

Dr. Joel & Deborah's Prayer Newsletter

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



Returning to Tanzania!

Dear friends/loved-ones:

Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas to you all!

Praise God! We really enjoyed our time visiting with you, our family & friends & supporting churches. Now, we are excited to be getting back to our work & ministry at the mission clinic & in the Muslim villages in Eastern Tanzania. We fly back on Nov.28th.

Thanks so much for your love & encouragement & prayers & support! Keep it up! We love ya,

Drs. Joel & Deborah Carpenter



Picture: Jaycee & Scott. Cute babies, huh?!

Prayer Requests:

- Safe travels/luggage to arrive with us, etc.
- God's blessings on our medical ministry, & our teaching & music-ministry in the local churches
- That many Tanzanian Muslims will come to know Jesus as their Savior & Lord
- God's blessing on our marriage/deeper love/better communication
- God's protection over our twins, & wisdom & patience for us as we seek to raise them to become Godly young men

What's God been teaching me?

Be joyful always! Put a smile on my face!

Praise God & give thanks in ALL circumstances! (I Thessalonians 5:18) KNOW that God is sovereign & able. He is in control. He allows certain things to come into my life in order to GROW me. Despite the "bad" things that happen, I need to learn to thank God & praise God for even these hard times – because He has plans to use them to make me more like Jesus. When people ask me how I'm doing, say "I'm doing totally fantastic!!!!" – & MEAN it! Rejoice in the Lord & in my salvation! Be content & thankful. See that my "cup" is half full, not bemoan that it is half empty. Notice/remember God's many blessings in my life. (Thoughts after reading Merlin Carothers' books: "Prison to Praise" & "You Can Be Happy Now.")

Enjoy God's continual presence in my life. Feel it. Obey God's quiet promptings & nudges. Believe Him. Trust Him. Love Him. When I think of all that God has done for me, I just want to give Him back everything that I can – all of "me." I want to be a "living sacrifice" for His glory! (Romans 12:1-2) "Here am I, Lord. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8) "Not my will, but Yours be done!" **I surrender my life to You.**

Keep my eyes on my awesome, Almighty God, & not focus on the current "difficulty" that I'm facing. God is MUCH bigger than any problem that could possibly come up!

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