

Excerpt from Chapter 16

I have gone nearly four weeks now without my IV chemo, and I am definitely enjoying both my health and my freedom. I have been dancing, boating, playing soccer, and having fun with my friends. My prayer request is that God continues to show His power and ability to perform miracles. Even my doctors have admitted that my progress is undoubtedly the workings of both prayer and medicine combined. I also pray that my body's health remains the same and that my tumor does not and will not ever grow.

THANK YOU SO MUCH...MY FAMILY'S, FRIENDS' AND COMMUNITY'S SUPPORT HAS HELPED ME GET THROUGH THIS TOUGH JOURNEY!

All my love,
Karla

We heard from well-wishers everywhere—even people we didn't know:

Karla,

I am sure that you don't remember me, but I am the father of John. I met you at Lake Havasu where you, your girlfriend and the group of younger kids and I played games at the picnic table on our last evening there.

You gave me one of your bracelets, which I still have.

Kathy was nice enough to forward your e-mail with the news that you were no longer tied to the daily IV-administered chemo. I am so happy for you and your family. You have been in my prayers since our meeting and although it's not the final answer that I was praying for, it will rank as a close second. If it's ok with you, I'll keep working on my original request.

You are truly an impressive young lady who will continue to affect the lives of many people with your sparkling personality and a true inner strength and beauty that is most unusual in any person, young or old.

With love and prayers,
Steve