our marriage, & among our co-workers

What has God been teaching me lately?

John 15: Vine & branches parable: Abide in Jesus. Really get/stay CONNECTED to Him. Grow! Bear fruit for His glory!

Exodus: "Moses at the burning bush story": Follow/obey God's plan/purpose for your life. Don't make excuses. Just trust Him & obey/DO IT! Give God "what is in your hand", & He will use it for His glory.

Exodus: "The escape from Egypt story": When we "get caught between a rock & a hard place" (between the Red Sea & the advancing army of fierce Egyptians), we really CAN believe that God is totally sovereign. Things may look hopeless to our eyes, but God can work out something that we never could have expected! I need to stop grumbling & complaining, stop being paralyzed because of my fear – & trust God, acknowledge that He is in absolute control, then move forward, obeying His guidance...trusting God to make a way. Step into the water...

Pain hurts, but it's not the PAIN that is bad. It is what is CAUSING the pain that is bad. Pain is just a symptom of an underlying disease. God sometimes uses pain in our lives to draw us back closer to Him; to get our attention; to motivate us to change or move-forward to the place He wants us to go. God is WITH me in my pain.

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