

FBI

Day 2

May 27, 2009, 1:29 PM

Today I picked the name of my web site to be FBI. It means Firm Believer in Jesus. My friend and future wife, Breanna, gave me a hat that says FBI. I will wear it a lot when I don't have any hair.

Bye,
Genre

Today is day two. A little harder today than yesterday. Genre didn't feel well for the first time last night. He was scheduled to have the mediport inserted this morning, along with a spinal tap. They originally cancelled the port procedure but they have since rescheduled. We are just waiting to know exactly what time it will take place.

I know that you are worried about all of us. Please know that we are SURE that Jesus has his arms wrapped around our son's body and he is going to stay with him every step of the way! That doesn't make this any easier, I assure you. What it does is make this bearable. We can get through anything, for any length of time, just knowing that God will heal our son at the end of this journey.

I don't know what John, Genre and I would have done with out the help of my mother and Kaitlynn. I don't know what we would have done without the prayers, love, and support from each one of you reading this page. I don't know that I will ever get a chance to be able to explain what this all means to both of us. We sit and look at each other in amazement each time one of you helps us. We are surrounded by the most unbelievable circle of friends and church family. We are blessed beyond words that each one of you is our friend. Thank you and much love to all of you. Daunette

Messages

john baker

May 28, 2009, 4:33 AM

I love you Genre John, my little sweetheart!
<3 Nana:)

kaitlynn hook

May 28, 2009, 5:02 AM

Genre John,
I can't wait to play Mario Cart with you:) Your dad tells me you have about 4 girlfriends so far. Nice job:)
I miss you so much and will be visiting soon! I love you!!!! XOXO

melissa stein

May 28, 2009, 5:21 AM

Hey Buddy
I hope your doing well. The girls and I have u in our prayers.. Hang in there it get easier...

Missy

TO your parents :

Net and John

You no from my experience with Childrens.. It is the BEST place to be for any child going thru any type of medical issue .. I firmly believe with all my heart that they perform wonderful things !!!!

I love you guys .. I no from the bottom of my heart that everything will be OK ..

You are all in my thought and prayers ..

Take care... Please let me no what I can do to help out ...

Missy

Gaylene Merritt

May 28, 2009, 10:28 AM

hey Genre

hope you arn not feeling to bad and that your medicine and you get along good. We would like to come and see you saturday morning if you are feeling ok. we all love you and are thinking and PRAYING for you daily.

your future wife Breanna

PS. I'm still not washing your underwear

Allison Murray

May 28, 2009, 2:06 PM

Genre,

Good choice in names for your website! It is fantastic to be an FBI. Get some rest, take care, and enjoy that great big TV and Xbox. I'm sure your friends will like to see that when they visit!

Love,
Mr. and Mrs. Murray and Lily

kaitlynn hook

May 28, 2009, 2:21 PM

Genre,

Ask Jesus to make you brave like he made me brave- Gionna
I hope you feel better- James

We love you, can't wait to see you!

Ed Gratton

May 28, 2009, 2:27 PM

Hey Gen--

Hope you're having a good day today. I like the name of the site & the pic of you with you hat...that's a great name! See you soon.

Ed
P.S. Don't forget to unplug "Edward." :-)

maureen gratton

May 28, 2009, 7:51 PM

Hi Genre,

Firm Believer in Jesus, I'd say that describes you perfectly and is a really GREAT name for your website. Pretty cute pics too. You better watch out, you know how those girls are!! What's your favorite dinner? If I can't make it I'll buy it. We're talking to Jesus a whole lot about you.

We love you,
Maureen and Russ

Kelly Glaser

May 28, 2009, 8:06 PM

Dear Genre, Daunnette and John.... I just wanted to let you know that we are praying for you! Genre, the name you choose for your website and the hat you are wearing will surely shine God's light to all who steps into your room. Thank you Genre for your steadfast faith.. You are a shining example to us ...God is so proud of you! Keeping you in prayer.....

In His Love
Dan and Kelly Glaser

Stephanie Kauffman

May 29, 2009, 5:51 AM

Genre, John and Daunette, may God be carrying you through this journey and may he be comforting you and lifting you up. I didn't know you played guitar. Music soothes the soul. Keep playing and singing his praises. God will be with you always. Congrats on the spinal tap, that is fantastic!

Stephanie Kauffman

May 29, 2009, 1:05 PM

I care about you.
Rylan

tonya twigg

May 29, 2009, 1:38 PM

Dear John, Daunnette and Genre, you are constantly in our prayers! we want you to know that you are on our minds and in our prayers everynight!! Genre you are loved! tonya twigg.....(ryleigh's mom). ryleigh will leave you a message tonite.

Dante Pecora

May 29, 2009, 3:19 PM

Genre, WOW this is a really cool site and I love the name good job little buddy. I just want you to know that you are in our prayers every second

of every day and I know GOD has his hand on you and will make you better. We love you, uncle Dante,aunt Carla Avery, Odie, and Lady.

Tammy Andrew

May 29, 2009, 4:19 PM

Hey, Genre!

It is the "Andrew Crew" from NCC just wanting to check out your very own website. Cool. There are so many people thinking about you and your family right now and talking to God about you all! Please say "hello" to your mom and dad for us! Love, Keith, Tammy, Nate, & Jonathan Andrew

wendy coates

May 29, 2009, 6:00 PM

Hello Genre! I hope you feel better! I will miss you at church on Sunday. You are a kind boy. Love,Lauren Coates

wendy coates

May 29, 2009, 6:03 PM

Hi Genre,

What a great name for your website!! We are all praying for you. Love, Mrs. Coates, Megan, and Troy

Treasure Bertani

May 29, 2009, 6:23 PM

Genre,

I love your FBI name! That will be a great reminder to you in the days ahead of your faith in Jesus. Luke and I have been praying for you each day and night. We are firm believers in Jesus as well and know that he has his loving hands on you and your family.

Hugs,

Treasure and Luke Bertani

Janet Allan

May 29, 2009, 9:45 PM

Genre,

I always knew you were special! My, what a work God has created in you and your lovely family. I just know you will be an inspiration to many along this path. You have already touched so many hearts and lives for Jesus. You are the youngest missionary I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. Buddy, you are in my daily prayers. I'm asking Jesus to hug you whenever you feel sick, tired, or scared. Remember Jesus felt that way too, so He understands how it feels. Besides you were always a great hugger!

Love you sweetie, your adorable always!

Mrs. Allan

Dawnette and John,

I am praying for God's wisdom for all decision you have to make and strength to keep you going. You are beautiful parents and have done a wonderful job with all three of your children. May God comfort you always. I promise to pray for you daily, and it seems so is a lot of people. Just shows how much you are loved and supported!

Janet

Dale Christopher

May 29, 2009, 10:42 PM

John, Daunette and Genre, We just wanted to let you know that we are thinking about you and you are in our prayers. Jesus will get you through this and I heard from Kristie that there is good news already. If there is anything you need, please feel free to ask.

Dale and Chris (Jake, Jordan, Kamryn and Eli's Pap-Pap and Grammy)

tonya twigg

May 30, 2009, 12:14 AM

dear genre, its ryleigh and i wanted you to know that im glad your my friend and i will miss you at church. me and my family are praying all the time for you to get better fast. i made you some cards and my m om will drop them off for you. that will make you smile. bye ryleigh twigg

Day 2 Test Results

May 28, 2009, 3:43 AM

Genre has a Mediport inserted into his chest today. He had a spinal tap at the same time . Everything went well with both. The spinal tap showed no leukemia in the spine which means no radiation at this time!

I received two angels today - really. Tracy and Rich visited this morning and Tracy brought me information from a friend of hers who has travelled this path before us. She just so happened to mention that her friend's social worker was Sharon and that she was so great for them.

I was so worried about the surgery, of course. I felt like I was slipping in my strength. I was scared. As the stretcher came for Genre, our new social worker walked in with a ton of information for me. It was Sharon. I asked if she was the Sharon who helped Josh Krills' family. It was her! I hugged her and explained how happy I was to meet her. That was GOD WINK number one - Mrs. Fitz.

On to the pre op. After we spoke with the surgeon the anesthesiologist called me over to the desk to answer some questions. He asked if Genre ever had surgery, was he sickly, did he have seizure, heart problems, on and on and on.....I guess I just felt a little crazy for the moment and I said "NO, he's never been sick...he's healthy...until Monday he was healthy....." The anesthesiologist said to me, "I know just how you feel Mrs. Baker. My son was diagnosed four days ago." We held hands and talked for what seemed to me to be an hour. It wasn't - just minutes. Oh my....the man taking my baby into the OR to put him to sleep knew just what we are feeling! He understood our grief and our worry. I knew at that moment that he would be taking care of Genre and everything would be just fine with the surgery. GOD WINK #2!

He was a little sick afterwards but he is feeling a little better now. He begins his treatment in the morning with the first three drugs. Please pray that he tolerates them well and they begin to kill these leukemia cells that are attacking his body. Please pray that the drugs completely wipe out the leukemia forever!

Messages

Joanne Fitz

May 28, 2009, 4:15 AM

Daunette,

I would say that those are truly "God Winks"! He is with Genre and your family. Hold on to those signs and keep looking for more. they will come. Please give genre a Big hug from Mrs. Fitz! I want to come and visit when it is good for you and him. Please let me know. You are so in my thoughts and prayers;)

Love, Joanne

Kristie Deemer

May 28, 2009, 11:48 AM

Hey Genre-- FBI is a great name for your site... You are definitely one of God's agents! I'll be down to see you soon. The kids (except Eli) will be coming to see you, too. Even though it's really me that you want to see since I am wayyyyy cooler than my kids. Stay strong and keep smiling. We'll all be back in the jagers in the forest in no time.

Much love,
Mrs. Deemer

Kristie Deemer

May 28, 2009, 11:52 AM

Hey Daunette and John-- Nothing in his spine!!!! I just wanted to send you both some love (yes, John, first a hug and now some love...)

Kristie

Stephanie Kauffman

May 28, 2009, 12:59 PM

Daunette and John, I can't possibly imagine what you are going through but my spirit aches for what you are dealing with. Those GOD WINKS were so awesome. I like to think of them as hugs from HIM. Let us know what Genre likes, we would like to put a care package together for him. Whenever you have the time ofcourse. I wanted to run to your house and hug you when I found out.

Amy Gratton

May 28, 2009, 1:17 PM

Hi Genre!

It's Ed, Amy, Marisa, Jillian, Tara, and Aaron! We wanted you to know we love you very much and you are in our constant prayers! Hang in their buddy! There is nothing better than being a FBI!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Love you!
Mrs. G

Amy Gratton

May 28, 2009, 1:21 PM

NO LEUKEMIA IN SPINE ~ PRAISE GOD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Carlos Navarro

May 28, 2009, 1:35 PM

Hi Genre!!!

With God holding your hand and your heart filled with Love nothing will harm you!! Keep strong, smile a lot and tell everyone that you will beat this!!

Much Love and Hugs!!

Carlos

Jason Watson

May 28, 2009, 1:59 PM

Genre!!! Im planning on coming in to see you soon! Kaitlynn told me you have a guitar there and I saw pictures of you playing it on your bed. You better practice because we will have to jam when Im in there! Cant wait to see you buddy! -J.

Allison Murray

May 28, 2009, 2:03 PM

John and Daunette,

You have been constantly in our thoughts and prayers since Monday! God is with you and is already using you to demonstrate His love to others. Your faith is a blessing to us all!

We miss you and will see you soon!

Love,

Jim, Allison, and Lily

Joanne Fitz

May 28, 2009, 2:13 PM

Hi Genre,

I hope that you are feeling the POWER of Prayer today and everyday! You have so many people that love you and are praying for you :)

See you soon.

Love

Mrs. Fitz

Joanne Fitz

May 28, 2009, 2:14 PM

"God is winking @ you kid!"

jill carr

May 28, 2009, 7:33 PM

Hey Genre! i love your site! I can't wait to show it to Johnny, Joel, Aaron and Victoria. Tell your mom i said Hi for me, okay?

Love, Jill

Gaylene Merritt

May 28, 2009, 10:24 PM

Hey Gen,

We miss you so much. We can't wait until your back. You're in our prayers and we hope you get well soon. We love you!

Love,

The Merritts

Mrs. Merritt

Mr. Merritt

Felicia

Bre and

Sara

Lisa Gigliotti

May 28, 2009, 10:31 PM

Hi Genre,

We are thinking of you and saying many prayers for you. Hope that Xbox helps you pass the time down there, you'll be home soon!

Love,

Lisa and baby Mia

PS -- you already have your wife picked out and you are only 8 years old?? Wow!!

Jason Watson

May 28, 2009, 10:34 PM

Hey Genre! Just wanted to say that you are continuously in my thoughts and prayers! We are excited to see you tom. So be ready to break out your guitar skills!!!

love,
Anne and Lily Watson

Tracy Seman

May 28, 2009, 11:20 PM

Hey Genre -

Just wanted you to know that we have prayed for you all day today - that the medicine will kick the bad cells butts (can you believe Mrs. Seman just wrote that to you?!!) and that you will be feeling well in no time.

We tried to send you a message this morning before school but I must have done something not quite right because I don't see it posted... it went something like this...

Three monkeys circling the computer trying to get the best view of the cool website on the screen of their buddy Genre with a guitar (how cool are you?). Then three monkeys all talking at once - "can I write to him?" "When can I call him?" "When are we going down to visit?"

Okay, that is as much as I remember - hope you know how much we love you and are praying continuously for you! Jaden wanted to know if you and he can maybe schedule a play date via the webkinz website until he is allowed to come and visit.

John and Daunette,

We have not and will not stop praying for you all as you travel this path. God is with you and will never leave you. 24/7, whatever you need; call/text/email we are here to help! Love, R & T

Ann Marie DeGennaro Ray

May 29, 2009, 12:42 AM

Hi Genre,

We miss you so much! We hope to see you soon!

love lex!!

Hi Genre,

I miss you!! Hope to see you soon.

Love, Hannah

Chris Brogna

May 29, 2009, 12:53 AM

Hi Genre!

We've been praying for you day and night and we won't stop until you're all better!

Love,

The Brognas

Stephanie Scavnicky

May 29, 2009, 1:56 AM

we hope you feel better very soon so you can come home!

Jonathan and Ryan

Jodi Fowler

May 29, 2009, 2:32 AM

Genre, Daunette and John,

It was good to see you. Thank you for sharing all of your "winks" - keep looking for them. God is with you. We are praying for you and love you all. Practice your MarioKart, Genre - we'll plan a tournament soon :)

Love, The "Flower" family

Amy Gratton

May 29, 2009, 2:40 AM

Dear Genre,

I hope you had an ok day ~ it stormed here in Monroeville off and on all day! We hope you have a peaceful night sleep sweet boy. Sleep with the angels. Aaron wanted me to tell you that ~ every night before he goes to sleep, I tell him, "Sleep with the angels" and he tells me, "You sleep with God and Jesus" and I tell him, " You, too". So, Genre, " Sleep with the angels, sweet angel boy, and with God and Jesus, too." We love you Genre Baker. And your mom and dad too. And your brother. And your sister. And your grandma. And your cousin. And your dogs....Ok! GOODNIGHT ANGEL BOY

John Baker

May 29, 2009, 3:27 AM

Hi Buddy,

I was sitting here reading all the messages you got from all the people who love you. I just realized how many people love you and how fortunate we are as a family to have all these friends (your very lucky kid). Make sure when I'm not there you make mommy rest and eat we both know she forgets to do these things sometimes. I want you to know how proud I am of you and that you always don't have to be so tough when something hurts I want you to tell somebody so we can fix it and I also want you to know that I found out it's ok to cry it makes you feel better. Well I think I'm probably just running my sentences together and mommy will tell you this is why you have to pay attention in school. But I want you to know I LOVE YOU I think about you 24/7 you don't understand this but your making me a better person (Thank you) We are going to make mommy go home for Friday and Saturday night and I will stay with you so I'll see you after work me and Jesus or no I meant to say Jesus and I will take care of you. Good night I love you.

DADDY

C.J. Sabo

May 29, 2009, 3:31 AM

Genre - This is Coach C.J. - I am amazed and touched by your efforts on this web page. You are something else. I can say that you are an inspiration to me, as you should be to others. You have many people that care about you. The most important of all, God. I can tell just from this site and your thoughts, that he is by your side every minute. He has the most powerful Angel, himself making sure you are taken care of. I want to thank you for being you, I have learned something about myself today, just reading your thoughts. The team will be thinking and playing for you each and every game. I am sure you will know when we are playing. You will feel our thoughts and prayers. Continue to be you, always think positive and you will be stronger every day. Keep you r Mom and Dad strong as well, they need you just as much as you need them. I can tell that you will not have any problems with that just reading. We will miss you! Always thinking of you. Coach C.J. ;)

Tracy Seman

May 29, 2009, 10:58 AM

hey genre how are you? this website is soooooo cool! We will probably see you tomorrow!
Bethany

Kelly Knieling

May 29, 2009, 4:05 PM

To all the Bakers,

You are all in our thoughts and prayers that God would wipe the sickness right out of Genre. What a wonderful website! Praise God for the gift of a clean spine!

Your new friends Eric, Kelly, & Chloe Chiado

Joanne Fitz

May 30, 2009, 1:30 AM

Genre,

It was wonderful to visit you and give you a hug today! I can only imagine that this is so hard for you but I know that Jesus will give you the strength that you need to fight those big bad cancer cells!

Don't forget to study your Books of the Bible cards...I'll quiz you the next time that I see you ;)

Love,

Mrs. Fitz

Chris Christopher

May 30, 2009, 5:29 PM

Genre--Jake said he was really happy to see you yesterday. He told me you look really good and he was soooo glad to come to play your Wii with you. I am keeping you in my prayers--I know Jesus is watching over you. Tell your Mom and Dad, James and Gianna that I love them all and will be thinking about them as well. Much love to you, Jake, Jordan Kamryn and Eli's Grammie...

Thursday 1st day of chemotherapy

May 29, 2009, 5:46 AM

Genre began his chemotherapy treatment today at 10:00. The whole thing was surreal. He received the first medicine with a 'push' to his port. The second drug was infused over a half hour. He is taking the steroids orally. The nausea meds don't seem to be working too well. They are finding another for him to try. He started getting sick around 2:00 while my mom, James, and Gianna were here. He has some times where it seems to pass, but it is 1:43 am and he is still getting sick. He woke up a little bit ago and asked 'Mom, is the medicine suppose to heal me or hurt me?'

The sight where they inserted the port is swelling more than it should. They are leaning toward bleeding in the pocket where the device is inserted. They are giving him some meds to help him clot in hopes that it stops without the surgeon having to clean it out.

It's been a rough day for him. He is truly miserable and has not complained one time. He does whatever the docs ask. He amazes me so many times throughout the day. He is so strong.

It's probably a good idea to hold off on any kids coming down right at this moment. He's so anxious to have his friends be here, but this isn't something for them to watch.

Thank you for the outpour of love and support from all of you. John and I are truly moved beyond words.

Genre loves to read your messages!
Please keep asking Jesus to heal our baby.

Messages

dana navarro

May 29, 2009, 1:19 PM

GENRE! GeNre!genRE! gEnre!

It has been quite some time since I last saw you. My, you have grown! Thinking of you and your family, sending LOTS and lots and lots and lots of positive thoughts your way!

Love Dana

Kelli Huss

May 29, 2009, 2:59 PM

Genre and Family,

My name is Kelli Huss and our son, Logan, plays on the Astros. We just received your news and would like to express our prayers and strength to you during this difficult time. I hope Genre is in an awesome room with lots to do. Did I read that he is playing Xbox? Hope it is fun. I'm sure he is in good hands. With our thoughts and prayers, The Huss Family

Renee Zaren

May 29, 2009, 5:30 PM

hi Genre, not sure if you remember me, my name is Renee Zaren. i am Mrs. Allan's sister and i was your crew leader last year at VBS. i am truly sorry you are sick right now. I know God is watching over you. my thoughts and prayers are with you everyday. i also had a port and went through chemo so i understand how that is scary and you are not sure if the meds are helping or hurting. Trust in God and know that even when you are feeling pretty bad the meds are working and getting rid of those bad cells. please take care and try to rest when you need to. my family will be praying for you.

God Bless You,
the Zaren's

Tina Baker

May 29, 2009, 5:47 PM

Daunette,

We are praying for all of you, especially Genre, every day. Can't imagine how overwhelming it all is right now. Just praying God will give you all super-human strength. Sending lots of hugs.

Tina Baker

Sandy Krivansky

May 29, 2009, 6:18 PM

Dear Genre,

It's Ashley and Miss Sandy (the Chadder lady!). We are sending you our love and prayers today. We wish you are feeling good today. We sent some homemade cards to your house from our Wednesday night youth group...we hope you like them! Give your mom a great big hug and tell her we love her, too!

