Medical Missionaries serving in Tanzania with YWAM

Dr. Joel & Deborah's Prayer-Newsletter

Nov/December 2009

To know God & to make Him known!!

It's all about God. Not you. Not me.

Dear friends & family:

Christmas is approaching. Thank-you God for sending Jesus to show us the way back to a right relationship with You! God, You are SO GOOD to us!!!

We had a rough month, November 2009. Deborah's father died Nov. 6th. Thanks to all of you for your love & prayers & encouragement through this time. Also, I had a bout of severe pain with another kidney stone. Ouch! I am doing much better now. God is faithful!

The medical ministries continue to go well. We certainly have LOTS of patients! Last month, another 4 people chose to put their faith in Jesus!

Deborah has been spending her time home with the twins, trying to get them to speak more English. They seem to understand English okay, but so far, Swahili is mostly what comes out of their mouths when they talk.

The Twangoma church-plant is growing & had their first service in their new building in early October. Thanks for your prayers!

I'm still teaching through the book of Luke at our church once per month. Good stuff!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you & your family! God bless you & use you to touch the lives of many others, for His glory! Let's live to honor Him! We love you!

Drs. Joel & Deborah Carpenter

Dr. Joel with patients in Kibamba village

First service at Twangoma church-plant

Prayer Requests:

- Many Tanzanians to believe in Jesus as their Savior!
- Our medical & church ministries
- Family/marriage/parenting
- Our personal spiritual growth/ quiet-times
- Safety/protection
- A few good friends to laugh & cry with...
- Our co-workers

What's God been teaching me lately?

Luke 19: 1-10 tells the story of Zacchaeus. Jesus looked up in the tree & called Zacchaeus' name. He knew him already, before they had even met. He knows everything about us too. He loves us & wants us to be saved from our lives of sin. We come to a decision point; accept or reject Jesus as our Savior & Lord. If we truly decide to put our faith in him, & then if we obey/follow/serve Jesus with our lives, we will never be the same. Zach's life certainly changed drastically! Let's do it!

John 1:1-12: If we believe in Jesus, we can become God's children! If I misbehave, God may discipline me. God has that right. God & the people around me DO NOT exist for MY happiness & fulfillment. Every person lives in "his/her own little world" of work, family, school, & friends. But beware of "Me-Centeredness". The world DOES NOT revolve around me. Nor you. It is all for the glory & honor of our awesome God, who created all of this, & holds it all together...! It's all about God!!!!

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