



Joel's Journal

Missionary Doctor Serving with EFCA-IM in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

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Jesus really heals! Do you believe it?!

Hi there, friends! How are you? God is continuing to grow His church & bless the ministry here. He is faithful!

Every day in the clinic, patients come in with different illnesses, & leave with their medicines in hand & a prayer for God's healing. The simple reminder that God IS in control, & that we can depend on Him, is a real encouragement!

Is everything perfect here? NOT!! We have had

some serious personality clashes between some of our missionaries & some national-workers recently. Please pray that God would restore unity & peace & love in our fellowship. Thanks!

We are still praying for another doctor to come & fill-in at the mission clinic while I am home on furlough this coming August through November. Are YOU that one? Do you know anyone that might be interested?

Dr. Joel is "in love"! I met this really sweet, Christian, Tanzanian doctor, Deborah, in March. We've been seeing each other regularly since then. Is she "the ONE"? Please pray with me about this. Thanks!

Thanks for your faithful prayers, support, & notes of encouragement! May God bless & keep you!

Love, *Dr. Joel*



Joel & Deborah



Dr. Joel with EFCA-IM missionaries in Dar, TZ

Joel's Schedule:

Medical Clinic work & praying with patients – daily

Lead worship-music times – weekly on Sundays

Witness to HIV-patients

Medical outreach with Baptists in villages – June 25-July 5

Trip to USA to visit churches & friends: August thru November

Prayer Requests:

- Growth of our two church-plants in Dar
- Boldness in witnessing, & God's supernatural healing when praying with patients.
- Salvation for Hindu & Muslim seekers in Dar
- My personal growth in walking with Jesus, day by day
- Unity/love btwn missionaries & national co-workers in Dar
- Deeper friendships

What has God been teaching me lately?

Everyone has "imperfections". Sometimes subtle, sometimes more GLARING. Am I tolerant of others' imperfections? I need to be humble — not quick to judge. I certainly have my faults too, & need their forgiveness & grace also.

I need to die to myself, & yield/submit to God's will. His plan is the BEST plan for me! He built/created me. He knows me absolutely. He knows what is best for me. I can trust Him completely!

God has forgiven me for all of the terrible sins I have done in my life. Not because of anything I've done (or am doing) to deserve his forgiveness...but simply because He chose to love me, & then sent Jesus to BE the way for me to be forgiven from my sins, & for me to be right with God again! My simple faith in Jesus is all that God asks. I truly WANT to live a holy life, worthy — for His glory.

Yet, when I mess-up & sin again, His love & grace is NOT dependent on my good life, but on God's faithfulness & awesome mercy to me!!!! All glory be to HIM!



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