All our Love, Ashley and Miss Sandy

Kim Wingard

May 29, 2009, 7:14 PM

Your in our prayers. If there's anything you need please let me know.

Kim Wingard

tonya twigg

May 29, 2009, 7:25 PM

Heyy Genre... this is haley twigg fom NCC.. im ryleigh twiggs sister... i want you to let you know that you are in my prayers and that Jesus ill help you through this.. hang on buddy.. my family and i have been praying for you everyday now...We miss you.. hope ya get better.. bye genre... Your fiend. .Haley Twigg

Tracy Seman

May 29, 2009, 7:57 PM

Hi Genre,

This is Mr. Seman. Jaden will write after school.

I just wanted to share with you what Moses said to the Israelites when they were going to go to the promised land but they had to face some tough people first. He said, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6

Kinda sounds like a song.....

Also, I still think the mark on your foot is from where your parents put the GPS device in you so they can track you down when you are a teenager!

Mr. Seman

Amy Gratton

May 29, 2009, 8:11 PM

Hi Genre,

It's me...Aaron. I hope you're feeling better. I hope I can see you soon. I really miss you and I'm praying for you . I hope you're better than ever when I see you. I hope when I see you, you can bust a move like Power Rangers! See ya when I can see ya!

Love,
Aaron

Amy Gratton

May 29, 2009, 8:12 PM

Dear Genre,

WE LOVE YOU!
P.S. WE LOVE YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Love,
Mrs. Gratton

Amy Gratton

May 29, 2009, 8:18 PM

Dear John and Daunette,

"Though the mountains be shaken
and the hills be removed
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken
nor my covenant of peace be removed,"
says the Lord who has compassion on you.

Isaiah 54:10

Tracy Seman

May 29, 2009, 8:33 PM

Hey Genre,

I am really looking forward to seeing you! I have a little cold so Mom says I can't come just yet. I am looking forward to playing you in MotorCross - Do you have your DS there? If you do, I will bring mine down so we can race on MarioCart.

I hope you are feeling better.

Your Friend,

Jaden

P.S. How is the food? Anything you want me to bring you?
P.P.S. Do you get to keep the XBox?

Tracy Seman

May 29, 2009, 8:39 PM

Daunette,

Just wanted you to know that I am thinking of you my friend - you are never far from my thoughts and I am offering prayers continually. Rich called John to see if we could take James to a ball game - the kids would love to cheer for James. John said that he is covered, but if something comes up we would be happy to go to a ballfield and cheer for James!

I would like to come and visit/sit with you - It sounds like you might have a number of visitors this weekend - How would Monday be?

If there aren't a lot of people this weekend and you would like some company, just give me a ring - I can be there in 45 minutes :~).

Love,

Tracy

tammy pavsek

May 29, 2009, 8:52 PM

Genre

tammy pavsek

May 29, 2009, 9:00 PM

Genre

we hope you are feeling better,you are in our thoughts and prayers.I'll miss you and Mrs. Baker in Sunday school. Love, Hanna Pavsek and her family in Sunday school.

Sandra Civitello

May 29, 2009, 9:21 PM

Hi Genre!

Douglas and Jon love Mario too! My guys think it is too cool that you are learning the guitar! We send you lots of love!
The Civitello Family

Sandy Krivansky

May 29, 2009, 9:45 PM

Hi Genre,

It's Andrew (& Ashley). My mom just showed me your cool website...IT'S AWESOME!!!! Like your hat and the name you picked for your site. We will send you pictures for your room. We miss you and can't wait until you can come to church.

Love, Andrew and Ashly

Esther Tinz

May 29, 2009, 10:20 PM

Genre,

Hi There! My husband Gregg and I go to NCC. We are touched by your story and your website. We just wanted to let you know that we are praying to God ~ for him to keep you and your family in his loving care. Be Strong!!

In Christ

Esther & Gregg Tinz

Danielle Sullenberger

May 29, 2009, 10:34 PM

Genre, Hi buddy it is coach Tom from the Astros, I want you to know you are my thoughts and prayers. James and I talked about you all day today, and we are really going to miss you, James wants me to tell you that he he is going to hit a home run for you tonight and The team is going to say a prayer before the game and we are going to win tonight just for you!!!

Your friends James and Tom Sullenberger

Friday - day after chemo 1

May 30, 2009, 12:08 AM

Genre was sick until about noon today. He hadn't eaten since Tuesday at 4 pm. Grammy B brought chicken noodle soup for lunch and he was able to drink some broth and keep it down. Yeah! The Child Life Group brought a beautiful dog in for Genre to pet. He was still feeling a little woozy so we didn't stay with Broday very long. He really enjoyed her tricks. Finally, around 2:00 the nausea subsided. He felt well this afternoon and his Deemer buddies, along with Mrs. Fitz, came for a visit. Jason, Ann, Lily and Kaitlynn brought James and Gionna for a visit later. While Jason was here, Genre got to play the guitar with him for a little while. They were working on Amazing Grace.

He was able to keep down a half of a grilled cheese sandwich for dinner and he drank some apple juice and some ginger ale. Hopefully he'll feel even better with something in his belly.

Some good things happened today! His white blood count dropped from 74,000 to 10,000. The docs said the medicine is working well. His elevated uric acid and phosphorus are under control. And the hematoma on his chest has not gotten any bigger.

I wanted to let you all know about my 3rd God Wink. They are amazing me and I hope you don't mind me sharing them. On Wednesday night after a long day of waiting for surgery and reviewing all the chemotherapy drugs with the oncologist for almost two hours, my brain was shot. It was 9 at night and I couldn't think. My brain just couldn't process one more thing. The Doctor had explained a study being conducted and asked if we would enroll Genre. It was no extra procedures or pokes, we just had to let them use some extra blood for a study. John and I want to help future patients...we are benefitting from all the children who have gone through this before Genre. He said we could think about it and let him know in the morning. After he left, he called my cell phone and said that he was mistaken. The paper work needed to be processed that night to prepare for the additional blood draws in the morning. The study was about 27 pages long. I almost cried. John took them and started to work through them. It was a lot. I thought 'I just can't do anymore tonight...I can't understand these papers!' Just then my cell phone rang and it was my dear friend, Stephanie. She also happens to be my pharmacist friend. She was in the lobby for a visit on her way to work. She took the papers and read through them. She explained to us what she was reading. She pointed out some issues she knew we would be concerned about. I was able to call the doctor back to ask him about certain parts of the study. She stayed until the issue was resolved. I'm sure she got to work late that night and had to stay longer. I don't know what I would have done if she didn't come that night. I couldn't do it on my own. If God brings you to it, he will get you through it.

God Wink #4 - Genre's port was swelling yesterday. Someone mentioned a leaking port...panick set in. There were no answers for quite some time. My mom was here for the afternoon with James and Gionna. In the evening, when John arrived, my mother and I went to sit in the sun room for a few minutes to catch up after a very long afternoon. I was telling her that I didn't feel sure that the port wasn't leaking. I was questioning how they could know for sure that the lump was a hematoma and not drugs accidentally injected into the little guy's chest! I was still so concerned and I just couldn't shake some concerns that I had. Just then, I looked down the hall toward the room and a man in scrubs was walking toward us. I looked at him and I realized that it was my anesthesiologist angel! I walked down the hall way and he came right to me and gave me a big hug. I asked why he was in our wing. His son was suppose to be on 9A. He said they changed his room. We're next door neighbors. He asked how Genre was and I told him about the possible port problem. He said 'I saw it go in. I know it works. We tested it, watched it work and then saw it on an x ray. It works.' I was okay.

He's resting right now. He's had an eventful 24 hours. Thank you for all the love you are showing him. He read your messages this morning.

Messages

Allison Murray

May 30, 2009, 1:10 AM

Genre,

We will send you a picture of Lily to put in your room. You are always so nice to her when you see her!!! That is a cool dog that you got to visit with. I can't wait to hear what kind of tricks she did!

Love,
Mrs. Murray

Kristie Deemer

May 30, 2009, 1:16 AM

Genre-- I had fun playing the Wii with you today. I'll see you again soon.

Jake

kaitlynn hook

May 30, 2009, 1:20 AM

Genre John,

I'm so happy I got to spend some time with you today. I can't stop thinking about you! I can't wait until you, your mom, and dad are home:) This house is just way too quiet, and Gionna and James don't make noise quite like you do. I just want you to know that you are the strongest person I know! Along with your mommy, daddy, and nana:) You amaze me, and I thank God EVERYDAY that you are apart of my life. And next time I come to vist, be prepared for more kisses! I will sneak more next time, I promise:) I love you buddy, and I'll see you soon...

love<3
your "EVIL" cousin, Kaitlynn:)

Kristie Deemer

May 30, 2009, 1:21 AM

Genre-- Thanks for playing with my kids today. Jake was pretty happy that his mean mommy didn't even time him when he played the Wii with you. And Jordan is still impressed at the way you can swallow your medicine. Kamryn wants you to save her a cookie for next time. As for me, though, I'm just glad that I got to see you smile a lot today. Keep practicing those games because I just may challenge you to MarioKart myself! And I will NOT let you win.

Much love,
Mrs. Deemer

Jennifer Calabrese

May 30, 2009, 1:28 AM

Hi Genre and family,

We want to send all of our love your way. We think about you all day long and are praying for you morning, noon and night. Tegan has even come up with her own special way of praying by making a cross with her hands and placing them over her heart. She says it's only ment to be used for her "Genre Prayers." We are glad to hear your are feeling a little better and hope you can get a good night sleep tonight.

Love,
The Calabrese Family
Jen, Brian, Tegan and Haven

Amy Gratton

May 30, 2009, 1:39 AM

Yeah for good numbers!

maria pellis

May 30, 2009, 3:42 AM

Misabella Mary misses you and is sending a big hug and kiss your way angel!!! Hurry up and get better because WE ALL LOVE YOU SO MUCH Genre John!

Becky Sharp

May 30, 2009, 3:44 AM

Hey Genre! I am a friend from NCC and you also probably know me from Majesty. I just wanted to let you know that I have been praying for you & your family! I hope you are feeling better very soon!!

Love,
Becky, Gary, Taylor & AJ Sharp

Sue McGuire

May 30, 2009, 4:15 AM

Hi, Genre! I also go to NCC with you and your family, and I have seen you there before but haven't gotten to meet you yet. It sounds like you are doing a great job! Keep on being brave and having faith, because God is always there with you. I'm praying for you, bud!
Can't wait to meet you!
Mrs. McGuire

Cheryl Pesi

May 30, 2009, 4:28 AM

Daunette and John,
We just found out about Genre. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Genre,
Hang in there and feel better. We hope you come home soon.

Cheryl, Tom, Garrett, Madison and Morgan Pesi

Jodi Fowler

May 30, 2009, 12:44 PM

Hi Genre,
We are thinking about you a lot! Your Christmas picture is on our fridge, and we say a prayer for you everytime we open the door. Thanks for putting the pictures on your website - its nice to be able to see you, and girls thought the dog was cool. You can expect those cheat codes soon. Sounds like you're getting a lot of play time. Give your mom and dad hugs for us. Love, Mr. & Mrs. Flower, the pop princess, and her sister.

Debi McKeever

May 30, 2009, 12:47 PM

Hi Genre!
This is Brady from your baseball team. I wanted to tell you that I will be thinking about you and praying for you. I will playing baseball twice as hard so that the Astros wins one for you!!
Brady McKeever

Sandy Krivansky

May 30, 2009, 12:53 PM

Mornin' Genre,

Just woke up this morning and was thinking of you...hope you had a good night's rest.

Love, Miss Sandy

Dante Pecora

May 30, 2009, 2:51 PM

Genre good morning aunt Carla, me and Avery were thinking about you so we thought we would send you a quick note. We miss you and can't wait to see you. Avery walks around all day saying Genre, Genre, Genre she misses you. You are in our prayers every day. love you

beth clair

May 31, 2009, 2:52 AM

John and Daunette,

Just heard the news. Please know Tim and I will think of you all everyday. I am sure Genre has many Angels watching over him everyday.

Genre,
I'm glad to read you had a good day today. You are truly an amazing young boy and so courageous! You will be home sleeping in your own bed soon. Here is a BIG HUG from the Clair family.

Love, Tim, Beth, Ryan and Logan

Saturday May May 30

May 30, 2009, 4:25 PM

Genre had a great night!!!! He slept the whole way through! His white blood count is down to 1,100 and today the doctors used these words - great and nicely! One said he was responding great and the other said nicely!

He ate eggs and sausage for breakfast and then played Wii with Breanna and Sara for a while. He feels really well today. Praise God.

Messages

Renee Shuber

May 30, 2009, 4:35 PM

Hi Genre. I am soooo glad to hear how well you are doing. You are certainly one tough guy!!!! Anna and Megan said to tell you hi and they will keep praying for you. Keep being so brave.

Kim Wingard

May 30, 2009, 4:36 PM

Praise God!!! He is listening & answering our prayers!

Joanne Fitz

May 30, 2009, 4:42 PM

Praise God !!!

I hope you have a great day Genre! So, who is this girlfriend, Breanna that I am reading about???

HUGS,
Mrs. Fitz

Tracy Seman

May 30, 2009, 4:45 PM

Dearest Genre,

We are praising God for a good nights rest (hope you had one too Mom and Dad :~)!!!

Genre, you have SO MANY people talking with God about you DAY and NIGHT!!! We love you and can't wait until we can see you.

This website is the COOLEST! You are always on our minds and knowing how things are going and how to pray makes us feel like we are with you!

I LOVE THE DOG! How often does he/she come to visit? And rabbit ears for James? You are such a rascal :~) Tell Mom she is the greatest for keeping everyone posted on your progress - you are an amazing Dude! with an amazing family!

Daunette, would you like us to pick up James and Gionna for church tomorrow morning? Just say the word and we are there :~)

Hugs, Kisses, and Love to you all,

The Seman Family :~)

Stephanie Kauffman

May 30, 2009, 5:08 PM

Praise God! I was relieved that you got a good night's rest Genre. That is part of the healing too. It was nice to see that you could play with your family and friends and I hope you have more good day's and nights to come. We've been praying for you and your family and I know God is with you right now and always. Let the little children come to me he says..... Congratulations and many praises to God for your night.

Tammy Andrew

May 30, 2009, 5:17 PM

Dear Genre,

Thanks for keeping everyone posted on how you're doing! We continue to pray!

Loved the dog picture! What kind is it? We have a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel named "Hero". We'll send a picture.

Love, The Andrew Crew: Keith, Tammy, Nate, & Jonathan

tonya twigg

May 30, 2009, 7:13 PM

wow thats awesome!! thank you GOD!! that just gave me happy tears!! tonya...

Saturday May May 30 #2

May 30, 2009, 5:03 PM

Genre would like me to tell all of you a few things...

I now have a Wii in my room. Jaden, I brought my DS too so we can play. The food is good. Jason brought me a signed poster of Winters Halo. I still don't have any cheat sheets from Mrs. Fowler for MarioKart.

PS...Mrs. Deemer thinks she can beat me at MarioKart. How strange is that?

Messages

Kristie Deemer

May 30, 2009, 5:06 PM

Genre-- It is not strange that I can beat you. There was this one time that I actually beat Jake. And one other time that I actually beat Jordan. Even though they've kicked my butt at least 100 times, I did actually win once or twice. Ask your dad and mom to tell you what a wonderful driver I am. You are on for next week, though.

Mrs. Deemer

Kristie Deemer

May 30, 2009, 5:09 PM

Genre-- Glad you had a good night. Save me some cookies for next time I'm down.

Love,
Jordan

Kristie Deemer

May 30, 2009, 5:12 PM

Genre-- I hope you feel better. And you are really good at all of those video games that you have! You can beat my mom in MarioKart. She stinks at it.

Love,
Kamryn

Tracy Seman

May 30, 2009, 5:25 PM

Genre,

I can't believe you are making us laugh - you are the best! Jaden will be relieved to hear that the food is good - after all, you know that's what is top of his priority list and he wants to make sure they are taking the best care of his buddy's most important needs :~)

Now, as far as Mrs. Deemer - don't underestimate her - she is the Mom of four, a teacher, and I sense a competitive streak - I think she will be pretty tough competition - she warned you that she won't let you win so you better practice up and bring your A - game :~)

We love you Genre Baker -

Mrs. Seman

P.S. We can't wait to hear about more God Winks - be on the lookout, I know they are all around you!!!

Jodi Fowler

May 30, 2009, 6:34 PM

Ok, Genre - I'll bring the cheats, but then that means you might actually have a chance to beat me - ha! I'm so glad you're feeling well. You have a special sparkle that makes us all smile and laugh. We love you and are so happy that the medicine is working so well.

michele weisensee

May 31, 2009, 2:01 AM

Jenre,
It is obvious that you have made a great impact on so many people by the love and concern they have for you. I pray that God strengthens you both physically and spiritually through each new day. We look forward to seeing your smiling face at church.

With much love,
Mrs. Weisensee and Family

Request from Genre

May 30, 2009, 6:54 PM

Genre wants me to ask all of his friends in Kid's Kindgom to remember something for him when they are worried about him. He wants them to say Joshua 1:9...."Have I not commanded you? Be strong and very courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." He thought maybe they could sing the fun song that goes with this verse during praise time at Sunday school.

Want another God Wink? The social worker was here yesterday to tell me about all of the programs, meetings, support groups and camps available to Genre. I thought about her all night. I thought about whether we should let him be around leukemia patients regularly. I wondered if it would make him sad. I wondered if I needed to add more things to this crazy life. I wondered if I would be able to handle being at those functions.

Today when my little brother Dante called he was telling me about all the amazing support his empyoeyes were giving him. He said that one of his waitresses, Ashley, came to him to say she heard about Genre. She told Dante to have Genre hang in there. She said she had t cell all when she was a kid. She just celebrated her 23rd birthday. She told Dante to let me know that there are so many things available to Genre and that he should take advantage of all of them. She told Dante to tell me that support groups and camps really helped her. She was glad that her parents did that for her. Sometimes she needed to see that other kids were just like her and that some kids were way worse than her. It made her feel lucky! HE is amazing and he gives me everything I need.

Messages

Kelly Glaser

May 30, 2009, 7:09 PM

Daunette....you are so encouraging! I am amazed at the strength you have! Keeping you and John.....Genre and the whole Baker family in prayer! Love, The Glaser Family

Allison Murray

May 30, 2009, 7:24 PM

Genre,
How nice of you to remind all your friends in Kid's Kingdom of how close God is to all of us! I'm glad that you had a good night's sleep. Things always look better in the morning after a good night's rest! Mr. Murray and I want to come and see you on Monday if you're up for a visit. I'll call your Mom that morning/afternoon to find out. We're going to leave Lily with her Mimi and Pap because she might be a little too wild and crazy in your room...plus she doesn't know how to play Wii yet, so that wouldn't be very much fun!! Mr. Murray and I don't have MarioKart for our Wii, so we may need you to teach us!
We'll see you soon!
Love,
Mrs. Murray

Chris Brogna

May 30, 2009, 9:44 PM

Hi Genre! I love that verse Joshus 1.9! Yes, we will sing it tomorrow, I promise!
All of us in Kids Kingdom will also be praying for you tomorrow.
Mrs. Brogna

Joanne Fitz

May 30, 2009, 11:00 PM

Hi Genre, I just wanted to see how you are doing. I am glad that you had a good night and I hope there are plenty more of those to come! Wow I love your guitar, it's very nice I have a blue guitar and i bet that you are a lot better at it than me! haha :) Aww what a cute dog that is! What kind of tricks does he/she do?(let me know when you get the chance) Alright I want you to know that I miss you soooooo much and I pray for you everyday a whole bunch! I'll hopefully be coming to visit you really really soon with my mom.
Love Miss Krystal

maria pellis

May 30, 2009, 11:16 PM

We love you and are soooooooooo proud of you and your faith and courage! See you soon, Tom, Ree Ree, Tommy & Isabella Mary

Denise Ratica

May 30, 2009, 11:42 PM

Hi Genre, As I was preparing my lesson for tomorrow's Kid's Kingdom I was thinking about you. Our main point is I WILL SHOW MY FAITH THROUGH MY ACTIONS. You are an inspiration to all of us, kids and adults alike. It's amazing that you are thinking of others and how they are feeling. You are continually in our thoughts and prayers. By the way, love Joshua 1:9
Mr & Mrs Ratica

Vincent pecora

May 31, 2009, 1:40 AM

Hi Genre,
We hope you feel better soon. We hope you are enjoying you Mario Galaxy! I say a prayer to God every night for you. I think about you all the time and I can't wait to give you the biggest hug. And when you come home, I can come to see your dog and you can see Ofie.
If you want to talk or need anything, you can call me at home. We love you very much Genre John!
Vincent & Ava
Aunt B and Uncle Vinny

susie condrasky

May 31, 2009, 2:42 AM

John, Daunette, Genre, James & Giona,

We are thinking about and praying for ALL of you! I am totally amazed and impressed with how well you all are doing! That's what I've always loved about you guys!
Please know that if there is anything...and I mean ANYTHING that we can do for any of you....Please ask!
I love reading your website and getting all of the updates and reading all of the messages of encouragement and love. Genre,FBI is an awesome name for your website!
We will be checking in regularly to see your beautiful smiling face!

