

Dr. Joel & Deborah's Prayer Newsletter

Medical Missionaries serving with YWAM in Mwanage, Tanzania
Deny yourself, take up your cross daily, & follow Jesus!

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Dr. Joel draining a patient's abscess at mission clinic



Our Latest News:

Dear friends/loved-ones:

Praise God! The mission clinic ministries (doctoring, delivering babies, counseling HIV pts, etc.), church-ministries (teaching & music/worship), & village medical outreaches are going great! Want to come join us?

We have some AWESOME news to share! The infertility specialists told us that Deborah's problem ("Premature Ovarian Failure") is hopeless; we should start looking at adoption. We prayed & asked many of you & our other friends to pray with us. Well, God did it! **We are pregnant!! With twins!!** NOTHING is impossible for Him!!! We are SO HAPPY!! Our babies are due in May 2007. God is SO GOOD!!!

The "Word of God" came to earth & was born as a baby some 2000 years ago...to give us the chance to "get right" with God. Jesus! Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas to you!! Thanks for your love & prayers & support! Keep it up! We love ya,

Drs. Joel & Deborah Carpenter

Dr. Deborah with a newborn baby



Prayer Requests:

- Praise God for our pregnancy! Please pray for a healthy pregnancy, delivery, & babies.
- Salvation for the many Muslim people here/ boldness to share our faith in Jesus
- God's miraculous healing for our patients
- A fantastic marriage!
- A few close & reliable friends, to share life's joys & struggles with...

What's God been teaching me?

I am God's creature/servant. He is my Creator & Lord, my God & Savior - my all. I follow his guiding. I don't live for myself /for my glory, but for his purposes & his glory. I need to trust Him. Completely. Lord, not my will, but YOURS, be done!

When God told Abraham to go sacrifice his son, he didn't know what God would do. But he went out in simple faith, to obediently sacrifice his son, Isaac. He trusted in God & that God had a good plan; that God would be faithful to his promises to him.

Shadrack, Meshack & Abednego didn't know what would happen when they refused to bow down to King Nebachanezzar's idol. Did they think they were committing suicide? Being martyrs? No, they were just being faithful to their God, no-matter what the consequences.

Daniel didn't stop praying to God, just because the other leaders made a law against it. He was faithful to God, despite the risk (lion's den).

Jesus KNEW God's plan/will. He KNEW that God's plan for him was to die - for the salvation of us that believe in him as our Savior. He didn't necessarily like it (facing a painful, humiliating death on the cross), but he submitted himself to God's will. He was obedient to the end. Did he kill himself? Nope. He just was willing to NOT call the angels down to rescue him - when the Roman soldiers were nailing his body to the cross.

When God called me to serve him overseas in Tanzania, I chose to submit to his plan for my life - & obeyed/went. Have you submitted your will/life to God? Have you obeyed Him? Are we afraid of God's plans? What if we don't like them? What if it hurts? God has good plans for us (Jer.29:11). Trust Him!

Happy thought: Blessings may follow your obedience...I didn't meet my wife until I obeyed...

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