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Medical Missionary, on Furlough from ministry in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania



Thanks for praying for me!

Dr. Joel's Schedule:

Sept: share in churches in Wisconsin & Illinois

Oct: share in churches in Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, & KS

Nov: share in churches in New Mexico & Illinois

Nov 29th: return to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Feb. 5th, 2005 – Get married to Deborah!!

Prayer requests:

- *Salvation for these needy, lost people in Dar es Salaam, TZ!*
- *Growth in both the Asian & the Swahili church-plants in Dar.*
- *There are MANY changes coming up in my life. Please pray for: ability to trust God & adjust/be flexible. Deeper prayer-times. Wisdom. Good friends. Humility.*
- *Purity/Holiness, Joy, Patience, Kindness, Peace, Self-Control, Faith, Love. Look for the good in others, not the bad.*

Visiting you; my praying-friends...

Hi there! How are things? What's new?
Thanks for your faithful prayers! God is GOOD!

I arrived back in the USA on July 27th. On August 6th – 8th, we had a BIG family reunion! All 9 of us kids were there! I praise God for putting me into such an awesome family! Next, I went to a mission conference, then spoke/shared at two churches in Minnesota. I am scheduled to share in churches in Wisconsin & Illinois in September, then Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, & Kansas in October. Also, I will attend a Family Practice medical conference while I am in FL!

Lord-willing, my fiance', Dr. Deborah, will come to Illinois & meet my family in late Sept. I sure miss her LOTS! Everyone asks me, "How did you two meet?" Well, a mutual friend introduced us. Sherrie (a Baptist missionary in Dar) knew I was looking for a doctor to help at the mission clinic. She thought of Deborah & brought her over to my clinic. I thought Debi was SO sweet, & called her up & asked her out for dinner that next week! She said, "Okay." The rest is "history!" God is GOOD!!!

Already, I am looking forward to getting back to medical ministry in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. First, I'll get the YWAM-clinic ready, & then start seeing patients there. May God bless this new ministry! May MANY people come to know Jesus as their Lord & Savior through us there! Thank-you for partnering with me – in prayer & support! I really DO appreciate you! Will you continue to support me this next term? If so, I will send you the YWAM-address to send your checks to, soon.



Our Carpenter family reunion

Questions & Answers:

Q: Why do I feel that I should switch missions from EFCA-IM to YWAM? Why now?

A: I have been a fully qualified, career, missionary with EFCA-IM, for the last 5-1/2 years. [I was a YWAM missionary before that.] I attended an Evangelical Free Church (EFC) for more than 18 years. I studied more than 30 semester hours of Bible & Missions classes. My Tanzanian fiance', Dr. Deborah, is certainly a Christian. But she has never been to an EFC or taken Bible classes. When I marry, EFCA-IM requires me to resign from the mission, then to re-apply as a "married couple". They want Deborah to come to the USA to attend an EFC & go to Bible School for a year, before they will accept us. Well, after much prayer & thought, I didn't feel that we should leave her family/friends/culture/support-system, for the first year of our marriage together. I looked for other options, & God provided! YWAM has a new clinic already built near Dar. They had been praying for a doctor to come. They will train Deborah in Bible & missions, right there, in Tanzania. **God is SO GOOD!!!**

What has God been teaching me lately?

We are sheep. Very stupid, extremely vulnerable, filthy-dirty sheep. We NEED a good shepherd. Jesus is the BEST shepherd we could ever have! Without Him we are helpless & hopeless! He leads us, protects us, heals us, loves us, gave his life for us, & cleaned us until we are spotless! He is my Lord! He is my Savior! He is GOOD! Let's tell Him that we love Him! LOTS!! Let's be JOYFUL that we have such a GREAT shepherd/Savior!!!!

God bless you, my friends! Love ya, *Joel*

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