Love,
Michael, Susie
Tyler and Nicholas Condrasky

PS.... Tyler has a joke for you....

What kind of shoes do thieves wear?

Give up?..... SNEAKERS !!!!
HA HA HA !

Brenda Brown

May 31, 2009, 1:52 PM

Our Sweet Genre,

Grammy B, Pappy Freddy & Skyepuppy are so proud of you and are so happy that you are feeling so much better.

Our prayers are being answered and I have put you on four more prayer lists.

Enjoy your day sweetie, see you soon.

Grammy B & Pappy Freddy.

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

May 31, 2009, 3:11 PM

Genre,
I love you more than my own life. I am still going to say it a million times, like I promised ! You are the toughest kid I know. get better soon,.....I LOVE YOU !!!!!!!!!!!

tonya twigg

May 31, 2009, 8:22 PM

Hi Genre, you must feel awesome getting all that sleep! im very happy for you. i hope you have received ryleighs gift and more then that i hope you like it. she said to tell you that she picked it out all by herself. she wanted you to have something to hold on too so that your never alone or scared. i wasnt sure if you were too old for something like that but she said you could use it for a pillow too because its squishy. take care of yourself little man and i hope to see you in church really soon!! ryleigh's mom.....tonya

May 29

May 31, 2009, 2:35 AM

Genre had an awesome day today! He wasn't sick once. He ate like a champ and his friends Alexis and Hannah came to visit him all the way from DuBois! Genre is making good friends with all the nurses. He's quite a hit when he's in his talkative mode. His dad is with him watching the Pens and he's staying for the night. Good night.

Messages

Kristie Deemer

May 31, 2009, 3:01 AM

Genre-- Glad to hear you had such an awesome day! We were thinking of you and praying for you. Watch the clock tomorrow morning and know that at around 9:30, all of KK will be singing and praying just for you. We love you!

The Deemers

P.S. Eli was mad that he had to stay home the other day instead of seeing you. It didn't even matter that it was Pap-Pap that was going to watch him. He asked for Den-wee, Dames, and Di-nan-na. How did you all become such favorites?

Jennifer Calabrese

May 31, 2009, 3:24 AM

Genre,

I'm so glad to hear you had a great day and a nice time visiting with some pretty special friends! I'll pray tonight that tomorrow you have more healing, strength and, of course, plenty of smiles:)

Jen Calabrese
Tegan's Mommy

P.S. Daunette, You truly are an inspiration... Jen XOXO

Janet Allan

May 31, 2009, 3:24 AM

Hi Genre,

It is great to hear you had an "Awesome" day! I have been praying for you all day.

Tomorrow's lesson is about Dorca and how Peter brought her back to life. The point of the lesson is how everyone believed in Jesus and how we should too. I am going to tell them how you believe even with how sick you are. You will be such an inspiration and example to my new Sunday School children!

Thank you for your beautiful smile in the pictures. Your smile always brightened my day.

I would like to visit one day this week if it is ok with Mom and Dad.

Love you bunches,

Mrs. Allan

Amy Gratton

May 31, 2009, 4:11 AM

Dear Genre,

There are so many wonderful God things happening because of you! You and your family are such an inspiration to all of us! Keep it up buddy! Jesus is SHINING, SHINING, SHINING through the Baker family!

We are so happy that you had an awesome day and your numbers are down and you're eating and playing and sleeping and smiling!

We are thinking about you and praying for you non-stop. And I mean NON-STOP. It's amazing. I wake up in the middle of the night(I do that all the time ~ must be getting old!) and you, your mom and Dad, James and Gionna are the first things that pop into my head! I just shoot up a prayer to God for you and your family before I go off to sleep again! You are the last thing on my mind before I go to bed (and the last prayer) and the first thing on my mind when I wake up (and the first prayer!)

I'll tell you what buddy... you are making things happen. GOD IS MOVING IN THIS.

We love you buddy and will be thinking of you all day tomorrow in church!

Love & Hugs,
Mrs. Gratton

Renee Shuber

May 31, 2009, 4:40 AM

Genre - I hope you keep having awesome days! I can't think of anyone who deserves to have awesome days more than you do!!!!!! I hope you know how many people love you and are praying that you get better very very soon. You are one very popular guy!! Keep smiling. I hope to talk to you soon.

Mrs. Shuber

Lisa Beam

May 31, 2009, 4:46 AM

Genre and family,

I just wanted to let you all know that we are thinking of you and that you are in our thoughts and prays everyday. I wanted to tell you something that came from Aiden. I told him about Genre being sick and we all need to pray for hime to get better. I told him that when he (Aiden) was sick and in the hospital for the first time on Christmas Day that Emily and Alayna waited for him to come home so we all could open our gifts together. And Aiden said he would wait until Genre comes home to open his Christmas gifts. I am glad to hear that Children's is taking good care of you. God Bless.

Love, Lisa Beam and family!

Shirley Stahl

May 31, 2009, 1:20 PM

Genre, Hi - I'm soooo happy you had an awesome day. I pray for lots more awesome days for you ad your family. I heard Jason is teaching you guitar. How much fun is that! I help Jason with the senior high group so you may not know me but I go to Norwin Christian Church too and I hope to get to meet you there soon. God Bless and I'm praying for you and your family. Oh and GO PENS!

May 31

May 31, 2009, 12:03 PM

John said it was another uneventful night filled with a lot of sleep!!!!!!Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

PS. I think I have my days confused. Today IS Sunday and the 31st, right? I wrote that yesterday was the 29th. Apparently, it was the 30th. Sorry.

Messages

Patty Vargo

May 31, 2009, 12:15 PM

Genre,
We are so glad to hear you had another good night sleep. Hope you and Dad had a good time watching the Pens last night, even though they lost. We are praying for you and your mom and Dad.

Love Patty Vargo

frank costantino

May 31, 2009, 1:17 PM

Genre stay strong and God Bless. We will be praying for you and your family.

Joanne Fitz

May 31, 2009, 5:24 PM

Genre,
Did you feel the "power of prayer" this morning??? It was strong because we were all praying for you in Kid's Kingdom! We missed you today. The story today was about the sick women in Matthew 9 that Jesus healed. I believe that He will also heal you! Continue to be strong & courageous FBI Agent Genre!
Love
Mrs. Fitz

Neil Jones

May 31, 2009, 7:09 PM

Hi Genre - It's Coach Jones. I just got a message from Mrs. Merritt about you and being at Children's Hospital. Even though I don't work there anymore, I still have a lot of friends that work there and I will be keeping my eye on you and how you are doing!! I will try to get in to visit you soon. Maybe I'll bring you a bag of Norwin pool water so you can feel at home!!

I will keep you in my prayers and will miss you at the pool. As I've always told all of you - all I can ask for is that you try. Keep trying, do your best and you will be the winner in this race.

Coach Jones

Dante Pecora

May 31, 2009, 7:40 PM

Hey buddy just checking on you. Avery can't wait to see you. We are all thinking about you. We love you!!!

Kim Wingard

May 31, 2009, 10:20 PM

We are continuing our prayers for Genre and your family.

Amy Gratton

June 1, 2009, 12:38 AM

Dear Genre,

Yeah! Another great night sleep! God is so good. I hope your Dad was able to get some sleep as well and Mom had a good night, too. Sleep with those angels. And, as we say in the Gratton house, "With God and Jesus, too!"

Amy Gratton

June 1, 2009, 12:43 AM

Dear Daunette,

I wanted to say to you my dear friend that I hope you have a good, good birthday day with your family tomorrow. Happy Birthday to you, Sweet Daunette! We are so grateful to God for bringing you and your family into our lives and we are thankful on your birthday, tomorrow, for the gift of YOU. Happy Birthday, Daunette!

Love
Amy

Becky Sharp

June 1, 2009, 1:00 AM

hi Genre, its a.j.'s sister taylor (from kids kingdom), i hope you feel better. tell your mom i said, Happy Happy B-Day! have a great night!

Allison Murray

June 1, 2009, 1:08 AM

Genre,

Hope you had a good day today. Are you watching the Pens game tonight? They are winning 1-0 right now. Go PENS!
Mr. Murray and I are planning on coming down tomorrow for a visit. We can't wait! I'll call your mom and see if it's okay. We have some special things to bring to you!

Love,
Mrs. Murray
P.S. Did you get Lily's picture from Kaitlynn today?

Dawn Krevokuch

June 1, 2009, 1:45 AM

Hi Genre ~~ I hope you had a good day today! Get your rest and stay strong buddy. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless you ~~ Coach Dawn

Kristie Deemer

June 1, 2009, 1:55 AM

Hey Genre-- I hope you have something special planned for your mom for her birthday. I'm guessing that you didn't need to shop at a fancy store for a gift. Being a mom, myself, I'll let you in on a secret. The thing that moms want most, is just for kids to tell us that we are special and that they are thankful that God picked a good one for them. So try that. Give your mom a big hug, a giant smile, and tell her that you are feel really lucky that God picked her out to be your special mom. You may even tell her that you love her, too. Trust me when I tell you that is the best present any mom could get. I hope you have another great day. You are being very brave and super tough. The Deemers are all missing you, loving you, and praying and praying and praying for you.

Love,
Mrs. Deemer

Jennifer Calabrese

June 1, 2009, 1:55 AM

Genre,

Hope you had a good day! We're thinking of you, praying for you and loving you.

The Calabrese Family

Jennifer Calabrese

June 1, 2009, 1:59 AM

Happy Birthday to you! Happy Birthday to you! Happy Birthday dear Daunette! Happy Birthday to you! Yeah!!!

Love,
Jen

angela sipple

June 1, 2009, 2:16 PM

HEY GENRE,IT'S TRAVIS SIPPLE. MY MOM AND I WERE SITTING HERE LOOKING AT YOUR PICTURES. I MISS YOU AT CHURCH. I CAN'T WAIT TILL YOU GET BETTER SO WE CAN PLAY TOGETHER AGAIN. I PRAY FOR YOU EVERY DAY.

Jaison Wojdyla

June 1, 2009, 3:09 PM

Hi Genre, Hope you are having a good day, We all miss you and are praying for you. Stay strong and keep your head up. Me and Elijah will visit soon. I will have to ask your Mom and Dad when it will be best to stop in. We all miss you at practice and think about you always. You are in our prayers. Coach Jaison, Amy, Elijah, Emma, and Luke.

verna sipple

June 2, 2009, 8:11 PM

Dear Genre, Even though you don't know me I've heard so much about you, I'm Travis Sipple's "nanny" and I go to your church, we along with your church family are praying for your health and quick return back to "kid's kingdom" Love and prayers to you and your family.

angela sipple

June 3, 2009, 5:57 PM

Dear Genre,Daunette,John,James and Gionna. Hope you are have a good day today. Can't wait to hear when you are coming home. You are teaching so many others how to depend on Jesus in everything. God is using you to help others grow in their faith. You are so strong and brave. We love you. Love, The Sipple Family

May 31

June 1, 2009, 2:30 AM

Genre is on his way to bed. With as silly and active as he was today, he should be tired. I think we will have to replace the bed in this room when we leave. I'm not sure how many times it can go up and down for a ride?!

They said he is still responding well. His numbers are coming down and he is nearing what they call neutropenic. This is when we will have to ask you to refrain from visiting even if you feel well but there is someone at home who is sick. They've explained that his levels will bounce back and forth and when they are down he is very prone to infection. The docs said common sense hand washing, antibacterial lotions, sneezing/coughing into your shirt, and staying away when anyone is sick is the best line of defense.

Good night.

Messages

kaitlynn hook

June 1, 2009, 12:47 AM

dear, genre this is tori sevick i hope you feel better my family is praying for you!

Tammy Andrew

June 1, 2009, 3:03 AM

You will keep him in perfect peace,
Whose mind is stayed on You,
Because he trusts in You.
Isaiah 26:3
Sleep tight friends!
Love In Jesus, The Andrew Crew

Lisa Beam

June 1, 2009, 3:36 AM

It's great to hear that things are going very well. Just remember that each day is a new one and that everyone is praying for you. Sweet dreams.
Lisa Beam

Randy Wolfe

June 1, 2009, 5:21 AM

Hey Genre! Hope you are feeling well and that your Mom and Dad are getting some rest too. You are in our prayers and I can't wait to see you again because now we're short one person to hold up one of those books of the Bible cards. Mr. Wolfe

john baker

June 1, 2009, 10:55 AM

Good morning buddy,
Glad to hear your making mommy crazy, don,t forget what today is.(Happy Birthday Daunette)you have a good day today thanks for the fun weekend remember to pray when you get scared and morph when you need the power of the rangers. I love you.

Daddy

Jayna Baker

June 1, 2009, 11:32 AM

Hi Genre!
Kaitlynn just gave me your website this morning and I've spend the past hour checking it out. It's really neat! I love how I can see how you're doing each day, I'm glad to read that you're doing much better! You're pictures are great!! You can't even tell you're sick!! I hope you feel better very soon and that your medicine doesn't make you sick anymore! You're being a very brave boy and I'm very proud of you! Hopefully I can come see you when you get home! Until then I will keep you in my heart and in my prayers, hope you have a great day today buddy! I love you.

Jayna

Ps...Happy Birthday Daunette!

Wayne Shipley

June 1, 2009, 12:06 PM

Hi Genre:
Hang in there buddy. I'm thinking about you. Be tough.
Mr. Shipley

susie condrasky

June 1, 2009, 12:13 PM

It sounds like it's going to be a Great Day for all FBI agents! Great Levels, Genre and HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAUNETTE !!!!

Here's a joke from Nicholas....

When does the alphabet only have 24 letters?

When U and I aren't there !!!! HA HA !

Tell your nurses that one !!!!!

Have an awesome day !

Thinking about you and praying for you !

Love, The Condraskys

Joe Rusinko

June 1, 2009, 1:04 PM

Hey Genre,

I'm thinking about you and praying for you. Keep a smile on your face, it makes everything easier.

To the Baker Family,

Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Look for the little miracles everyday. With all the prayers being offered, you will be sure to experience them.

Joe Rusinko, NAC

Mary M Russman

June 1, 2009, 1:15 PM

Good morning Genre!!

I hope you had a good night last night! Be sure and be EXTRA KIND to your mom today, seeing that she turns 29!! :)

You are an amazing little boy and we are praying for you. When Luke gets home from school, I know he'll want to write you a message!

I hear you have 4 girlfriends already!! WOW!!

I love your website and think "FBI" is the BEST!!!!!!

God bless you

hugs~

Mrs Russman

jill carr

June 1, 2009, 2:39 PM

Hi Genre! Hope you have another good day today. Give your mom a big birthday hug from me okay? Happy Birthday Daunette!!! Love, Jill

Kris Horvath

June 1, 2009, 6:02 PM

Hi Genre,

I'll just bet that the BEST birthday present your mom will ever receive is your good health, so you stay strong and fight this as hard as you can.

Hey, you're as tough as they come kiddo. Hannah, Colby, Troy and I pray for you every night. We know that the angels are with you and your family! Hugs and kisses to you and we hope to see you home very soon. With all of our love and prayers,

Kris, Hannah, Colby and Troy Horvath

june 1

June 1, 2009, 2:05 PM

congratulations kamryn for getting baptized!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Messages

Messages

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

June 1, 2009, 3:56 PM

Genre,
I hear you are doing a great job,..because you are very intelligent, and very strong.
My prayers and love are with you always.

Poppy

Tracy Seman

June 1, 2009, 3:56 PM

Daunette,

This "virtual" cake is for you Mrs. Baker!! Happy, Happy, Happy Birthday; Happy, Happy, Happy Birthday; Happy, Happy, Happy Birthday to you, to you, to you Ole!!!!

Genre,

Sarah and I stopped and prayed for you right in the middle of the Giant Eagle greeting card aisle because we figured it was about the time you were getting your medicine (by the way Genre - Sarah picked out a "chick" card for you - that's all we will say for now... suspense is good for you! you will have to wait and see :~)

Know that we are praying and sending love to you!!!

Sarah & Mrs. Seman

P.S. I am still on the hunt for a platypus - can you believe they didn't have one in the "virtual gifts store?" Shocking!

Sandy Krivansky

June 1, 2009, 4:05 PM

Happy Birthday My Friend, Daunette!! Love, Sandy

Genre, I am so glad you slept well and are feeling great...It is a beautiful day!!
Love, Miss Sandy

Gayle Ludwick

June 1, 2009, 4:17 PM

Genre,
I go to NCC also & know your Grandma Brenda.I have you in my prayers & hope you feel better soon.Your brother James was in my Sunday School Class a few years ago.
LOVE,Gayle Ludwick

wendy coates

June 1, 2009, 4:49 PM

Genre,
So glad to hear that you are feeling better, able to eat, and sleep well!!! God is answering everyone's prayers for you! Praying your shots don't bother you. I also loved the verse you sent for the kids in Kids Kingdom at Church. Thank you for being such a great example of trusting in God.
Mrs. Coates

wendy coates

June 1, 2009, 4:54 PM

Daunette,
It is hard to believe that so much has occurred since being with you at the concert last Sunday. I know it was quite the whirlwind week for your family. But it has been so wonderful to read all the ways that God has shown you his presence and his caring love. Please keep sharing the "Godwinks"! Happy Birthday!
Love, Wendy Coates

Allison Murray

June 1, 2009, 5:22 PM

Happy Birthday, Daunette! Hope to visit you this evening!
Love,

Jim and Allison

Allison Murray

June 1, 2009, 5:24 PM

Good afternoon, Genre! I hope you're having a good day! Glad you had another good night of rest. Heard you can't have sweet treats for a while. Should we bring you some broccoli?!?! Hope to see you after Mr. Murray gets done with work today!

Love,
Mrs. Murray

Janet Allan

June 1, 2009, 7:03 PM

Good day, Dawnette,

I have really enjoyed your updates and I want to tell you your God Winks is catching on. Now the children are telling me their own God Winks! Isn't it wonderful that the children are looking for God in their everyday life. That is something to raise your spirits. You truly have touched lots of lives because of your great faith. Happy belated Birthday. I'm so glad it was a good day for you and the family.

Janet

Genre,

All the children in class yesterday were so excited to pray and sing for you. Your request for reading a Bible verse was such a beautiful idea. The children feel like they are helping you, so you gave them a gift that few children are ever given. The gift of helping a friend!

I'm so glad you are feeling good. I will be praying the medicine does it's job and has no side effects. See you sometime this week.

Love,

Mrs. Allan

Bob Stein

June 1, 2009, 8:37 PM

Genre

Hope you are doing well buddy. We have alot of people praying, and I know everything will be just fine. Childrens Hospital is a very special place.

Stay Strong and God Bless

Bob

Diane Cairns

June 1, 2009, 8:42 PM

Hello to Genre and the whole Baker family! WE are all praying for you and sending you our warm thoughts. Get better soon!
The Cairns Family
(Diane, Ken, KC, Alex and Steffie)

Happy Birthday Daunette! Just know that we are thinking of you!
Diane

Darian Baker

June 1, 2009, 9:18 PM

genre! we miss you at the pool and your big smile! we hope your doing well and dont forget your awesome swimmming skills :)

always,
Norwin Aqua Club Dolphin group :)

Tammy Andrew

June 1, 2009, 9:44 PM

Happy !?!?! Birthday, Daunette!

Genre: Hope you look outside your window today and enjoy the wonderful sunshine!

Love in Jesus, The Andrew Crew

Michelle Oddo

June 1, 2009, 10:14 PM

Hi Genre! Hope you are feeling better real soon! We'll be saying prayers for you and thinking of you. Miss you at the pool!!
Catie Oddo NAC

Sandra Civitello

June 1, 2009, 10:31 PM

Hi Genre- I'm so glad you slept well last night and are feeling good today. Please give your Mom a big hug and a kiss for me and wish her a Happy Birthday! - Sandy Civitello

Brenda Brown

June 1, 2009, 10:50 PM

Hi Sweetiepie,

Pappy Freddy and I are so glad that you are doing so well. You are such a strong and wonderful grandson. Remember how much we love you and are constantly praying for you.

Huge hugs and kisses,

Grammy B, Pappy Freddy, & Skyepuppy

Jodi Fowler

June 2, 2009, 12:18 PM

Dear Genre,
We are praying for you and we hope you get well soon.
Love,
Bekah

Tracy Seman

June 2, 2009, 9:22 PM

Hi Genre!

Hope you are feeling well and happy!
We have been praying for you and can't wait to see you! I am making lots of cool cards!
I hear you might be coming home soon!
(Sorry, there were no platapusus!)

