

Children's Good News Time

2 Corinthians 5

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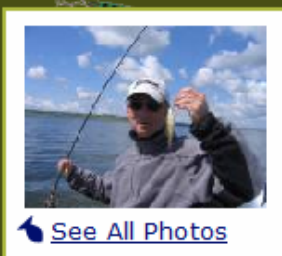


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Gene Stueven

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TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2009 11:20 PM, CDT

Today was better than yesterday as far as back pain. Last night I was kept awake by an unstable GI system that was probably the result of getting back on morphine. In the morning things kind of settle down and I was able to go to work.

Work was good as usual. My back and hips felt better so I was

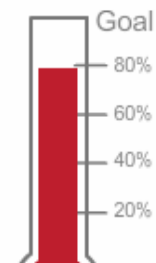
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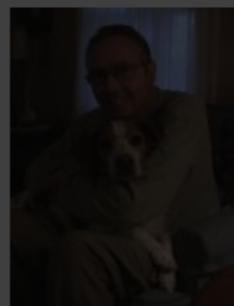


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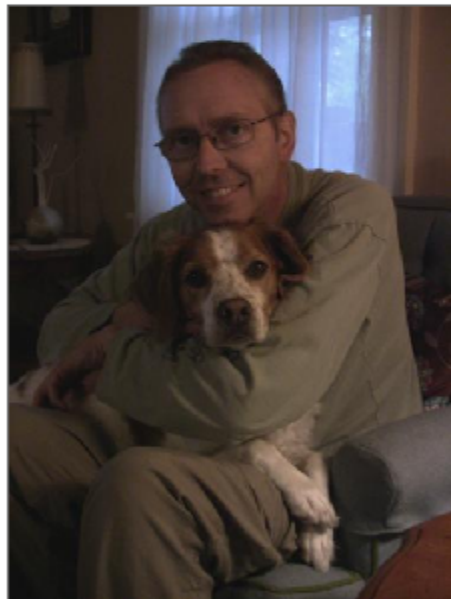
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gathering in
Redfield**

Mog



My Story



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Welcome to our CaringBridge site. It has been created to keep friends and family updated about our loved one.

My Story is the introduction to our CaringBridge site.

Be sure to read the latest in the journal, view the photo gallery, and drop us a line in the guestbook.

BACKGROUND STORY

Early this fall (2007) I went to the doctor for some abdominal pain and lower and upper back pain. We thought I had a fairly rare muscle disease. Pills seemed to relieve the pain, so I thought we had the diagnosis correct. In early December the abdominal pain came back. We thought a CT scan could help tell us if this was an ulcer due to the medication.. The CT scan brought with it disturbing news of many masses or tumors in my colon, liver and abdomen. We tried to get a sample of the colon tumor through the abdomen but the results came back inconclusive. Our next step was to get into the Mayo Clinic and have them diagnose the cancer source and tell me what I can do about it. These post are updates of what is happening to me and what we found out.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2009 11:25 PM, CDT

On the bright side: I gained about 3 pounds since our last visit with Dr. Robinson and also my hair has a chance to start growing back. As our day went, that is the extent of the really good news...

Now for the sad news: After conferring with both Drs. Robinson and Quevedo we have all decided that chemo is no longer a viable option. That means we will focus my treatments on the care, comfort, and pain control phase, which the local Hospice nurses will provide.

Remember during confirmation class when you were asked, if you had 6 months to live, what would you do? Well I actually get to ponder that question - with the added caveat that the time of actually doing things may be shorter because pain and/or other things may not allow me to enjoy activity. There will be no putting off any visits or travels. Fortunately for me, I have no immediate needs. I am very comfortable where I am in my life and the trips paid for by so many fundraisers last year really covered everything I could have asked for. In short, I am at peace.

Making this decision was not done lightly or quickly. With the growth of the cancer in the last months, the chemo was ineffective to the changing cancer. By stopping the chemo my body can concentrate on fighting the cancer and pains alone





to internal bleeding. In short, my quality of life would be less with the chemo and the additional time that may have been added (no guarantee) was so minimal, we didn't see the point.

There isn't a whole lot more to say tonight. In my mind I have a list of positives that come from this decision. It is those positives and the peace in my heart that we made the right decision for us that will help me sleep tonight. We have already relied heavily on God's presence in our family to get us through this. Now he will definitely carry us. Without faith in Him I don't know how people do it.

What would one have to look forward to? As I told the kids tonight during prayer time, in the end I will go to a place where I can be present and more active in their lives than I can be right now. I can join Julia in the swimming pool and on her walks with Trixie and also be with Sophia in her gymnastics, skating, running, dancing and everything else she does.

I also told them I would be there when they sneak out of the house or get in trouble but I wouldn't tell Mom about it. :-)

It has been an emotional and tiring day. So good night and God Bless,

Gene

For all of you that have already heard, thanks for your calls and

2 Corinthians 5:1-5
New Living Translation

For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down—when we die and leave these bodies—we will have a home in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands. We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long for the day when we will put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing. . .

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For we will not be spirits without bodies, but we will put on new heavenly bodies. Our dying bodies make us groan and sigh, but it's not that we want to die and have no bodies at all. We want to slip into our new bodies so that these dying bodies will be swallowed up by everlasting life. God himself has prepared us for this, and as a guarantee he has given us his Holy Spirit.

And now, my turn.

I'll keep it short too.

After a lazy, dreary day of duldrums and mostly nothingness, we decided to get out our boxes of photos from the beginning of time. We're arranging them for the visitation slideshow... whenever that will be... (hopefully farther than nearer)... But it was ironically a time of laughter, especially for the girls to see themselves when they were tiny. Lots of emotions for me and Gene, but times like this are so very precious and I'm glad Gene can be a part of it. I pray the girls remember this time more fondly than not. I pray the same for myself as well.

Most of all, I pray for Gene, that the dear Lord gives him whatever he needs right now. As we all agreed during prayer tonight, we'd rather have Daddy at peace in the Lord's house than to see him in pain here in this house. Whatever comes between now and then, please pray mostly for Gene's comfort while he struggles through this Cancerville life.

Many, deeply heartfelt thanks.

Truly, truly,

Stace

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Dear and Faithful Friends,

I just feel compelled to say that there is nothing awesome or amazing about "the way we have handled this Cancerville life". God has given us what we need to get through it. And I believe the most precious gift He gave us is YOU. YOU have made this journey not only bearable, but blessed.

You were right there with us when we first learned of Gene's cancer. I couldn't believe all the posts we got the first few days at the Mayo Clinic!

You organized a food calendar for us that fed us every night for three months straight!

You gathered with us at our church for the Tame and Game feed.

You came to the Healing Service and laid your hands on Gene and prayed aloud with us.

You organized a benefit, which raised more than enough money for us to go on our dream trip to Disney World in absolute luxury – no holds barred. And Discovery Cove opened Julia's mind to a whole new obsession, thanks to you!

You made us homemade blankets, prayer shawls, pillows, and hats

Mutual Conversation & Consolation

You take care of our lawn and our animals

You give us love and support

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