

Joel & Deb's Journal

Deny yourself, take up your cross, & follow Jesus! (Matthew 16:24)



OUR SCHEDULE:

Daily clinic medical work (soon)

Village medical outreaches

Praying with patients

Teaching about HIV in schools

Deborah studying at DTS course

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- *Salvation for these very needy Muslim people.*
- *Licensing for our clinic.*
- *Physical & Spiritual Healing for our clinic pts. HIV-outreaches/ministry.*
- *Our YWAM co-workers. Unity. Love. Harmony.*
- *Our personal spiritual growth, prayer times, & boldness to share Jesus!*
- *For Deborah to really grow in her DTS-course.*

Deb in missions training. JC—clinic work.

Dear family & friends: How are things?

Thanks bunches for your prayers & support & encouragement & e-mails!

Deborah & I had our Tanzanian wedding party on 29 Jan. 2005. It went excellent! Then we had short "honeymoon" at the beach near Mombasa, Kenya. God is GOOD!!

Deborah started the basic YWAM missions training course (Discipleship Training School) here, in February. She's learning lots! She is due to finish in July 2005.

Deb & I visited several schools & met the headmasters. We spoke at one high-school about STDs & HIV/AIDS & the need to "Abstain from sex until marriage & then be faithful!" Soon they'll ask us to share about other medical topics.

We finally finished getting the clinic ready. The clinic inspector is coming next week. Then, we simply wait for the clinic's official government licensing. In the mean-time, I get MANY "curbside consults" for medical advice & Rx's, & I get to see patients in the surrounding villages & teach in the local schools. I have 3 pregnant ladies (missionaries) that are hoping for me to deliver their babies soon.

I can't wait to get back "at-it" — to start seeing sick people in our "Uzima Mission Clinic" full-time. May God bless & truly heal them, both physically & spiritually! May God use me to show HIS love & compassion to these needy people as I see them & pray with them!

Guess what we had in our home last week! A couple of MEGA-spiders, & a scorpion! A worker killed two big snakes on our property just last month. Life is exciting here! Praise God for our good health & safety!

We've visited three churches not far from here. We're still deciding where the Lord would have us worship each Sunday. Thanks be to our merciful God, for sending us Jesus, to save us! He bore our sin. He paid our penalty. He makes us righteous before our Holy God!!!

Love ya, **Drs. Joel & Deborah**



Pics of our wedding party

What has God been teaching me lately?

Is God good? Absolutely! Are you sure that you really believe it? Even when bad things happen to me? Is God good even then?! Is He having a "bad day" & "taking it out" on me? Not! Could it be that I've done something that led to that bad thing that just happened in my life? Could it be that God wants to use that trouble, to grow me — to be more like Him?! Could He be humbling my pride? Is everything running late? Could God be trying to grow my patience? Are finances or loneliness a problem? Could it be that God is teaching me to depend more on Him to meet my needs?

What do I desire more than money? To love & serve the Lord God faithfully & wholeheartedly. To bring Him glory. To tell others about Jesus. Righteousness. Holiness. A loving family & home. Self-control. A calm & serene soul. Peace & joy today, & great hope for tomorrow.



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