Your Friend,
Sarah

June 1

June 1, 2009, 11:31 PM

Genre hasn't had any adverse reaction to the shots he was given today! (Thank You!) His oncologists were in and said that he is doing very well. They are very pleased with his progress and they can't believe how happy he is. He's smiling and full of love. Last night when he said his prayers, first he thanked God for a beautiful day. He thanked God for all the people who love him and he asked God to take away his leukemia. Then he thanked God for giving him a mom and dad that 'don't mind spending all of the day and night at the hospital with me.' He amazes me every single day. I thoroughly enjoyed spending my birthday with him, James and Gionna today. Thank you for all the birthday wishes!

Messages

Joanne Fitz

June 2, 2009, 12:44 AM

That's very sweet and I am glad he's doing well:) I hope you had a wonderful birthday. And we hope to see you soon
Love Krystal Fitz

Joanne Fitz

June 2, 2009, 12:59 AM

What a wonderful son :)

Goodnight my friend
Love
Joanne

Jodi Fowler

June 2, 2009, 1:10 AM

Good night, Genre - we're about to say prayers for you and your family. Glad you had a good day and celebrated how special your mom is.
Love, The Fowlers

tonya twigg

June 2, 2009, 1:20 AM

what a sweet little boy you have there Daunette and John!! and happy birthday to you as well! have a wonderful night and sweet dreams
Genre!!

Treasure Bertani

June 2, 2009, 1:24 AM

Happy Birthday Daunette!
Genre, Luke put you in his special prayer book. His prayer for you is that God would take your leukemia away.
Huggs and prayers to you! Sleep tight!
Mrs. Bertani

Ann Marie DeGennaro Ray

June 2, 2009, 1:28 AM

Hi Genre - we are soooo happy to hear that you are doing so well. The girls really enjoyed visiting with you over the weekend. Have a good
night.
We Love You!!!

Bill Llewellyn

June 2, 2009, 2:06 AM

Daunette - I hope all is going well with Genre. Our prayers are with Genre. Please let me know if there is anything I can do.

Bill Llewellyn

carrie Botkin

June 2, 2009, 2:10 AM

Daunette and John,

First, let me say there are MANY people praying for you.

John, I'm Carrie from Scotch Hill 2 and swimming. Daunette, we met briefly at the NAC end of the year banquet.

Today I sent out a request for prayers for Genre and your family to my church (Community United Methodist in Harrison City) family. One man, Dave Smith, emailed me back to remind me that his now high school son had ALL when he was a little guy. Dave and his wife Karen offered any type of support you need. I will leave their email address. After reading all the beautiful messages that have been posted to FBI I know you are surrounded with love. But Dave told me it is comforting to speak with people who are past this. They welcome contact from you if you so desire. You can reach Dave and Karen at smithdlskjs@comcast.net.

I pray that you all have a very peaceful night. God Bless You.
Carrie

Jennifer Calabrese

June 2, 2009, 2:17 AM

So glad that this special day was full of peace, love and joy. We're glad to hear that Genre is making progress and feeling good! Tell Gianna and James hello. Give John our blessing...you're always on our minds.

Love,
The Calabrese Family

Lisa Beam

June 2, 2009, 2:40 AM

Genre,
Glad to hear you all had a great day! I hope that everyday gets better and we will be thinking of you. Take Care and the kids send a hello to

you!
Lisa Beam

Randy Wolfe

June 2, 2009, 5:07 AM

It makes my night even better to come home from work and hear positive news that you all had a good day. I am glad things are going well for you Genre. The Lord is watching over you and your family and there are sooo many praying for you. Happy Birthday Daunette! (Although I'm a little late since it's now 1:00 am Tues.) Genre you have a wonderful family! Sleep well. Still praying for you. :-)

Mr. Wolfe

Jim Murray

June 2, 2009, 9:33 AM

Good morning Genre!!!

Thanks for playing Mario cart with me last night. You beat me so badly that I had to go to bed early last night. I want a rematch (after I get the cheats from Mrs. Fowler). Take care and keep going strong and courageous!!!

Mr. Murray

Kim Wingard

June 2, 2009, 11:34 AM

You have such a strong young man. Keep up the strength and continue the fight. You're in our prayers Genre. The Wingard's

Mary M Russman

June 2, 2009, 12:03 PM

Hi Genre

Hope you get out of the hospital soon. Hope you feel better. Maybe you could come to my house and play Play Station when you feel better.

your friend

Luke Russman

Karen Mastalski

June 2, 2009, 12:39 PM

Hi Genre

Glad to hear things went well yesterday. Hope today is another good day for you. Genre- glad to hear you thank God for your wonderful parents, as they thank God for a wonderful son!

Daunette - happy one day late birthday !

Hope you get out of the hospital soon.

Miss Karen

Karen Mastalski

June 2, 2009, 12:41 PM

Genre,

We hope you feel better and come home soon. We miss you and are praying for you.

Love you Hannah , Katei, Sarah

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

June 2, 2009, 1:44 PM

Genre,

I love you more today, than yesterday, but not as much as tomorrow. I promised to say I LOVE YOU,...one million times,..I just passed 650000 and I should be able to finish by tomorrow.

You are a wonderful, beautiful, smart, and tremendously strong young man.

I LOVE YOU

Poppy

Kris Horvath

June 2, 2009, 2:17 PM

Good morning Genre. We heard that you were a real trooper with your shots yesterday!!! Your mom and I met when we were your age and she was made up of the tough stuff just like you!!! Hannah, Colby, Troy and I promise to pray for you everyday. You must come and ride our waterslide this summer when you're feeling better! We'd love to have you, James and Gionna join us! My friend Lisa is a nurse on the 9th floor

so she's going to visit and give you a great big hello! All of our love and prayers.
Kris Hannah Colby and Troy Horvath

Kelley Skoloda

June 2, 2009, 2:28 PM

Genre -- it's so good to hear that you are doing so well with your treatments. We are not surprised and know that all will be well. Hang in there, bud.

Daunette and John -- you are in our thoughts and prayers and we know that this will all work out. You are a great family, you are in good hands and Genre is an incredibly strong boy.

Melissa LiVorio

June 2, 2009, 2:49 PM

Hey Genre!!!

That is a really cool dog you got to visit. I bet your puppy at home sure misses you. We are so proud of you and your strenght. You sure teach a good lesson to all. We love you and pray for you all day, every day. I can't wait to see you back outside enjoying the beautiful day that you are so thankful for. You are amazing!!! xoxo Aunt Scoop

Terry Erwin, Jr.

June 2, 2009, 3:31 PM

Genre and Gang,

Just a note to let you know that I was thinking about all of you and have been praying for you... and will continue to do so! I hope you keep taking it one moment at a time and that you know that you have a number of good, godly people standing in the gap for you through their prayers. But even more than that, know that the Lord is with you and will always be with you - and for you!!

May you sense Hs presence this day and in the moments He grants you! May you know the truth and certainty of His promises! And may you have just a glimpse of all His people that are standing by you and kneeling on behalf of you!

May today be a real blessing for all of you - and tomorrow and even better one than today!!

Terry

Becky Sharp

June 2, 2009, 11:30 PM

Hi Gener! Its Taylor again, (you know from kids kingdom) I am so so so glad that you are feeling better! God is waching over you at every moment! I hope you enjoy your new gifts that you got. Any way I just wanted to now how you were feeling and to let you now that God is watching over you! Get Well Soon!!!

harriet fierst

June 4, 2009, 12:20 AM

Hi Genre,

I am Ryleigh's Grandma. I wish you all the best and hope to see you soon at church.

God bless you. Get well soon.

Rosanne Crowley

June 4, 2009, 12:30 AM

Hi Genre,

We're all thinking about you and praying for you and your family. We'll continue to keep you in our thoughts.

Get well soon.

Jared Crowley & family

susie condrasky

June 4, 2009, 11:17 AM

Good Morning Genre !

When I woke up this morning, I realized it was a BIG day for you, and so I said another prayer for you. It's 7 am and I was thinking you are probably awake already.....those darn nurses and doctors don't like to sleep in for some reason ! Anyway...have a great day and I hope you get some great news today !

Tyler and Nicholas are still sleeping so I get to give you the joke for today.....Here goes....

Who delivers Christmas presents to the wrong houses?

Santa Flaws !

That was a hard one !

Later Alligator !
Mrs. Condrasky

June 2

June 2, 2009, 4:13 PM

Hi. We are doing something every day. Mrs. Murray brought me a whole bunch of Bible verses in a container she calls Victory Verses. I read one every day. I am going to start putting them on my web site. Today the verse is Isaiah 40:31 ...but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. I think that means if you trust in the Lord He will help you when you need him. Genre

Genre slept peacefully last night! The docs said the next two days should be pretty boring for him. We are praying for good results from his bone marrow aspiration on Thursday. Without anything unforeseen, they are confident that he will be home by Friday.

His play buddy, Mike, wants him to get up and play today. He told Genre he is going to develop buttitis if he doesn't get off of the bed! He is bribing him with a small pack of Cheezits. Mike is an amazing man. He makes these kids happy! Mike brought Genre in a fart machine (sorry - that's what it is called!) with a remote control! So now...Genre waits for the nurse (the PCT, the custodian, anyone!) to come in and then he pushes the button. I have never seen a child laugh so hard!

Another God Wink!...Last night Michele W. came with my cousin, Missy, for a visit. Genre's numbers were very low so we sat in the sun room. I was telling them how every single day God does something to let Genre and I know that we are not alone. Michele brought me Max Lucado's Grace For The Moment. It's a page of inspiration for every day of the year. I just opened up the book and this was the first page I turned to.....I cry out to the Lord and God listens...Your voice matters in heaven...He takes you very seriously..You will not be ignored...It just jumped off of the page!!!

The other pages near by said things about being specially created, hate, repenting, etc...All very important topics, but I opened to the page that told me that God was listening! (As if we don't already know that!!!!!!!) It is amazing, and so are all of you who take the time to make Genre feel special every day when he looks at his messages. Thank you so much!

Messages

Becky Cox

June 2, 2009, 4:52 PM

Genre, It is so important to know that God is there when you need Him. He listens to us. It is so encouraging to know that you are not only reading scripture verses, but also trying to understand them. Hang on to that faith, God will not let you down!

Mrs. Cox

Daunette, Joe and I are in a Bible study on Max Lucado's John 3:16 book. This past Sunday, the material talked about how God is there and we can approach Him with all things at all times because He loves us. It said that since He has no needs, you cannot tire Him. How good to know that He will listen, and never tire of hearing from you.

Becky

Becky Sharp

June 2, 2009, 5:16 PM

Hey Genre!

We're so glad you got a peaceful nights sleep! We are still praying for you every day & are looking forward to you sharing the Bible verses from Mrs. Murray everyday!!! Enjoy your day!

Becky, Taylor & AJ Sharp

Treasure Bertani

June 2, 2009, 5:18 PM

Genre,
Hope all goes well on Thursday with the bone marrow and hope the doctors are right, that you'll be nearly bored the next 2 days, maybe you'll get up and avoid buttitis! By the way, Luke has a FART machine too and it is HILARIOUS!!! Have fun with that! Here's another verse, I get a daily one sent to me each day on email.
Huggs and Prayers,
Mrs. Bertani

O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Psalm 34:8

The King James Version

Karen Mastalski

June 2, 2009, 5:30 PM

Genre-

We just heard from Miss Kristie how well you are doing! We are so happy. Hope you come home soon.
Hannah, Katie, Sarah

Karen Mastalski

June 2, 2009, 5:32 PM

Genre-

Can I play with your fart machine?
Katie

Joanne Fitz

June 2, 2009, 5:49 PM

Genre,

I love the Bible verse for today! I hope that that you "soar on the wings of eagles" today & everyday to come as you find your strength in the Lord!

I was just @ your house a little while ago and I met one of your dogs. i can't remember his name but he is gorgeous!!! I loved him and so did Matt. We dropped off some chicken noodle soup for you and your family, I hope that you get to try some of it before everyone in your house gobles it up:)

I loved your choice of wording for the bracelets and I can't wait to wear mine.

Love,
Mrs. Fitz

Kristie Deemer

June 2, 2009, 6:09 PM

Genre-- We are so excited that you may be home soon!!! And your fart machine will be home with you!!!! We can't wait until we're given the "all clear" to come and see you. You've been one tough kid through this and we're all amazed at your strength and your ability to share God's love and words with us all.

Much love,
The Deemers

Vincent pecora

June 2, 2009, 6:18 PM

Hi Genre John,

I just want to send a quick note to tell you I'm so happy your on your way home! When it is ok, I want to come and give you the biggest hug ever!!! I miss you very much. My mommy, daddy and I lay in bed in night and tell god to make you safe, healthy and happy! I still sleep in my mom's bed, ha ha! My told me a story about you and her doing the "cheeto dance" when you would eat cheeto's together. She bought you a bag of cheeto's and I wanted to eat them until she told me they were for you and told me the "cheeto dance" story. I know the dance now, so when it's ok for you eat some snacks, we can do the dance together!

I love you and miss you! Don't forget, if you get lonely and want to talk you can call me. I hope you get better fast so I can come to see you!

Love,
Vincent

P.S. My sister can't talk yet, but she's is standing next to me while my mom types my words, and she is pointing at your picture & saying "aaaaahhhh".....that is how how she says "I love you Genre" in baby talk!

Tracy Seman

June 2, 2009, 6:19 PM

WOOOOOOOO HOOOOOOOO!!! Way to go Genre and Way to go GOD!!! We are celebrating the good news and praising your Maker, Genre! We are so excited about the probability of you coming home by the end of the week!

We are also praising Him for the rest you have been getting each night! Sweet sleep is truly a blessing indeed - so get off that bed and play so

that you sleep well tonight - I certainly don't want to hear about you contracting buttitis - that sounds simply AWFUL!

Jaden was so excited to talk to you yesterday, and if it is okay, he would like to call again today. He was very pleased that you sounded strong (and silly:~).

Well, just wanted you to know that we are celebrating your good news!

Love you all,

Mrs. Seman

P.S. You mean that they don't call it a "squeeze a duck" machine?

Daunette,

Thank you for sharing with all of us along the way. These updates are such an inspiration, encouragement, faith builders, etc... you are amazing and YOU ARE LOVED!

P.S. How did the ribbon cutting go? I am so proud of you - what a witness you are to so many!!!

Ed Gratton

June 2, 2009, 7:04 PM

Hey Gen--

I'm so glad that you're doing better & that you may be coming home soon! Keep up the good work...I'm sorry I couldn't see you today when Amy came down, but I will see you sometime soon. The verses of the day are cool. Hello to everyone else in the family!

FBI,

Ed, or is it Edward, I can never remember which is which :-)

Sue McGuire

June 2, 2009, 8:26 PM

Hi, Genre. That's awesome news that you may be going home on Friday! You can trust in God, because He does hear your every prayer! Hey, the fart machine sounds cool, too! My son, Tyler, would love that (even though he's 14 - he still thinks that stuff is funny)! Don't forget to get your doctors with it, too!

Keep on praying and getting well - this is news that everyone loves to hear!

Love in Jesus,

Mrs. McGuire

tonya twigg

June 2, 2009, 9:06 PM

thank you Daunette and John for allowing me and my girls to be apart of this by sharing your updates with us. it almost feels like we're all in this together and im so happy to be involved. and oh i know how much you like my artichoke dip so im sending you some over (to your neighbors)for when you get home so please indulge. tonya

Kim Wingard

June 2, 2009, 10:22 PM

We are happy to hear that you just might be home for the weekend Genre! Stay strong and know that we are praying for you and your family.

susie condrasky

June 3, 2009, 12:24 AM

Dear Genre,

I am so glad to hear the great news that you might possibly come home on Friday ! YEAH !! Thats really not all that far away...only two days since Tuesday is basically over !

We were so excited to see the new pictures and your smiling face ! Cool Nerf Gun ! It looks powerful enough to shoot to the moon!

How about another joke? Ok, here's one from me.....What did the waterfall say to the fountain ?

Answer: "You're just a little SQUIRT !"

Do you get it? HA HA HA I know your cracking up !

Have another peaceful night with sweet dreams and we'll be checking in on you tomorrow.

Love,

The Condraskys

Amy Gratton

June 3, 2009, 1:02 AM

Genre Baker,

Boy, did you have me fooled today! When I came in your room and you were "letting them fly", I thought the rootin' tootin' emissions from your body were REAL! I wondered why there was not an odor following behind! (No pun intended!) Mom said something about your special machine, but I guess I didn't catch on until I read the most recent update! You are one serious comedian, sir! You didn't crack a smile the whole time! How did I know that maybe you didn't have some "extra gas" due to all the stuff they're pumping into you! Well, you really pulled a fast one on me buddy! You'll have to show Aaron your machine; I told him about it and he laughed and laughed! Have a great night angel boy!

Love,
Mrs. Gratton

Amy Gratton

June 3, 2009, 1:15 AM

Hi Genre,
It's Aaron. I hope I can see you really soon. Bye.

jill carr

June 3, 2009, 1:46 AM

Hi Genre. This is Victoria. I was excited to hear that you will probably get to come home on Friday. I say a prayer for you every night before i go to sleep. Hope you have a good day tomorrow!
Let's Go Pens!!!! Your friend, Victoria

Sandra Civitello

June 3, 2009, 1:49 AM

Hi Genre-
Good night, Good day, and maybe going home on Friday--that's good stuff!!!
The Fart machine makes me giggle, David had one years ago, and used to force me to play the game "Is it real... or is it the machine"!!
Unfortunately for me I was not very good at the game, and always guessed wrong!! I love the Victory Verses and all the God Winks, sleep well tonight!
Love Sandy

Ann Marie DeGennaro Ray

June 3, 2009, 2:03 AM

Hi Genre,
Glad to hear you should be home this weekend. I hope your Mom has a load of Cheezits ready for you when you get home. We are really looking forward to seeing you soon AT HOME!!!
Love You

maureen gratton

June 3, 2009, 2:13 AM

Hi Genre,
Isaiah 40:31 is one of my favorite verses. I really love the idea of victory verses. That Mrs. Murray is really AWESOME! You are such a special guy, Genre. The Lord is shining through you to everyone in your path. Have a good sleep and know that we are constantly lifting you and your family before our great and AWESOME God.
Love you,
Maureen

Jennifer Calabrese

June 3, 2009, 2:19 AM

Genre,
We're sooooo glad to hear you may be coming home on Friday! We love the new pics. You're amazing...

Love,
The Calabrese Family

Kristie Deemer

June 3, 2009, 2:31 AM

Genre- I'm so glad that Mike helped you to get your vulcan up and running. If I can't beat you at MarioKart, then I know for sure I can win a nerf battle. I am very experienced with that and even own a nerf gun myself. I have also mastered the use of Jake's Vulcan and I will use it to battle against you. You can even have Jake on your team. So be sure to practice up since you'll be home soon! Have another great night and know that all the Deemers love you...

Much love,
Mrs. Deemer

Coleen Queen

June 3, 2009, 3:01 AM

Hi Genre

We just found out you were in the hospital. We saw your Dad at the ballfield tonight. We would like to come see you if you feel up to it. Is there anything special you would like us to bring (treats?) We hope you are feeling okay. Have you been watching the Penguins? Do you think they will win the Cup? We are praying for you and your whole family. Have a good night.

God Bless.

Tyler and Tanner Queen and Mr. & Mrs. Queen

john baker

June 3, 2009, 3:37 AM

Hi Buddy,

Sorry I didn't get to come and see you today I hated driving by that hospital and stopping in. But wait till you see how awesome your room looks. Uncle Ninnie and I were working on it tonight. Well keep making mommy and the nurses laugh and keep spreading the word to everyone your pretty good at that. I'm going to bed I got to work I Love you. See you after work.

Love,

Daddy

anne novotnak

June 3, 2009, 10:29 AM

Good morning!! On my way to work this morning so I thought I would say Hi. Hope you have a great day. David is singing in his little kindergarten show tonight. Yea. He asked if we could tape it for you because he thought you would like it HAHHAHA. Oh look who came down the steps but Stephen. good morning Genre. I miss you and can't wait to see you over the weekend. It is going to be nice weather so we can maybe sit on the porch and play power rangers again or build legos. See you soon Love ya Dude. Well I'm off to work I'll call on my way home. Only a couple more days and then we can celebrate you're home coming!!!!!!!!!!!!

Jayna Baker

June 3, 2009, 10:30 AM

Good Morning Genre!

I'm so happy to hear that your shots didn't give you any trouble! I hope you are feeling good today, I bet you're anxious to get home though. I can't wait to read your victory verse for the day, I really like that idea! My very good friend Jamie from my church gave me a book called God's Promises for your Life. It's a book that has a scripture for every emotion you could be feeling to let you know you're not alone and God is always with you. I was looking through it yesterday and the first page I turned to was a scripture for when you need to be comforted and I thought of you so I'd like to share it with you. "Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." I hope this helps you feel better today and know you are not alone. There are a ton of people praying for you, some you don't even know of! So just keep being brave and confident that you will get better. I hope to see you very soon! I love you!

