

Dr. Joel & Deborah's Prayer-Newsletter

Medical Missionaries serving in Tanzania with YWAM

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To know God & to make Him known!!!

My skill or God's power?

Dear praying friends & family:

Hi there! How are you? Please send us an e-mail & let us know what's up in your life! We miss hearing from you.

The medical work at our mission clinic & the village medical outreaches continues to go well. God is faithful!

Question: When we go to the doctor for an illness, do we depend on the medicine that he gives us, or on GOD'S USING the treatment/medicines to heal us?! When we share about Jesus with someone, do we depend on our skill in sharing God's Word, or on the Holy Spirit's USING our words, to draw them to faith in Christ?! Is it my skill, or God's power that heals/saves? Yes, it's God...but somehow, He uses me in the process too. So I need to study hard & be the best doctor I can be. I need to learn His Word & be ready to share when He prompts me. And you? May God use you in tremendous ways to touch the lives of many others & to further His kingdom!

We are SO THANKFUL for your love & friendship & prayers & support! God bless you BUNCHES! Love ya,

Drs. Joel & Deborah Carpenter

Prayer Requests:

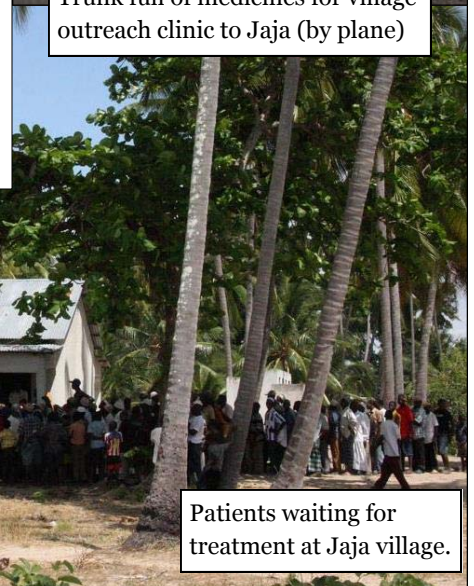
- Our medical ministries
- Our church ministry
- Our twins/marriage/family
- Our health
- Safety/protection
- Our co-workers
- Our personal spiritual growth
- The Twangoma church-plant
- That many Tanzanians would put their faith in Jesus



Dr. Joel pulling a tooth!!



Trunk full of medicines for village outreach clinic to Jaja (by plane)



Patients waiting for treatment at Jaja village.

Dr. Joel with patient at mission clinic



What's God been teaching me lately?

In my personal devotions, I've just read through the books of Esther & Job. There are some great lessons in there! The overall lesson I get out of Esther is that God has a plan for my life — He wants to use me for some special purpose. God sees the big picture. He has reasons for what He is doing. The question I must answer is: am I ready to say "Yes" when God asks me to do something "out of my comfort zone"? What if it is dangerous? What if it "just doesn't make logical sense"? Esther (after prayer & fasting) obeyed, & God used her to save the Israelites.

The overall lesson I get from Job is that God is God. I may face terrible suffering & many troubles in this life. I can ask God for the reason "Why?" — but He may or may not tell me. If He doesn't, or if I don't like His reasons, will I question God's goodness? His strength? His judgment? Will I think that God made a mistake? Or will I simply trust Him & his goodness & faithfulness & righteousness? Yes, bad things DO sometimes happen to good people. Is it always a punishment for their sin? No. Let's trust Him, no matter what! God IS in control! He IS sovereign. He IS good! He loves us immensely, & has a good plan for our lives.

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