Jayna

Shirley Stahl

June 3, 2009, 12:59 PM

God is good and working in our lives even when we aren't paying attention but it's nice to have an unexpected reminder. I'm so happy things are calming down for you. Your family is in my prayers. Shirley Stahl

wendy coates

June 3, 2009, 1:04 PM

Genre,

MarioKart, fart machines, nerf guns...Oh MY! Sounds like if you have to be in the hospital that you are in an amazing place! I'm so happy though that you might get to go home on Friday! We'll pray that everything continues to go well for that. So glad you are feeling well enough to enjoy all this fun! Thanks for sharing the awesome verse!

Wendy Coates

Susan Salopek

June 3, 2009, 1:35 PM

Dear Genre,

I am an old friend of your mom's from school. I have a little boy that had to spend some time in Children's hospital too, and all he remembers is how fun it was and how many visitors and gifts he got! I know it's hard to be in the hospital, but you have wonderful people taking care of you (especially your mom and dad) and more people than you can imagine praying for you. I'm happy to hear you may be home soon. Thanks for sharing your Bible verses - they help us all!

Sue Salopek

Randy Wolfe

June 3, 2009, 1:37 PM

Good Morning Genre! Great Bible verse!! We'd like to know where your buddy Mike gets these contraptions. Our 5 year old son Preston would laugh his head off! :-D Glad you will be home soon, PRAISE GOD!!

Thanks Daunette for the updates. God does speak to us through others and through His word in the Bible. He is amazing and awesome. Praise His holy name, JESUS!

Randy & Mary Wolfe

Lisa Beam

June 3, 2009, 2:03 PM

It's good to hear that you are doing well and that you will be home soon. I wanted to let you know that you are on our pray list at our church-Latrobe United Pres. Church. They prayed for Aiden when he was sick and look where we are now. Take Care and God Bless.

Beam Family

Ed Gratton

June 3, 2009, 2:45 PM

Good morning Gen - and the rest of the family, too!

I hope you're having a good morning! Amy & I will check in on you later today.

Here's my verse for today that I'd thought I'd share with you. It's from Psalm 84:5 where it says that God blesses all people who depend on Him for their strength. I think it's pretty cool to see how God is working through and giving you strength even though you're going through a rough time. Keep up the good work! See you soon.

FBI,

ed

Kelley Skoloda

June 3, 2009, 2:46 PM

Genre -- it sounds like you are doing great! We did not doubt it for a second. Keep being strong and brave and laughing. We are keeping you and your whole family in our prayers. Jake and Ellie would live the fart machine.

Daunette and John -- you are doing an amazing job. You are great parents. Know that we are thinking of you and sending thoughts of healing and strength your way.

The Skoloda Family

Jaison Wojdyla

June 3, 2009, 5:07 PM

Genre, Hope all is well today, sounds like you are keeping busy. Stay strong and keep your chin up. We are all praying for you. Coach Jaison, Amy, Elijah, Emma, and Luke.

Carol Howarth

June 3, 2009, 10:44 PM

Dear Genre,

I am a friend of Tonya, Haley and Ryleigh Twigg. I wanted you to know that I have a little boy who is almost 7 and he is precious to me, just like YOU are to God. God loves you SO much and He is a good God. He has a good plan for your life. When you are healed, you are going to have a wonderful story of how God healed you, and many people are going to be blessed by your faith in God.

God healed me from a very serious illness 5 years ago, and He can do anything!!!! There is nothing impossible for Him!! Just keep trusting Him and you will see Him do wonderful things in your life. God bless you and your family. I am praying for all of you.

Love, Carol

June 3

June 3, 2009, 4:30 PM

Today I picked the verse..."Your word is a lamp to my feet and light for my path" Psalm 119:105 I think this means that God will show you where to go.

Jason, I have been practicing my guitar and I know the Third Day song.

Mr. Murray, Have you bought Mario Kart yet?

Mrs. Deemer - No chance.

Another great night. Hopefully the docs were right - Tuesday and Wednesday will be pretty boring. Yesterday the hospital asked me to speak at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Healing Garden. They asked me to tell a little bit about Genre's story and why I think it will be beneficial to have a place liket the Healing Garden. I told everyone how strong Genre is and how his faith in Jesus is what has gotten him, and us, through all of this. I told them how he will be able to go out to the garden and read or play some games with his brother and sister. It will help him feel a little more normal. People were so touched by his story and they wanted to talk with me about him. I really just wanted to get back upstairs to be with him, so I excused myself. A woman followed me to the elevator to say that she was compelled to come and hear more about Genre. Her son also went through this - only he got it as a twenty year old which isn't the best time to get all. She couldn't hear enough about Genre's faith and she said that she felt inspired by him. Later that night (around 8:45) the nurse came in with a giant Spider Man balloon attached to a big stuffed dog. The nurse said that there was a woman out front who met me at the ceremony. She didn't want to bother us but she was out front. The nurse asked if she should send her back. Genre's ANC level was okay, so I said she could come back. It was Maggie from the ceremony. She just wanted to meet Genre and touch him. She said that she felt like she needed to come and offer anything she could to help him. She said she only lives five minutes away. If I ever needed someone to come and sit with him on short notice she would be happy to do it. She was just so moved by him. I felt awe and sadness at the same time. He clearly touched her. I was sad for her pain. I hope he helped her to feel some peace.

He is feeling great today. He is ambushing nurses with the Nerf Vulcan and making the docs who are rounding laugh with his fart machine. Nurses who have not been assigned to him come in the room and say "...so you are Genre...I've heard a lot about you, little guy!..." Because of his smile and cooperation, along with his wit, he has made so many friends here. We met Haley yesterday. She has been an all patient since 2006. She was giving Genre all sorts of tips about all. It was just amazing to hear two eight year olds chit chatting about what will happen to him in the near future.

When I look back at so many things that have happened to us in our lives - all through our marriage - I now am able to see (SO CLEARLY) that God was there every step of the way. It's like he was putting up bumper pads to keep us on the path to where we needed to be. Really, there was no good reason for us to homeschool. I liked school and so did John! One time at our Life Group we were talking about things that we felt we were called to do. I said that I really couldn't say that God led me to do anything but homeschool. I just knew in my heart that, no matter what anyone thought, it was what we were suppose to do. There was really no good reason for us to leave our Methodist church in Irwin. I really loved that church and I love Dr. Tom. We struggled with the decision to leave there. But, again, we were pulled to NCC. The day Kristie invited us to VBS was the day our lives changed and I know now God did that for a reason. Our family there has been like life support through this. Speaking of Kristie...there was really no good reason for us to meet. I approached her at the library out of the blue. We met at a 'getting started homeschooling' meeting and I kept looking at her. I knew the minute I saw her that I wasn't 'able' to let her leave that meeting without her phone number. There are so many things like this that have happened. We have tried SO HARD to move out of our house and it just has not worked. For fourteen years we have been saying that we want to move to Treasure Lake. We love AnnMarie and Dave and we have always wanted to be up North with them. We were meant to stay in North Huntingdon. I was meant to have the most unbelievable neighbor (friend) on the planet live across the street from me. There is no rhyme or reason to why her 16, 13, and 11 year old girls are best friends with my 10 & 8 year old boys. (gionna too!)We were suppose to have my mom, our family, all of our friends and NCC family around us to act as even more bumper pads. Really, why did Kaitlynn come into our lives out of the blue? Why did she want to move in with people she barely knew? Now, the support that she can give James and Gionna is invaluable. It is just too much to write to explain the path that God set us on a LONG time ago to prepare us for these circumstances. Of course, you can never be prepared. We do not want our son to have leukemia. If I could pull it out of his body and put it into mine I would do that right this moment. I would step in and take his place every single time they do a procedure to him. I know that is impossible. But, He prepared everything around us so that we were padded when we fell. I thank Him all day long for that. None of you can understand how much each and everyone of you means to us. Your loving words, prayers, hugs, the food, the help, checking on my mom EVERY DAY...it all means SO MUCH TO US. I pray none of you is ever able to understand how deeply we are moved by this and how much we appreciate the love and support. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The bone marrow aspiration and spinal tap will most probably be scheduled for the early morning tomorrow. I will let you know.

Messages

Joanne Fitz

June 3, 2009, 5:07 PM

Genre,
I teach you in class that God wants all of us to be His disciples. God tells us this so many times in the Bible. Dear Genre, you are working as His disciple. You are spreading His love and His words to so many people. The impact that you are making on people's lives is amazing! Through your struggles, you are teaching others how to follow & trust in the Lord. You are an inspiration to us all.
I love you,
Mrs. Fitz

Lisa Beam

June 3, 2009, 5:07 PM

Wow Daunette your story and faith in unimagivable. I am glad to be in your life and to know that when I needed you, you were there and if you ever need anything please ask. I know you have a lot of people there for you and that I am not right next door but I am here for you all and will send my prayers and thoughts for you all.

Genre, Great to hear you are still on the right track to getting well and are making good friends there. Keep your faith up and anything is possilbe.

Lisa Beam

melissa stein

June 3, 2009, 5:30 PM

Hey Genre,

i hope you get better.

we are praying for you.

Erika Stein

melissa stein

June 3, 2009, 5:32 PM

Hi Genre

I hope you feel better and come home soon.

Jordan Stein

Jim Murray

June 3, 2009, 5:43 PM

Genre

Mrs. Murray and I have not been to the store to buy Mario Kart yet. We will make sure to go pretty soon and buy it. I need to practice (A LOT!!!) for a re-match.

Glad to hear that you are having some good nights rest. It sounds like you need it following all the "fart sounds" that you are making. Ha Ha

Take care and our family is praying for you and yours,
Mr. Murray

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

June 3, 2009, 5:54 PM

O.K. Genre, I finally finished saying I LOVE YOU one million times!!It was FUN, !!!!Because it was for you.
Love You
Poppy

Allison Murray

June 3, 2009, 6:38 PM

Daunette,

Thank you for sharing all of that...it is such a great reminder of how we don't always understand what's going on at the time, but how God works all things together for the good of those that love Him. You told me a lot of those things the other night, but as I read them over again, it just reminded me even more of God's love and direction in our lives.

When your mom told me that you were speaking at the Healing Garden ribbon cutting ceremony it reminded me of that passage you read to me the other night of how Jesus said that the man blind from birth was blind so that God's work might be displayed in his life. I immediately thought, YES! Daunette is going to get to speak about how God/Jesus are present in Genre's life and that's exactly what you did. What an amazing witness your family is during this time!!!

We love you!
Allison

Neil Jones

June 3, 2009, 6:54 PM

Genre:

I had many trips to the new Children's Hospital when it was being built and got to work on the development of some of the patient room things. But one of the places I was most impressed with was the Healing Garden area and how it would really help kids be able to get outside even while in the hospital. I know you have some difficult tests upcoming. But, did you know that doing those tests are just as difficult on the doctors and nurses as it is on you so maybe you can keep them laughing throughout it all!! There are alot of people praying for you and I hope to be able to see you soon. Keep writing those great words of wisdom to share with all of us. Coach Jones

Tammy Andrew

June 3, 2009, 7:54 PM

Daunette,

Thanks for sharing. I truly believe too that God is with us every step of the way; we just have to look carefully to see Him (just how you did)! What an opportunity to share your story at the ribbon cutting. What a wonderful idea of a "Healing Garden" for kids (and parents too!). Thrilled

to hear Genre may get to go home soon. Continuing thoughts and prayers for Genre and your entire family. Love in Him, Tammy, Keith, Nate, and Jonathan

Becky Sharp

June 3, 2009, 7:55 PM

Hi Genre! I just wanted to know how you are feeling? I hope that you are feeling much much better. I pray for you every night! and just to let you know that God is watching over you! From: Taylor A. Sharp (from kids Kingdom)

anne novotnak

June 3, 2009, 8:29 PM

HI GENRE,i hope you're feeling better.I can't wait till you come home.I'm going to come and see you on sunday which will be 2 days after you come home.I'm watching a movie while David plays Wii.Today I got crushed in kicball because people were standing around for about 5 min.and wouldn't just throw the ball.Gen I hope you fell better.PS,when I come over you are going down in MARIOKART by.

carrie Botkin

June 3, 2009, 10:12 PM

Genre,
Hope you are feeling better.

Ben B

Ashley Iams

June 3, 2009, 10:58 PM

Hi Genre!
I am praying for you every day. Your strength is an inspiration to all of us on the team :)

- Coach Ashley

Mary M Russman

June 3, 2009, 11:06 PM

Hi Genre
Me, Cameron and Rick are thinking about you. Hope you feel better soon. Remember that maybe I can come over your house.
your friend,
Luke

Kris Horvath

June 3, 2009, 11:54 PM

Hi Genre,
I told Hannah, Colby and Troy about your fart machine and they are jealous! They want to know if they can play with it too!!!
Hey, I have a secret to tell you... Hannah Colby Troy and I have been praying every night to St. Theresa for you. There is a story about St. Theresa (who they call "The Little Flower of Jesus"), that she will let you know that she hears your prayers with the gift of a "rose." Guess what? I received "roses" yesterday as a gift! I guess that St. Theresa is listening to us and I believe that she will help us pray to Jesus to heal you! I believe very strongly in the power of prayer just like you!! Perhaps you are an inspiration that this world needs!!
We hope that all goes well and that you'll be home in your own room and bed very very soon!
Take care sweet boy and God bless you!
Kris, Hannah, Colby and Troy

Brian Kantz

June 4, 2009, 12:32 AM

Hi Genre - This is Dylan from your baseball team. We beat the Phillies Friday! It was a great game - we scored a lot of runs. Saturday we lost to the Braves. Hopefully we will win our game Friday night.

We were thinking about you at practice Tuesday. Hope you feel better real soon! My family and I are keeping you in our prayers.

Dylan Kantz

marissa gaetano

June 4, 2009, 12:56 AM

Genre! This is Marissa, Kaitlynn's friend! Do you remember me? I hope so! I just wanted to let you know that I am thinking about you and praying for you every single day! You seem to be doing WONDERFUL! :) I hear that you are getting out of the hospital soon (yay!) so I want to come visit you at your house! Stay strong and stay happy, everything will work out!

Daunette, Happy belated birthday! I am praying for you and the rest of your family also! Hopefully I will get to come visit Genre at your house

and see you guys as well! Me and my mom read your updates everyday and they are so inspiring! Stay strong and keep the faith!

P.S. Genre I want to hear that fart machine haha!

Love, Marissa

Jodi Fowler

June 4, 2009, 2:31 AM

Daunette - I'm sending this as a private message, I guess a "test", since I have something else I wanted to tell you about. First, thank you for all that you're sharing. You are opening your lives, your struggles, and your hearts, sharing your faith and giving us all life and love lessons every day! That is such a gift to me, and to so many others. You are an amazing woman, and I am so blessed to know you and your family. We are so thankful that Genre is doing well, that he is seeing all of the good in every day, keeping his smile, sharing his laughter and shining the light of Jesus at Children's Hospital! I have tears every time I log on, because its such a reminder of God's power and His love. I am finding his winks throughout my day, and seeing His ways thru new eyes, because of you. I am praying that all goes well on Thursday, and that Genre is able to go home. You are always in our thoughts and prayers! Love, Jodi

Jodi Fowler

June 4, 2009, 2:54 AM

Hi Daunette, I'm sending this as a private message, so hopefully it just can be seen by you as the website manager. I wanted to tell you about something and ask if it would be ok to do. About a year and a half ago, I kept thinking I'd like to run a marathon. It kept coming up in my thoughts. I got a book, "Marathoning for Mortals", which was a good training guide. It was written by a woman who runs and helps other train for "Team in Training". At that time, I thought it was great that this group raised money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. I contacted the Western PA chapter to see about joining, only it was late in the season and I wouldn't have been able to meet the fundraising goal - so I just did some running on my own and sort of forgot about it. On May 4th, I got an email from the campaign director in Pgh, who asked if I'd be interested in joining their new team. I said, you can send me the information, and I'll look at it again. It came in the mail, and ended up in a stack of papers. The day you found out that Genre had ALL, the registration form fell out by the computer from my stack of papers. I felt that this was something I really wanted to do. I talked to Steve about it, and he had no hesitation. Team in Training is a sports training program that allows participants to raise money for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) which funds blood cancer research and provides education and patient services. As a runner, I would like to raise funds and run in honor of Genre. It would involve putting his name, his story, and maybe a picutre of him on my website. Money would be donated to the LLS in his honor. His name would go on my running bracelet for the race day. I completely understand if you are concerned about privacy, and if you didn't want to be involved. I did register for my race, and they would then give me the name of another patient to run for. So, I would still be raising money for LLS no matter what. I am set to run the Nike Women's half marathon in San Fransisco on Oct. 18th! I figured I'd better start with a half marathon before trying a full one! Anyway, I just wanted to let you know how it came about. I don't know if God is calling me to do it - as a way to share your winks with others, or if its just something I want to do, because its an important goal? But, think about it, and let me know what you'd like for me to do. Take care, and talk to you soon. Love, Jodi

Kristie Deemer

June 4, 2009, 3:40 AM

Genre-- Hope you had another good night. Everyone is excited for you to come home!!! Jake can't wait to try your new machine. Everyone here visits your site a lot and we are all praying for you constantly. You and your family have been such a blessing in our lives and we constantly thank God for you all and ask Him to continue to give you all strength. Just like Joshua 1:9 promises!

Much love,
The Deemers

Randy Wolfe

June 4, 2009, 5:14 AM

Hey Genre! Hope you have a good night sleep. I want to hear you play that guitar Jason is teaching you. ;) Thank you Daunette for sharing your story today, I agree that God sets us on the path that he wants and has everything happen for a reason and He is so involved in everything that happens but sometimes we just don't see it or realize it until we stop and reflect or when we turn things that we can't do anything about over to Him because it's all we can do then we see things that show us He is.
ALL PRAISES TO OUR LORD!!!!

Randy Wolfe

Dawn Krevokuch

June 4, 2009, 10:48 AM

Good Morning sunshine! I hope you had a great night of sleep. Good Luck today. I am praying for you!

susie condrasky

June 5, 2009, 12:20 PM

Genre,

When I told the boys that you were home from the hospital a day earlier than expected.....Tyler's exact words were (with a HUGE smile on his face) " Now thats awesome news, I know that and I'm not even a doctor! I don't even know anything about the human body !" We all laughed and he said it was ok if I shared that little story with you. We thanked God last night for bringing you home early !

We were so excited about all of your good news that we almost forgot your joke. This one was Tyler's.....

What part of Thanksgiving dinner doesn't miss a beat?

The drumstick of course !!!!

Share that one with James and Gionna.

Daunette,

We know things have got to be absolutely crazy at your house right now, so when things calm down (and I know that they will !) we would love to stop and see all of you. Enjoy some family time....

Love to all,
Susie

June 4

June 4, 2009, 11:39 AM

Some people call these things a coincidence....Maureen gave Joanne a new curriculum to review for Kid's Kingdom this fall. They review many series each session. When Joanne took a look at this particular curriculum, guess what the first lesson is about? Yep!...Being courageous because God is with you. It has a nice verse to go with it too! "Have I not commanded you? Be strong. Be Courageous. Do not be terrified. Do not be discouraged; for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." That's a God Wink. I bet Genre will be able to be in Kid's Kingdom when that series starts - you watch! I have another one to write about later. I just have to make sure it's okay with the person I'll be writing about.

The little guy is still sleeping. They came in and put the numbing cream on his hip already. He slept right through it. He sleeps through them taking his blood pressure at night. He opens his mouth for the thermometer twice a night. He never really wakes up! Must be nice...

We should be in the procedure room by 9:15. John and I are able to be with him. We are praying continually for good results from the bone marrow aspiration and spinal fluid. Thank you for all the prayers and please continue to lift him up throughout the day asking for no serious reactions to the chemotherapy he will receive this morning.

Messages

anne novotnak

June 4, 2009, 11:53 AM

Goodmorning and we are praying like never before. Hey genre just wanted to let you know that you are on prayer lists all over the world. In Belgium, Slovakia, Prague(I think that is how you spell it) and Mr. Bob has all his sales people all over the world praying too: China,Thailand,Greece ETC... We're praying for great results and I know your Gaurdian Angel is beside you. We love you

melissa stein

June 4, 2009, 12:02 PM

Morning! Just wanted to let you know that we will be praying thru out the day for great new! May God Bless !!

Missy

Mary M Russman

June 4, 2009, 12:22 PM

Hi Genre!

Your Vulcan is AWESOME. Get better soon.
your friend Luke

Mary M Russman

June 4, 2009, 12:24 PM

Daunette and John

Sending prayers and hugs to you.

Mary Margaret

tonya twigg

June 4, 2009, 12:45 PM

good luck Genre! you'll be on my mind all day and in my prayers too!

Vincent pecora

June 4, 2009, 12:56 PM

Good Morning Genre,

My mom and I said a prayer last night, after I got to see James and Gionna for alittle bit at your house, for you to be STRONG today so you can breeze through your tests today. I hope you get to come home today so you can sleep in your own comfy bed! My dad is at your house right now finishing up some work because we know your going to get really good news and get to come home today! I met your puppy last night, I love him. He is really, really soft. But I think he misses you, so you have to hurry up and get better so you can get home to him.

Love,

Vincent

Jaison Wojdyla

June 4, 2009, 1:55 PM

Good Luck Genre, we are all pulling for you.

Coach Jaison, Amy, Elijah, Emma and Luke

Ed Gratton

June 4, 2009, 2:16 PM

Praying for all of you today! Go get 'em Gen! See all of you soon.

FBI,

Ed

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

June 4, 2009, 2:21 PM

Genre,

All those prayers being said for you,..WORK !!

I love you

Poppy

Randy Wolfe

June 4, 2009, 2:52 PM

Amen. There is no such thing as coincidence. Looking forward to hearing more of God's blessed work for Genre and your family as well as all at NCC. Much prayer today for Genre and ALL the children at Children's. Be blessed Daunette and John.

Randy Wolfe

donna weber

June 5, 2009, 1:41 AM

Genre I don't even know if you remember me. I just wanted you to know I remember you with great fondness and I am praying for your recovery. Please know if there is anything you or your parents want to please call me. With love and prayers Mrs Weber (Jesus' Mommy)

June 4 Victory Verse

June 4, 2009, 1:32 PM

Today I picked verse I Thessalonians 5:17 Pray Continually. I don't think I need to explain this one. Love, Genre

Messages

Sandy Krivansky

June 4, 2009, 1:48 PM

Good Morning Genre,

I'm am so glad that you are feeling good and that you may be coming home! We have all been praying for you at Wednesday night youth group. Last night our lesson was taken from Ephesians 6:10-11 "Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God." You are such a strong little guy and your faith in God is so amazing. You are awesome! Have a blessed day today...we are thinking about you always.

Love, Miss Sandy, Mr. Krivansky, Andrew and Ashley

Amy Gratton

June 4, 2009, 1:53 PM

Dear John, Daunette, James, Genre, and Gionna,

Praying continually.

Love,
Ed, Amy, Marisa, Jillian, Tara & Aaron

Janet Allan

June 4, 2009, 2:00 PM

Good Morning Baker Family,

Ditto!

Love,
Mrs. Allan

Jason Watson

June 4, 2009, 2:44 PM

Genre, I had so much fun yesterday. It was awesome that you are feeling good and Im sorry I beat you at Mario Kart that one round. Cant wait to do it again! (Next time I come over, Im bringing my nerf gun so look out!)

Allison Murray

June 4, 2009, 3:01 PM

I'm so glad that you're sharing with everyone the Victory Verses that I chose. The Bible is SO FULL of God's great promises to all of us....

Love,
Mrs. Murray

Tracy Seman

June 4, 2009, 4:38 PM

Hey Genre,

Jaden got your message the other night but it was too late to call back - he had a ball game that went into extra innings (unfortunately, they could not pull out the win - but a trip to Dairy Queen afterwards soothed the wounded ego :~).

He would love to join you on Webkinz but he informed me that he thinks his account has expired because his mean Mom said "no more plush toys!!" I guess I can rescind the rule if it means you all can play. By the way, I stopped by the Hallmark store yesterday on my quest for a Platypus - no luck there, but I don't give up easily :~) (I thought the Blue Google was pretty close to a Platypus - but whoever heard of a blue platypus - and the google only has two legs. I knew being as sharp as you are, you would not be fooled by a blue two-legged google :~)

We are so encouraged by your strength, humor, and FAITH. God IS good and He is with you through every moment of every day!

Thank you for sharing your Victory Verses each day - they help us all stay focused!

We look forward to the good results from your tests! And to reading the wonderful words "Genre is coming home"!

Love to you all,

Mrs. Seman

Kristie Deemer

June 4, 2009, 4:46 PM

Genre-- I hope you get better. You're one of the best friends ever!

Love,
Kamryn

Paige McGowan

June 4, 2009, 4:47 PM

Genre,

You may not remember me, but I used to babysit you guys when you were younger! I just wanted to say hello to you and your family, and I hope that you get better soon!! You and your family are in my thoughts, and I look forward to seeing that you get to go home!! Stay strong!

Love,
Paige McGowan

anne novotnak

June 4, 2009, 5:05 PM

Hope so far is so good. Great verse today. Love reading them everyday and look forward to them. It's Miss Anne by the way. Hope to see you home for the weekend. It is supposed to be nice this weekend. See the sun is going to shine just for you.

Doreen Baldrige

June 4, 2009, 5:43 PM

Genre I want you to know ricky and i are here for you .You let us know if you u need anything. You are a tuff lil guy and you will be fine .We are praying for you every night. Keep in touch . We are just a phone call away . Call ricky he would like to hear from you ok . 412-751-2735 with all are love Ricky and Doreen P.S keep you chin up

Amanda Perkins

June 4, 2009, 8:39 PM

Hi Genre,

It's Miss Amanda from your Kids Kingdom group. I just wanted to say hello and let you know that I've been thinking of you and praying for you every day! It's great to read the updates on here and see that you are doing well and your spirits are up. I admire your strength, courage, and faith!! Keep up the great work. Hope to see you at Kids Kingdom again real soon! :)

Patty Vargo

June 4, 2009, 8:41 PM

Genre I pray your test results were good today and you can go home to be with your family. Sleeping in your own bed is always a plus. We are praying for you and your family. Dan also said to tell you hi and he hopes to see you in church soon.
Love Patty and Danny Vargo

Joanne Fitz

June 13, 2009, 1:39 AM

Hi Genre,

So glad that you are starting to be your silly, fun self!

Stay strong & keep eating that pizza...I don't care what anyone says ...it's good for you ;)

It's one of my favorites too! Maybe I can come over one day with one of my favorite pizzas in Irwin.

Love,
Mrs. Fitz

June 4

June 4, 2009, 6:40 PM

He made it through the spinal tap and bone marrow aspiration with no trouble at all. He has received three chemo treatments and now he is finishing up a hot dog (yes...he's eating a hot dog!!!), french fries (FRIED not baked!!!) and a bag of Cheezits! The Doc said he is leaving this afternoon! He is excited but a little tired. It was a big morning, but he did great. Prayerfully, the fluids will test in a positive way and Genre will be classified as a rapid responder.

Messages

Kelley Skoloda

June 4, 2009, 6:44 PM

Great news! God bless him and all of you. We just know all will be well soon.

The Skoloda Family

Dale Christopher

June 4, 2009, 6:48 PM

Go Genre!!

Jaison Wojdyla

June 4, 2009, 6:57 PM

Genre, Good for you, hot dog and french fries sounds good right now. Coach Jaison

Tina Baker

June 4, 2009, 6:59 PM

BIG SMILES!!! Praying for all of you!

The Baker's (Aaron, Tina, Brandon and Daniel)

Bill Llewellyn

June 4, 2009, 7:04 PM

great news - our prayers are with you Funny thing but I have not had a hot dog in over 15 years. I might have to have one now.

Ed Gratton

June 4, 2009, 7:11 PM

Well, if the choice of menu items is any indicator, Gen is well on his way! Glad to hear things went well. See you soon!

Doreen Baldrige

June 4, 2009, 7:23 PM

Genre rick.He will be home after 4 give him a call ok I am sure he will be happy to here from you ok.You let us know if you need anything ok. I mean that.tell mom give me a call when she can she can call me anytime cell 412-983-2735 or 412-751-2735 home. We love you with all are heart :) P.s rick has a game tonight I will tell him hit one to your house. He will have to be a big hitter to night.

Joanne Fitz

June 4, 2009, 7:27 PM

Genre,
You are so brave and strong! What a way to teach the little ones (and us those of us that are grown up) to be "strong & courageous"!!!! Glad to hear that you are enjoying that yummy hospital food:)
Love,
Mrs. Fitz

jill carr

June 4, 2009, 7:33 PM

I am so happy to hear you are going home Genre! I kept checking your updates waiting to read the good news. Victoria made a picture for you, we will get it to you soon.

Kristie Deemer

June 4, 2009, 7:49 PM

Genre--We're so glad to hear that you are going home. I guess the only bad news is that by going home, that means you'll be back to Mom's "good for you" diet of wheat bread and other healthy stuff. At least Nana will be there to sneak you a hot dog every now and again. We miss you and your whole family so very much and can't wait to have you back home soon!!

Much love,
The Deemers

Amy Gratton

June 4, 2009, 8:02 PM

Dear Genre,
Yeah! Congratulations to you and mom and dad on the exciting news! We are so happy that you're on your way home! We know you will all be so happy to be in your own bed and home again! We know Nana, James, Gionna and Katelynn are anxiously awaiting your arrival as well! See

you soon buddy!

Love,
Mr & Mrs Gratton
Marisa, Jill, Tara & Aaron

P.S. Aaron said "YES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

Lisa Beam

June 4, 2009, 8:09 PM

Excellent news and enjoy yourself at home!! Thoughts and prayers to you all!
Beam Family

susie condrasky

June 4, 2009, 8:10 PM

OH MY !!!! TODAY ???? ONE day earlier than possible ???? How WONDERFUL !! I bet there will be lots of tears of JOY today !! We will be doing a HAPPY DANCE at the Condrasky house today !

LOADS OF LOVE,
Michael, Susie, Tyler and Nicholas
XOXOXOXOXOXOXOXOXOXOXOXOXOXOXOXOXO

Stephanie Kauffman

June 4, 2009, 8:12 PM

That is awesome! I am so thrilled for you and your family. My prayers are that you continue to respond in this way. Rylan prays for you and we all do. He saw your picture today and saw that you were playing the Wii. He loves video games to....especially Mario. Have a great Day!

anne novotnak

June 4, 2009, 8:19 PM

Yea!!! I am so happy Genre that you are eating. What a big change from last week. You are truly an amazing child. Can't wait to see you when you get home. I know Stephen is more excited than me. Lots of Love Miss Anne

Susan Salopek

June 4, 2009, 8:23 PM

Wonderful news! Rest up and get strong, because it sounds like you have tons of friends that want to visit! We continue to pray for you all!
Sue Salopek

Tracy Seman

June 4, 2009, 8:42 PM

WOOOOOOOO HOOOOOOOOO!!!!!! I know you will sleep even better in your own bed!!! I think we should call you RAPIDO!!!

Love,

Mrs. Seman

Mary M Russman

June 4, 2009, 8:50 PM

YEA GENRE!!!!!!!!!!

What wonderful news! Who knew that a hot dog and french fries could make you feel so good!?!

We are all thinking of you and praying for you!

Mrs Russman and Luke

Allison Murray

June 4, 2009, 9:08 PM

YEAH, GENRE! We are so happy that you're going home. And we are so proud of your strength through all of your procedures today. God is good. Can't wait to visit you again. We came to see you to put a smile on your face and you ended up making us smile more!!!

Love,
Mr. and Mrs. Murray and Lily

P.S. I'll make sure Mr. Murray goes to Target this weekend....we have a Wii game to buy!!!!

michele weisensee

June 4, 2009, 9:13 PM

Genre with a "G",
What great news!! So glad to hear of your progress. I believe this was the best news of my day. Enjoy that food. You earned it!
Michele...with a "M"

Doreen Baldrige

June 4, 2009, 10:58 PM

Hi genre
Get better soon . Give me a call when you are up to it. I have a game tonight I will try to hit a ball your way ok. Love your basketball friend
Ricky :)

Renee Shuber

June 4, 2009, 11:22 PM

Way to go Genre!!!!!! I am soooooo proud of you. You are the toughest person I know. I hope you will keep eating hot dogs and french fries. Maybe you and your family can come over this summer to swim and have hot dogs and french fries. I am so happy you are home now. Keep up the great work!!

Mrs. Shuber

Esther Tinz

June 4, 2009, 11:54 PM

Yippy Skippy. Here's to praying for you to be a rapid responder!! - Blessings - Esther Tinz

tonya twigg

June 5, 2009, 12:44 AM

wow what great news!! we couldnt be happier for all of you. Genre, ryleigh is looking so forward to seeing you. she told me that everytime she closed her eye to not bother her because she was praying for you:) keep the good news coming. take care.....the twiggs

Kris Horvath

June 5, 2009, 1:18 AM

Dear Genre!!!
We are so excited to hear that you are going home!! Your mom says that you responded to the treatments and you ate like a trooper!!! You really are one special kid. We hope that you have wonderful dreams tonight in your own bed! As always, we will say our prayer to St. Theresa tonight. Stay strong little man.
Daunette and John, if you need us for anything we're here! God bless and keep you all!!
Kris, Hannah, Colby and Troy

laura schuchert

June 5, 2009, 1:27 AM

Hello Genre! This is Laura, Kristie Deemer's sister... I just wanted you to know that you are in our hearts and our prayers, all day, every day!!! So glad to hear that you are coming home, great job! Sounds like you are a real trooper! Hey... it also sounds like you are eating better in there than many of us~ hotdogs and Cheezits??? How cool!

Be strong!
Laura Schuchert

Ann Marie DeGennaro Ray

June 5, 2009, 1:30 AM

That is the happiest news we could ever imagine hearing. We can't wait to see you and Lexi and Hannah are looking forward to playing some kick ball with you soon.
We love you :)

Jennifer Calabrese

June 5, 2009, 1:42 AM

Hi Genre,

We are so excited to hear the great news! You are going home...Yeah!!! We will continue to pray for your strength and healing, but will, also, focus our prayers on you being a rapid responder.

Jen Calabrese
Tegan and Haven's Mommy

P.S. Daunette and John, we are here to help you ANYTIME! Please call, if you need anything...

maria pellis

June 5, 2009, 1:51 AM

We love you Genre John!!!!

beth clair

June 7, 2009, 12:49 PM

HOME SWEET HOME!!!! Genre, so glad to hear you are home and doing well. Take it easy for a little while and don't get too frustrated if your parents act a "little goofy" or overprotective in the beginning. (Although that's how your dad is all the time Ha Ha). Thanks for all the updates and daily inspirations. You are truly an amazing boy!

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

June 7, 2009, 2:00 PM

Genre,
I pray you are rapidly getting well, and I'm sure you are happy to be home. I LOVE YOU !

Poppy

Sandra Sims

June 8, 2009, 4:27 AM

So happy you are home. Keep up the good work. You are in our prayers.

From Tyler and Nicholas's grandparents

June 4th - bedtime

June 5, 2009, 1:45 AM

The Doc called tonight to tell us that the hematologists, oncologists, and radiologists met this evening and discussed Genre with a Doc from St. Jude and a t cell expert from Cincinnati. They have decided that Genre does NOT need radiation at this time. There is no data to suggest that it would be of any benefit to him. (Praise God!!) As long as the leukemia stays out of his spine he should not need radiation. He also said that Genre's chromosome study came back perfectly normal. That means that there are no 'bad' indicators pertaining to how he will move through these treatments. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

I wanted to let you all know that Genre is tucked into his own bed and sound asleep. He had no side effects from the chemo at all. The Lord was with him before, during and after his procedures. Thank you for your prayers and please keep lifting him up to Jesus. Good night.

Messages

Jodi Fowler

June 5, 2009, 1:52 AM

What incredible news!! God is awesome! Sleep well, and enjoy being home together!

donna weber

June 5, 2009, 1:54 AM

Thank God

Allison Murray

June 5, 2009, 1:54 AM

Praise God! I'm sure you'll sleep better tonight knowing this good news and knowing that Genre is safely tucked in bed down the hall!
Love,
Allison

Rosanne Crowley

June 5, 2009, 2:03 AM

We're so glad to hear that Genre is home now. We continue to think about him and will keep all of you in our prayers.

Jared Crowley & family

Tina Shipley

June 5, 2009, 2:04 AM

What wonderful news. We are so glad you are all home together!
Wayne, Tina, Carson & Cullen

Mary M Russman

June 5, 2009, 2:05 AM

What wonderful news! Be sure and give him a big hug from me and Luke!!

Patty Vargo

June 5, 2009, 2:11 AM

Praise God for this wonderful news today. Genre can be at home with his family tonight! We will continue to keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers Genre.
Patty Vargo and family

carrie Botkin

June 5, 2009, 2:18 AM

PRAISE BE TO GOD!

Sleep well in your own beds!!!!

Carrie, Brian, Josh, Katie and Ben

Neil Jones

June 5, 2009, 2:34 AM

The power of God and prayer is immense. Genre - It was great spending time with you today. Can't wait to get you at the pool when you are feeling better and up to it.
Coach Jones

Janet Allan

June 5, 2009, 2:59 AM

God is soooo good!

I'm so glad all of you are in your own beds. Nothing like a good night's sleep at home and having the family together again!

Praise be to God alone!

Mrs. Allan

Joanne Fitz

June 5, 2009, 3:04 AM

AWESOME!!! PRAISE TO GOD!!!
HE IS So GOOD ;)
Love
Mrs. Fitz

Lisa Beam

June 5, 2009, 3:10 AM

Isn't it great to be home! We drove past and saw the "Welcome Home" sign and just wanted to say that it is great news. It is also great news what the doctors said. Take Care!!

Good night
Beam Family

Amy Gratton

June 5, 2009, 3:26 AM

God is good all the time. All the time God is good. We love you guys. Always praying.

Ed, Amy, Marisa, Jillian, Tara & Aaron

Michelle Oddo

June 5, 2009, 9:18 AM

We are so happy to hear of your good news Genre! We'll keep you in our prayers!
Oddo Family NAC

Kim Wingard

June 5, 2009, 11:29 AM

Praise be to GOD!!! That is wonderful news. Keep fighting the good fight and the battle will be won.

JAMIE SABO

June 5, 2009, 11:35 AM

I am so glad to hear the wonderful news! God speaks in wonderful ways. Jarid asks about Genre every day. Good to hear he is home. You feel so much better when you are in your own bed. We will continue to pray for Genre and your family.

Miracles happen every day. You just have to look for them.

Jamie Sabo

anne novotnak

June 5, 2009, 11:50 AM

You know it is truly a miracle within itself for the technology we have and the knowledge that God has given people to be able to help Genre and so many others. Yea for no radiation and that they are discussing his illness with others Doctors to make sure they are doing the correct thing for Genre. Go Team!!!!!! Have a great night at home and enjoy the time together. We love YOU!!

michele weisensee

June 5, 2009, 11:51 AM

Thank you God!!! That is awesome news!!! God is working for the good of those who love Him!!!
Michele

Brenda Brown

June 5, 2009, 11:57 AM

Hi Sweetie,

Grammy B & Pappy Freddy are so glad your are doing so well, and we are really happy that you do not need radiation.

All our prayers are being answered, and we are so glad you are in your own room.

Just know that we love you and want only the best for you. We will be seeing you soon, stay strong, and believe that all good things will happen to you.

Huge Hugs & Kisses,

Grammy B, Pappy Freddy, & Skyepuppy

Tammy Andrew

June 5, 2009, 12:14 PM

Good Morning, Bakers!

Wonderful news to hear everyone is at home! Even better news to hear all the other stuff too (about no radiation, normal chromosome study etc.) Thank You God! Love and Prayers, The Andrew Crew: Keith, Tammy, Nate, Jonathan

Doreen Baldrige

June 5, 2009, 12:38 PM

Hi genre good new .I am happy your are home and you got good new. I seen the ballon at your house . I won my game last night 13 to 5. I hope to see you as soon as you can have people come over i will let you call me when the time is ok. Give me a call ok . Tell your mom to call my mom ok. When she can . we love you with all are heart .let us know what you like .I want to buy you something just for being you .LOve your basketball buddie always and forever Ricky :) :) call me ok.

Cheryl Pesi

June 5, 2009, 1:16 PM

Great news! I am very happy to hear this. And, I, too, am very impressed that they are consulting with doctors at other "cutting-edge" hospitals. That is even more comforting to show you he is getting the best care possible.

Genre - It's always nicer to sleep in your own bed, isn't it? :)

Coleen Queen

June 5, 2009, 1:33 PM

Sounds like great news. We'll keep you in our thoughts and prayers. We're glad he's home. God Bless.
The Queen Family

Joelle Wilds

June 5, 2009, 11:08 PM

Hi Daunette~

Just wanted to let you know that I sent out to all of my relatives a note to put Genre on their prayer chain and there are prayers all the way from Italy for him and your family. If there is anything I can do for you please let me know. I pray every night for all you to get through this. Hi to the kids & your mom for me. Love, Joelle

June 5th Victory Verse

June 5, 2009, 1:34 PM

Today I chose James 1:2 It says 'Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.' It is long. I didn't know what trials and perseverance mean. My mom told me that I am going through a trial right now. It is a problem. I will believe in God even if I am sick. Love, Genre.

I explained to Genre that sometimes when we have big problems in our lives we wonder where God is. Our faith is tested. I told him that perseverance means staying strong and always believing. He said "that one doesn't make sense...I will always believe in God, even if I am sick."

He had a long, restful night and woke up asking for angel hair pasta with marinara sauce. That sounds good to me!

Messages

dana navarro

June 5, 2009, 1:43 PM

GENRE! So glad to hear you are home!

anne novotnak

June 5, 2009, 1:53 PM

What a great breakfast. He is so wise. He truly never questions what God gives him good or bad. Boy can I learn from him. He is teaching we a big lesson in life. God love you Genre and keep you safe. Lots of love Miss Anne and Mr. Bob

Kristie Deemer

June 5, 2009, 1:53 PM

Genre-- Who eats angel hair pasta for breakfast? You know what, I bet Eli would. He feels better today and woke up asking for a cheese sandwich! I really like the verse that you picked today. I think it's very grown up of you to know that we believe in God no matter what. I think it's very, very good to show the whole world that even when you are sick or facing a trial, you love God anyways. You are an excellent disciple for God and I bet He is soooo very proud of how well you are spreading His good news.

Much love,
Mrs. Deemer

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

June 5, 2009, 1:56 PM

Genre,
Simply put,.. you are an inspiration, to all the people you have touched. I am sure that you are destined to be great.

I LOVE YOU
Poppy

wendy coates

June 5, 2009, 1:57 PM

Hi Genre,
So glad you got to sleep in your own bed last night! That must have felt great! I'm sorry that you are sick, but it is great that you are learning so much about trusting God at such a young age...that part is truly awesome! And, you are very blessed to have parents with such a strong faith that can teach you these things. Hope you all have a great day at HOME!

Love, Wendy Coates

melissa stein

June 5, 2009, 2:53 PM

Genre,
We are so glad that you are home. Keep that Strong Faith! You are truly amazing and a smart boy..

The Stein's
Erika Jordan Missy and Bob

Karen Mastalski

June 5, 2009, 2:55 PM

Genre-

So glad to hear you are at home -I bet it feels great. You are inspiring many people - stay strong.

Miss Karen

Doreen Baldrige

June 5, 2009, 3:03 PM

Hi genre It ricky's mom .I am at work but i am praying for you every min and i am thinking of you and the family .Tell mom i am going to give her a call at lunch for a min ok. We love you and always here for you .You let us know that you like .Ricky wantes to get you something by himself . He ask about you every day .He tried to hit the ball your way but haveing trouble hitting the ball needs practice. Glad your home Love ,alway Ricky and Mrs Baldrige :))

Jayna Baker

June 5, 2009, 3:50 PM

Genre,
I'm so glad to hear that you are home! I bet you're happy to be in your own bed again. I'm sure those nurses miss you though!! Nice breakfast choice, sounds like something I would eat! I love you very much, stay brave and strong!!!
Jayna

Shirley Stahl

June 5, 2009, 4:21 PM

Genre, I am sooo happy you are home. I bet your happy too. Angel hair pasta with marinara sauce is my favorite food. I'm still praying for you and your family. Thank you for the victory verse. - Shirley Stahl

Jim Murray

June 5, 2009, 4:40 PM

Genre,
That is a great verse you picked out!!! Your positive attitude and strong faith is exactly what James was talking about in this verse.

Mr. Murray

Kim Wingard

June 5, 2009, 4:44 PM

The faith that you all have in God is really tightening the bonds of your family. Even though Genre is sick and I'm sure you've asked God why and have had very hard days you're turning TO God not AWAY from God. The testimony you're showing those around you is AMAZING! Keep the faith and stay strong.

Kim Wingard

Randy Wolfe

June 6, 2009, 12:34 AM

Glad to hear that you are home Genre! You are very strong in your faith. Always stay strong in your faith no matter what. God always wants us to move towards Him when things get bad, but many tend to want to run away from Him because it's easier. You should be proud of your strong faith in God and hang on to it always. Now I'm hungry for pasta since I read it on hear! :-P

Mr. Wolfe

donna weber

June 8, 2009, 1:02 AM

Genre Glad to hear you are doing so well. I am so proud of the young man you've become. My continued prayers for your recovery and strength for you and your family Mrs Weber

Aaron McGee

June 8, 2009, 6:36 PM

Hi Genre-

I am the brother of Amy Gratton. Amy recently told me about you, and how brave you have been since you have gotten sick. My family and I wish you well and will say a prayer for your speedy recovery!

Sincerely

Aaron McGee

June 5th

June 5, 2009, 6:38 PM

GENRE IS A RAPID RESPONDER!!!! He is in remission!!!! Thank you, God!!!!!! The Doctor just called and said that his results were more than they could have asked for!! His body is responding to the treatments and he is being healed! He still has a long road of chemo ahead of him (3-5 years), but the treatment is on the right path! Thank you for all of your prayers...God has been listening!

Messages

Esther Tinz

June 5, 2009, 6:43 PM

God is Good - No - God is GREAT!! Fantastic news. (Celebrate with banana splits)

Tracy Nagy

June 5, 2009, 6:45 PM

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD !!! I WISH I COULD HUG YOU ALL AND DO A PARTY DANCE !! GREAT JOB GENRE ! LOVE-HUGS & KISSES.....TRACY

Tracy Nagy

June 5, 2009, 6:45 PM

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD !!! I WISH I COULD HUG YOU ALL AND DO A PARTY DANCE !! GREAT JOB GENRE ! LOVE-HUGS & KISSES.....TRACY

Jodi Fowler

June 5, 2009, 6:47 PM

AWESOME NEWS! WE ARE SO THRILLED FOR YOU - THANK YOU GOD!!

Coleen Queen

June 5, 2009, 6:50 PM

So glad to hear your great news! We'll keep you in our prayers for continued good health! Thank you for keeping us informed - Genre is always in our thoughts. The Queen Family

Mary M Russman

June 5, 2009, 6:52 PM

Oh THANK GOD!!!! I am beyond thrilled for you. Please continue to keep us updated and give Genre ANOTHER hug from me and Luke!!!!

XOXOXOXO

Kristie Deemer

June 5, 2009, 6:54 PM

We are so happy over here!!!!!! We wish you could see us doing a happy dance!!!!!!

Much love,

The Deemers

Carlos Navarro

June 5, 2009, 6:55 PM

Genre:

You are obviously one very special young man to God and all who have come to know you!!!

Love,
Carlos

Jaison Wojdyla

June 5, 2009, 6:59 PM

Genre, good news travels fast, keep us posted on your progress. You will be in my families prayers always. Coach Jaison, Amy, Elijah, Emma, and Luke.

Kim Wingard

June 5, 2009, 6:59 PM

PRAISE YOU GOD!!! THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING ALL OF OUR PRAYERS!!! Way to go Genre!

Kim

Karen Mastalski

June 5, 2009, 7:06 PM

YEAH ! Thank you God.

Karen, Tim, Hannah, Katie, Sarah

Jennifer Calabrese

June 5, 2009, 7:10 PM

Kristie just told me the great new! Thank you, God!!!

Jen, Brian, Tegan and Haven

Susan Salopek

June 5, 2009, 7:13 PM

Amazing news! You are quite a fighter Genre! God Bless You All!

Sue Salopek

Amy Gratton

June 5, 2009, 7:17 PM

YEAH!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We are so happy! Something to celebrate! So many people everywhere are praying for Genre and for you guys! As I said before, GOD IS MOVING IN THIS!!!!!! How cool is that! We love you all!

Amy

susie condrasky

June 5, 2009, 7:17 PM

That's the bestest, awesomest, greatest, coolest, sweetest, most fabulous news ever !!! We don't even think that some of those words are real.....BUT WE DON'T CARE !!!!! YEAH !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Love ,
Tyler and Nicholas
(Mr. and Mrs. Condrasky also too)

Dale Christopher

June 5, 2009, 7:33 PM

Praise the Lord!!!Way to go Genre!!

jill carr

June 5, 2009, 7:44 PM

That's fabulous news Genre!!! I bet this is a Happy Day at your house! Tell your mom i will call her this weekend, okay? Thank you!

michele weisensee

June 5, 2009, 8:08 PM

Genre with a "G"

You are quite amazing!! God has a very special plan and purpose for you! Thank you for inspiring us by standing firm in your faith through this trial!!! It is awesome news to hear that you are a rapid responder!!! Praise God!!!!

Mrs. Weisensee

Cheryl Pesi

June 5, 2009, 8:25 PM

What wonderful news to receive on a Friday afternoon!

- The Pesi family

anne novotnak

June 5, 2009, 8:26 PM

AMEN AMEN AMEN!!!! WOW that is the best news we could ask for way to go and just keep praying. Lots of Love Miss Anne and Mr. Bob

anne novotnak

June 5, 2009, 8:31 PM

Gongrats Gen i'm so glad that you are better.My family is doing the jig.See ya soon,Stephen

Renee Shuber

June 5, 2009, 8:35 PM

Praise God!!!!!! That is the best thing I have heard in a very long time. Thank you, Genre!!!!

Tammy Andrew

June 5, 2009, 8:49 PM

Genre,

There's a song that goes, "God is so good! God is so good! God is so good! He's so good to me!" Your news is reason to sing. Love In Him, The Andrew Crew: Keith, Tammy, Nate, & Jonathan

Doreen Baldrige

June 5, 2009, 8:55 PM

Great new genre rick and i are so happy for you and we love you so much . See god listens to us in every way.That is the best news keep us posted ok. Remember let rick and i know what you like .We are going shopping this weekend .And we will drop it off ok. Let us know . With lots of xoxox love Ricky and mrs baldrige give us a call ok love you :))

Allison Murray

June 5, 2009, 9:40 PM

Genre,

YEAH!!!! What terrific news. We all thank God for the way He is working in your life. You should have seen the dance I did when Mr. Murray told me the good news! He said it probably looked like the dance the Deemer girls were doing!

Love,
Mrs. Murray

Jayna Baker

June 5, 2009, 9:51 PM

Thank you God for listening to all of our prayers!! Genre I'm so happy you are on your way to being healthy again!!

Gayle Ludwick

June 5, 2009, 10:34 PM

What wonderful news Genre. Keep up that faith. You are a great & strong boy. Emily & I have been praying everyday for you.

Love,Gayle Ludwick & Emily Polier

Sandra Civitello

June 5, 2009, 11:08 PM

Genre-

That is absolutely wonderful news!!! Love and prayers work!
Sandy

Randy Wolfe

June 6, 2009, 2:15 AM

AMEN!-Praise Our Holy Savior! Great news Genre! Can't wait to see you!!

Randy Wolfe

Dawn Krevokuch

June 6, 2009, 10:10 AM

This is awesome news! Good for you Genre. Gods power is amazing and so are you! Keep up your strong work.
Coach Dawn, Jim, Shelby and Tanner

maria pellis

June 6, 2009, 11:35 AM

I am elated! It puts me in such an uplifted mood I cannot tell you! Tried to call you at home and will keep trying...LOVE YOU GUYS!!!!

Becky Cox

June 6, 2009, 12:26 PM

Such wonderful news! Praise God!

the coxes

Sue McGuire

June 6, 2009, 2:26 PM

Wonderful news, Genre! You have a great faith - continue to keep it strong!
Next time you pray, would you please pray for a little girl named Nikki Deniker? She was at Children's while you were there (she still is). She has AML (for the second time), and she's doing some really hard chemo this week and going to have a bone marrow transplant at the end of next week (also for the second time). She's only 6 years old, and could really use a lot of prayer.
We're so thankful that God has pulled you through this! He will always be watching over and listening to you - you are his special child, and He loves you so much. Congratulations!
Mrs. McGuire

donna weber

June 8, 2009, 1:03 AM

Great news ! Mrs Weber

Gaylene Merritt

June 12, 2009, 9:49 PM

whoo-hoo!you're getting better!

June 6

June 6, 2009, 1:55 PM

Genre is feeling a little tired this morning so I am going to tell you what verse he picked instead of him. Today Genre picked "Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10 We have all had a lesson in slowing down and listening. Once we did - we heard (saw & felt) Him.

I'd like to share something with all of you. An amazing friend of mine, Jodi Fowler, contacted me with a private message recently. She said it was okay to paste it below.

Hi Daunette, I'm sending this as a private message, so hopefully it just can be seen by you as the website manager. I wanted to tell you about something and ask if it would be ok to do. About a year and a half ago, I kept thinking I'd like to run a marathon. It kept coming up in my thoughts. I got a book, "Marathoning for Mortals", which was a good training guide. It was written by a woman who runs and helps other train for "Team in Training". At that time, I thought it was great that this group raised money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. I contacted the Western PA chapter to see about joining, only it was late in the season and I wouldn't have been able to meet the fundraising goal - so I just did some running on my own and sort of forgot about it. On May 4th, I got an email from the campaign director in Pgh, who asked if I'd be interested in joining their new team. I said, you can send me the information, and I'll look at it again. It came in the mail, and ended up in a stack of papers. The day you found out that Genre had ALL, the registration form fell out by the computer from my stack of papers. I felt that this was something I really wanted to do. I talked to Steve about it, and he had no hesitation. Team in Training is a sports training program that allows participants to raise money for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) which funds blood cancer research and provides education and patient services. As a runner, I would like to raise funds and run in honor of Genre. It would involve putting his name, his story, and maybe a picture of him on my website. Money would be donated to the LLS in his honor. His name would go on my running bracelet for the race day. I completely understand if you are concerned about privacy, and if you didn't want to be involved. I did register for my race, and they would then give me the name of another patient to run for. So, I would still be raising money for LLS no matter what. I am set to run the Nike Women's half marathon in San Fransisco on Oct. 18th! I figured I'd better start with a half marathon before trying a full one! Anyway, I just wanted to let you know how it came about. I don't know if God is calling me to do it - as a way to share your winks with others, or if its just something I want to do, because its an important goal? But, think about it, and let me know what you'd like for me to do. Take care, and talk to you soon. Love, Jodi

Of course, we were touched, amazed and very supportive of Jodi's decision. We continue to be completely overwhelmed by the love and support we

have been shown. Jodi has put her website together and I am including the address. This site will not let me make it a hyperlink.

<http://pages.teamintraining.org/wpa/nikesf09/jodifowler>

As I said, Genre is a little tired this morning. He went outside for a few minutes yesterday. Our neighbor Breanna was in our driveway and he went out to say hi. As my mom followed him out to make sure he was ok, (John hasn't found me the decontamination, padded, protective suit yet) he turned to my mom and said 'Nana, don't ruin my moment...' She cracked up and went back inside. She simply moved to the bedroom window and as she peered out, he caught her! Of course, he smiled and laughed at her. It's going to take a while to get comfortable with this, I think. Here's praying for an uneventful day!

Messages

anne novotnak

June 6, 2009, 2:41 PM

Goodmorning Genre. Take a rest today it has been busy with coming home and I'm sure you are going to need to catch up on rest. Again we are so excited for you and everyone. Have a great day. Lots of love Miss Anne Mr. Bob Emma DAvid and STephen

Ed Gratton

June 6, 2009, 7:00 PM

Hi everyone -
glad to see Genre is home and doing well! It's always good to be home. Have a great day today.

Doreen Baldrige

June 6, 2009, 9:12 PM

Hi GENRE

I want you to know we love you with all are heart.And wish there was something we can do .Rick and I are praying every sec of the day for you to get better soon. I just want you to know we are here for you when ever you need us. We love you Genre please don't forget that. :) with love always from Ricky and Doreen

Randy Wolfe

June 7, 2009, 12:26 AM

Hey Genre! Glad your at home and hopre you are feeling well. Still keeping you in our prayers.
Randy & Mary Wolfe

Kris Horvath

June 7, 2009, 1:02 AM

Genre,
We are all so glad that you are home! When you get sleepy, you can just snuggle up in your own bed. I'm not sure what you like to read, but Hannah, Colby, Troy and I would love to send you some really good books so that you can laugh even when you're lying down. As always, you are in our daily prayers and will continue to be there as long as you need us! We wish you wonderful dreams! God Bless.
Kris, Hannah, Colby and Troy

Jennifer Calabrese

June 7, 2009, 2:03 AM

Genre,

We're really glad that you're home! Hope you're having a nice calm weekend, just hanging out with your family. We pray that you continue to heal and feel well. Love your smile!!!

The Calabrese Family

angela sipple

June 7, 2009, 5:12 AM

So glad your home Genre. As you may notice John and I are up late again. i couldn't go to sleep tonight and not hear how you are doing. Travis and Clay talk and pray all the time for you. Travis wants to know if it is ok to shave his head if you loose your hair. He also asked where you got the coo FBI hat. Just want you to know we love you. You are so strong and have such a strong faith. Can't wait to get you boys together soon. keep those memory verses coming.....they're great. Travis,Clay,Angie and John sipple

Joanne Fitz

June 10, 2009, 3:38 AM

Hi Genre,

I have missed checking your FBI Jesus Care Page! I thought & prayed for you daily! I just got back from Florida, where I spent time with my family. It is good to be home. I am soooooooooooooo happy that you are feeling well and eating every thing in site! I hope to see you very soon.

Love,

Mrs. Fitz

June 7

June 7, 2009, 2:34 PM

Genre is up and moving - it's about 10am. He is NOT TOO HAPPY about me letting him sleep through Sunday school. He feels good today and he is sure he could have made it through. Boy, that's a tough one. It's his favorite place to be....but there are so many people there!!!! I know you all love him so much but right now this is what I see: bacteria, germs, viruses, mold....I'm kidding, but not so much! Maybe we will bring him next week if he is still feeling strong enough. The docs assure me that the bubble thing is not an option.

He's really irritated because our NCC Life Group picnic was cancelled. We were scheduled to have that picnic at our house today. Not only does that mean that Jaden, the Pop Princess and her sister, Sarah, and Bethany won't be here to play, but he also invited those four ER nurses... I think he really thought they were coming!

Please continue to pray that Genre responds well to his treatments. The Lord is listening, I know!

Hi this is Genre,

Today I picked Romans 8:26. "And the Holy Spirit helps us in our distress. For we don't even know what we should pray for, nor how we should pray. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words."

I knew that distress meant bad times. I didn't know what groanings meant. I thought that meant sounds. I think this means that in our bad times the Holy Spirit can help us go to God.

Mommy said that in the ER she didn't know what to pray for so she just asked God for help. She said the Holy Spirit helped her find the words to tell me about my leukemia that night. Love, Genre

Messages

Kristie Deemer

June 7, 2009, 3:55 PM

Genre--I'm sure it's hard not getting to go places just yet. Keep being patient though as Mommmmy, Daddy, and all of us learn the best way to hang out with you while still keeping you safe. Eli is feeling better so hopefully you'll be up for a Deemer visit sometime this week.

Much love,

The Deemers

Daunette, If you find a bubble for him, please let the rest of us know so we can each pick one up for our kids as well. I can think of two other moms, besides myself, who would want them.

Much love,

Your germaphobic friend

anne novotnak

June 7, 2009, 5:34 PM

Hang in there. Just keep praying to find the strength to let Genre do the things he wants and needs to do and it will come in time. He's so strong. We Love You Miss Anne Mr.Bob Stephen,David and Emma

Allison Murray

June 7, 2009, 6:32 PM

Genre,

Good news...Mr. Murray and I are going to stop and pick up MarioKart at Target this afternoon!

We'll visit again once Mr. Murray has time to practice and get REALLY good at it!!!!

Love,

Mrs. Murray (Mr. Murray and Lily, too)

Tracy Seman

June 7, 2009, 6:37 PM

Hey Genre!

We did miss your grin and humor today at church. However, we know that patience is one fruit of the Spirit, so we will be patiently waiting (or

at least really trying to be patient) until the appointed time for you to return to worship with us.

You know, I was just thinking of the other fruit of the Spirit and one jumped out at me. The one that springs to my mind when I think of you is JOY!! Can't wait to see that Genre grin in person!

We also wanted to give you some GOOD NEWS!! JADEN IS BOOGER FREE!!!! (Can you believe Mrs. Seman just posted that on a public website?) So whenever your Mom says it is a good time we will get you two together to do some serious MarioKart racing.

Oh, Sarah wanted me to tell you that she thinks you should read the "Thunderfoot" book first. She thought it was the best Bill Wallace book. Jaden's favorite was "Snot Stew", for obvious reasons :~) Hope you enjoy them. If you need additional "fine literature" to keep that mind occupied just let us know :~)

Love to you all,

Mrs. Seman

P.S. Genre, give your Mom and Dad an extra BIG squeeze

PPS - Daunette, when you find the bubble suit sign me up for three of them, too :~)

Doreen Baldrige

June 7, 2009, 6:41 PM

Genre Rick picked a butterfly today . That is gift from God to make u better. Please don't be upset that mom and dad would not let you go out .They want what is best for you right now.And if that mean staying away from other's. True friends will understand that .Ricky and I want to see you and we know that right now is not the time . We understand and will always be for you . Rick and are going shopping and he want to get you something . If you can let us know .We love you and we will keep the prays comeing to you . Genre keep smileing Love always and forever Ricky and Mrs. Baldrige :) :)

donna weber

June 8, 2009, 1:16 AM

I got an email about a gaurdian angel leaving the gift of a F.(forever) R(relay)O. (on) G. God I thought of you and Thought I'd send you a frog Love Mrs Weber

maureen gratton

June 8, 2009, 1:24 AM

Hi Genre,
We've been away since Thursday and just got home. We are praising God for the wonderful news. I know the changes in your life are hard right now but it won't always be this way. Take it a day at a time. We love you.
Russ and Maureen

Jodi Fowler

June 8, 2009, 2:16 AM

Hi Genre, we sure missed you today - Happy doesn't begin to describe how we feel that you're home, responding so quickly to the treatments, and feeling well. We'll plan another picnic soon. I heard you liked the MarioKart Song :) Silly, huh. Sleep well, hope to see you when we can.

Jodi Fowler

June 8, 2009, 2:17 AM

just wanted you to know I finished my first run tonight - only 2.5 miles, but I enjoyed it more than any other run I've done, because I was thinking and praying for you and your family!

maria pellis

June 8, 2009, 2:23 AM

Isabella really enjoyed talking to you today. You are alittle piece of heaven right here on earth! We will see you soon, Genre!! Love Ree Ree

angela sipple

June 8, 2009, 5:36 PM

HI GENRE IT'S TRAVIS. MISSED YOU AT CHURCH YESTERDAY. I WON MY GO-KART RACE LAST NIGHT. A MAN AT THE RACE TRACK GAVE CLAY AND I STICKERS THAT SAY "RACING KARTS AGAINST CANCER" I TOLD HIM I HAD A FRIND A CHUCH THAT WAS JUST TOLD HE HAD LEUKEMIA. HE TURNS OUT TO BE A CHRISTIAN ALSO AND HAD STICKERSS THAT SAID "KARTING FOR CHRIST" IT HAS A CROSS AND A CHECKERED FLAG ON IT. I PUT THEM ON MY GO- KART. I TOLD MY MOM THAT MY WIN WAS FOR YOU. CAN'T WAIT TILL WE CAN PLAY.

HI DAUNETTE. YES, IT'S TRUE. TRAVIS NOW HAS THE STICKERS ON HIS KART. AMAZING HOW SOME PEOPLE VIEW THINGS LIKE THIS AS A COINCIDENCE BUT TO US WE CAN SEE AND HEAR GOD SPEAK. MISS YOU. WE ARE PRAYING FOR GENRE AND ALL OF YOU AND KNOW TOO, THAT GOD IS LISTENING!

June 8th

June 9, 2009, 1:12 AM

Just wanted to let you all know that Genre had a great day today! He's feeling well and is eating us out of house and home! (side effect of the steroids) He just gets tired very easily. His fourteen day wish came true today...he was able to play with Jaden for a little while. Genre informed us today that he HATES having leukemia. His reason? You have to wash your hands too much!

Genre was thinking that he might not lose his hair through this whole thing. He told me 'You know Mom, the doctors have been wrong about other things...' Tonight he started to notice some coming out when he ran his hand through his hair. He's okay with that, though. He has decided that he'll buzz his head once it gets to be more noticeable. All of you grown ups that were quick to join in on the bald talk best turn your cell phones off!!!! Have a good night.

Messages

Amy Gratton

June 9, 2009, 1:22 AM

Dear Genre,

We're so glad you are having good days and nights. It was great that you got to spend some time with your buddy, Jaden today! There's nothing like spending some time with a good friend to boost your spirits!

Keep washing your hands like crazy; you'll have all your friends washing THEIR hands like crazy and THEN you'll have a bunch of happy, happy moms! Hope you have a good night sleep!

Love,
Mrs. Gratton

maureen gratton

June 9, 2009, 1:43 AM

Hi Genre,

I'm so glad you had a GREAT day! I'm sure you had a FUN time with Jaden. We've been praying that you could have some time with your friends.

It's really important that you listen to your body. When it says I'm tired you need to rest. We told you about our daughter having lymphoma and some of the best advice she was given was to listen to your body and do what it says.

We love you,
Russ and Maureen

donna weber

June 9, 2009, 2:06 AM

I love hearing all the positives. I was reading the other notes great advice Listen to your body. Parayers as always Mrs Weber

Jodi Fowler

June 9, 2009, 2:19 AM

I am always uplifted and encouraged when I read your updates - Genre you are doing awesome, and we are so glad you got to play with Jaden today. He's a lot of fun, like you! Daunette, your humor and joy continues to shine thru your messages. You can always make me smile. Is John talking the bald talk? Maybe Steve should join :)

Love to all of you!!

Jodi Fowler

June 9, 2009, 2:22 AM

Daunette - just two days of starting my website, and I'm already at 20% of my goal! There is one woman who donated, her name is listed on my website, Teresa - I sent her a thank you note, but thought you might know her personally and wanted to tell you. We're in KY, and I already have my running route for tomorrow. Talk to you soon.

J

Randy Wolfe

June 9, 2009, 3:00 AM

Glad to hear your doing well Genre. Glad you were able to play with Jaden. Get the rest you need. Sleep well and God's blessings to you all.
Randy Wolfe

Janet Allan

June 9, 2009, 3:36 AM

Genre,

So glad to hear you got time with your "best Bud." I'm sure you both had a good time. You two were always two peas in a pod in my classroom. Bet you kept your Mom hopping trying to keep up with both of you! Just think if you have to wash your hands a lot, so does everybody else. I'm sure we could all use a lesson in cleanliness.

Love,
Mrs. Allan

Dawnette,

I too look forward to your daily updates. You always make me smile with your little stories. You are my Mom inspiration! Keep up the good work and know that many are praying for you and your entire family.

Love,
Janet

Lisa Beam

June 9, 2009, 3:49 AM

Genre,
It's great to here that things are going well for you. When Aiden was sick we said he just needed to be a couch potato. It sounds like every once in a while you need to be too and that is ok.

Daunette,

I told Vicki Glaser that you have taken on so much in your life with the homeschooling, Daisy's, Silpada, and your involvement with your church. And now you have to make sure you sit down everyday and inform all of us how Genre and your family are doing. We all do look forward to hearing that things are getting better and that God is watching over all of you. Take Care and God Bless!

Lisa Beam and family

Kristie Deemer

June 9, 2009, 12:37 PM

Hey Genre-- We're so glad that you were able to play and have some fun today! We also think that you'll look cool in a crew cut. You'll look like a soldier! That is pretty fitting since you are one of God's very best soldiers as you continue to spread His word and love to everyone through your messages. Hopefully, we'll be able to play with you soon!

Much love,
The Deemers

anne novotnak

June 9, 2009, 12:38 PM

Just remember Gemre washing your hands keeps you out of the hospital and healthy and that's the goal. Well Genre you have all those cool hats to fashion now which will look great on you and during football season you can wear Stephen's that has the black and gold dred locks(not sure how to spell that). Stephen said that David could shave his head. Hey this is Stephen .Hi Gen i'm just about to leave for Bible School.I wanted to know if I could come over.I'll call when I come home.BYE!!

Kristie Deemer

June 9, 2009, 12:39 PM

Genre-- I cracked my thumb playing soccer and now I have a splint that is "stupid". I can still wash my hands, though, when I see you!

Love,
Kamryn

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

June 9, 2009, 1:09 PM

Genre
I know how tough you are,...I LOVE YOU,..You can beat this !!!!!
Poppy

Treasure Bertani

June 9, 2009, 8:43 PM

Genre,
SOOOO glad to hear you are a quick responder. God is truly good - ALL THE TIME! Keep hanging in there! We pray for you and read your care page each day!
Huggs and prayers,

Luke and Mrs. Bertani

Doreen Baldrige

June 9, 2009, 8:54 PM

Genre I hope you like what ricky got for you he told me he wanted to get you something with his own money.He said mom genre his my friend and this is what I want to do. We love you genre and we will always be here. Give ricky a call when you are up to it ok. Love always Ricky and mrs Baldrige :) :)

Amy Gratton

June 9, 2009, 9:37 PM

Hi Genre!

Can I be your 400TH!!!!!!!!!!!!MESSAGE! How cool is that! You are one popular boy! We are praying for you as you prepare to go for your chemo treatment tomorrow. I'm glad that Nana is going with you and Mom. We will be over very soon for a visit. Aaron says to tell your mom to get those shears ready for his buzz cut! Have a good night buddy!

Love & Hugs,
Mrs.Gratton

Brenda Brown

June 9, 2009, 9:41 PM

Hi Sweetie,

I am so glad you are eating and doing well. I know this is hard on you, but you are such a brave and courageous young man.

I will call tonight to see when we can come over to see you.

Love,

Grammy B & Pappy Freddy & Skye Puppy

Amy Gratton

June 9, 2009, 9:49 PM

Hey Genre! :) We miss you at church! This Sunday is the Children's Day at church and all the kids in Kid's Kingdom are going to sing....we'll be thinking of you, buddy!! :) -Marisa 0:)

Amy Gratton

June 9, 2009, 9:53 PM

Hey Genre! Hope you are feeling better! We love you and are praying for you! -Tara

Amy Gratton

June 9, 2009, 9:59 PM

hi genre

it's aaron. i'm going to get a buzz cut just like you! :)

anne novotnak

June 10, 2009, 2:52 AM

Hey Genre Good luck tomorrow. I hope everything will go smoothly. We love you and are thinking of you and will be all day tomorrow. Genre Stephen missed you today. Hopefully Friday or Saturday we can see you. God will be with you and your Gardian Angel. we love you lots Miss Anne Mr. Bob Stephen Davie and Emma. Daunette hang in there. Another first tomorrow and another hurdle that you will get over and make the next time alittle easier. Love you and I'll be praying for you.

Ed Gratton

June 10, 2009, 12:42 PM

Hi Gen--hope all goes well today with your treatment and that you have another good day today!

anne novotnak

June 10, 2009, 5:51 PM

Hello. Hope today is going well. Looking forward to the update. Genre hang in there. We're praying you have a smooth day. Hi Genre it is Stephen.Hi Gen I just wanted to tell you I had a great time at bible school.I just wanted to know if you are feeling ok.That all I wanted to say

BYE!

June 10th 1st clinic visit

June 10, 2009, 9:16 PM

Genre's appointment was for 10:00 am. We met his new nurse; her name is Kristen. She will be Genre's nurse for the next 3-5 years. She has been an oncology nurse for ten years. When she accessed his port, he never flinched. She asked if he wanted to know what she was doing or if he wanted to be distracted. Nothing grosses out Genre and he said "I want to watch."

He received two chemo medicines today. Dr Shaw came in to examine him and to answer my eleven questions. He said that Genre's body has begun to regenerate (for lack of a better medical term) platelets on it's own. His platelets are even higher than he expected. His red blood cells are at a great number also and he doesn't expect Genre to need any type of tranfusion any time this week. He told Genre that his hair should grow back AS SOON AS HE IS IN THE MAINTENENCE phase of this treatment. He was very positive that it would be in about nine months!!! He told Genre that he is responding as well and even better than they would have hoped.

He doesn't need another bone marrow aspiration or spinal until day twenty eight. That is June 24th. They start at day zero with your first day of chemo. So, today was his day number 14. The reason he does not need these things is because he responded so rapidly to the treatment and because there is no leukemia in his central nervous system.

Genre and Dr. Shaw joked the whole time. Genre has been so hungry for an Uno's pizza. The nurse was using Google to see if there was an Uno's closer than the Waterfront. Dr. Shaw saw what we were looking at and he said he is from New York, so he prefers a thinner crust. Genre told Dr. Shaw that 'New York is soooo five minutes ago.' Dr. Shaw said 'Oh yeah... what's the cool place to be now?' Of course, Genre told him Pittsburgh. So, when we were leaving, Genre said 'Hey, Doc, how about finding a cure for leukemia for next time?' Dr. Shaw replied "We ARE curing this Genre." Genre said "Then maybe we should find a vaccination for leukemia so nobody else gets it!" Dr. Shaw said "Genre, you are soooo five minutes ago...someone is already working on that." God really matched up two peas in a pod!

Genre's ANC is low but they expect it to stay low for quite some time. They are giving him chemo and it is doing it's job. Again, I questioned and questioned...looking for Dr. Shaw to say that I should keep him in that bubble. He won't say the words! He really feels that the child's mental state is directly related to the success of the treatment. When they asked Genre "On a scale of 1 to 10, how much do you want to go to Sunday school?" He said "10!!!!" Dr. Shaw said ' You need to let him go.' Ugghhhh!!!!

He is wiped out. He is really tired today - but not too tired to eat constantly! He's still happy and cuddly, and he's still Genre. I will keep you posted on how he feels.

PS Genre let me buzz his head because he's starting to see more and more hair on the inside of his hat! I'll post a picture of him later so his friends can all see how cute he looks with his new buzz!

Messages

Janet Allan

June 10, 2009, 9:30 PM

Genre,

You are such a character! Bet Dr.Shaw never met anyone like you before and I bet you made his day. I am so glad your body is doing so well. It shouldn't surprise us, because that is what we have been praying for. God is so good and you are reaping the benefits of your faith. I can't wait to see you in Church. Please make sure you stop in to see me, if you come.

Love,
Mrs. Allan

Tracy Seman

June 10, 2009, 9:42 PM

Hey Genre,

I am so proud of you! You are such a trooper! Watching the procedure and everything - you rock!

I personally like the crew cut - it is a "cool" summer do. And I really liked how Mrs. Deemer likened it to a soldiers "do". You are a mighty soldier in the army of the Lord. Annnnndddddd.... you are such the trend setter. I will have to respectfully disagree with Dr. Shaw that you are "so five minutes ago", you are currently setting the trend :~) I read on your site that Aaron will be sporting the newest "do" and Jaden is planning to see barber John tomorrow to get his buzzzzz. We'll have to check out the latest/hippest young men on Sunday :~)

I posted the frog over there in honor of the toad that Sarah found in our driveway this afternoon. He is now hunkered down in one of the crevices along the wall - Sarah is out there waiting, determined to wait until he comes out to find him a safer more suitable environment than our driveway :~) She keeps saying that he is "sooooo cute" - that girl :~) What do you think we should name him?

Our prayer is that your evening will be a restful/peaceful one.

All our Love,

Mrs. Seman

P.S. I have forgiven you for not "knuckling up" - I won't hold it against you (much) :~)

Joanne Fitz

June 10, 2009, 9:51 PM

Praise God for giving us a miracle in North Huntingdon PA!

Genre, We love you!

Mrs. Fitz & Kid's Kingdom

Lisa Beam

June 10, 2009, 10:02 PM

Genre,
It's so good to here that you are keeping your spirits up and the you are doing well with all the treatments you are getting. Aiden just got his hair buzzed last Thurs. I'm sure you look just as cute. Just think not much shampoo for you, more time to play. That is how Aiden would think of it. Take care and keep up posted, it puts a smile on my face to hear that you are doing well everyday. God Bless!
Beam Family

jill carr

June 10, 2009, 10:05 PM

Hi Genre! Johnny, Joel and Aaron all have buzz cuts too so they must be cool- ha ha!!! Get some rest and have fun at Sunday school this Sunday.

susie condrasky

June 11, 2009, 12:38 AM

Genre,
We are so PLEASED to hear that you don't have to be in a bubble ! Silly o'le mom ! We are also thankful to know that the docs are pleased with your progress !
Tyler and Nicholas were cracking up at your jokes with Dr. Shaw, we didn't know you were such a comedian! Remember...laughter is the best medicine !

Hope you aren't too tired to laugh at Tyler's joke.....How do prisoners call home?

ON THEIR CELL PHONES !!!!!!!

Good Night Baker Family !
The Condraskys

donna weber

June 11, 2009, 1:21 AM

I am so happy for you. God is good. I am not suprised you have such a great sense of humor even as a toddler you made me laugh and I am smiling now thinking of you. God bless Love Mrs Weber

Amy Gratton

June 11, 2009, 1:37 AM

Dear Genre,

Glad to hear your first clinic visit went well! You are quite the comedian young man! You know, for future reference, girls are attracted to boys with a sense of humor! Now, I know you're too young to worry about that, but it's nice to see that you're still being quite the comedian! You've inherited your father's sense of humor! We can't wait to see your buzz cut and we need to get over to see you soon! Aaron says it's been about 10 months since he's seen you! The RIOT concert wasn't that long ago, was it? Have a great night sleep, you MIGHTY WARRIOR!!!!!!!!!!

Love,
Mrs. Gratton

Coleen Queen

June 11, 2009, 1:47 AM

So glad you are feeling good. You are so tough. We can't wait to see your picture with your buzz cut. Tyler and Tanner both got buzz cuts yesterday for the summer. You may end up loving that haircut -- you never need to comb your hair. I'm sure you look very cute. We think of you every day and pray for you every night. Have a good night.

The Queens

Amy Gratton

June 11, 2009, 1:48 AM

AND AGAIN....

GOD IS MOVING IN THIS...

Dawn Krevokuch

June 11, 2009, 1:51 AM

Hey Genre, glad to hear all is going well and your doctor's are please with your progress! Keep up the great job and get plenty of rest. Here is a yummy cone, since you are loving to eat!

Coach Dawn

Kristie Deemer

June 11, 2009, 2:13 AM

Genre-- I bet you are one of Dr. Shaw's favorite patients. You certainly can teach all of us a lesson on "working hard and cheerfully" and making the best of the situation. I think it's really cool the way that you let God use you to teach all of us so many important lessons. And btw, I've seen the hair and I'm telling you that it is very cool. I think your mom would look great in a buzz cut, too!

Much love,
The Deemers

Randy Wolfe

June 11, 2009, 2:18 AM

This is great to hear and I am really looking forward to seeing you Sunday. Praise God for all of His watching over you. You are a very brave and strong in your faith. Praying for you daily.

Mr. Wolfe

Joelle Wilds

June 11, 2009, 2:37 AM

Divine Intervention is GREAT Daunette - prayers will be answered - I love reading Genre's comments - he has a wonderful sense of humor & us as adults can learn something from this wise young child. God Bless all of you.

Joelle Wilds

Neil Jones

June 11, 2009, 3:09 AM

Genre:

It sounds like we need to get a pizza shop to open next door to your house!! Keep up the good appetite. I can't wait to see your new hair cut. If it looks good, I may get one just like it! We miss you at swim practice and I hope you can visit the pool soon. Keep up your strength, both physically and spiritually. The power of both are amazing! Don't listen to Coach Dawn.... strawberries are better than ice cream!

Coach Jones

Jennifer Calabrese

June 11, 2009, 4:36 AM

Hi Genre - I've been thinking about you a lot and am happy to read so many positive things in today's update. Mommy does a great job at explaining everything that's going on. You're an amazing boy! I'm really glad that you've been matched with such a nice nurse and a cool doctor, too.

I will pray tonight that you have a peaceful and restful night.

Mrs. Calabrese

P.S. We love the buzzed look in our house! Mr. Calabrese surley could share with you all of the bonuses that come with it...especially for summer!

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

June 11, 2009, 12:23 PM

Genre,
I love you, and think of you everyday, a zillion times !!!!! Kick it's butt !!!!
Poppy

Kris Horvath

June 11, 2009, 3:31 PM

Hey Genre,

I saw your daddy on Sunday. He was working at the ball field. He told us what an amazing kid you are (like we needed to be told???). We are so glad to hear that you are doing better each day!! I think that you are a walking miracle!! Hey, one of my little boys (Colby) has Down Syndrome (your mommy will explain) and he had funny hair as a baby, so we were told to keep it buzzed really short (daunette, my dad would love the high and tight) anyway, we have been giving him a buzz cut for years! I bet you and colby are the coolest kids around! You stay strong and hopefully we'll see you at bible school (hannah and troy are very excited). You're in our prayers every night! Lots of love.

Kris, Hannah, Colby and Troy

angela sipple

June 11, 2009, 7:19 PM

HEY GENRE. TRAVIS CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ON SUNDAY. I BET YOU LOOK GREAT IN THAT BUZZ JOB FOR SUMMER. TRAVIS AND CLAY ALSO BOTH HAVE BUZZ JOBS TOO. GLAD TO HEAR YOU DID GREAT ON YOUR 1ST CLINIC DAY. GOD ARRANGED A GREAT CREW OF PEOPLE TO HELP TAKE CARE OF YOU. LOTS OF LOVE AND PRAYERS. THE SIPPLES

Doreen Baldrige

June 11, 2009, 8:44 PM

Good news genre .You are a tough boy and you will be fine. Ricky said Hi .We hope you like what we got you .He picked it out all by his self. we send are love always . Love Ricky and Mrs Baldrige :))

anne novotnak

June 11, 2009, 11:53 PM

Hi Genre this is stephen i'm so glad you are felling better.I herd you got your head buzzed.I'm just so glad you are going bible school.PS, Genre i love ya but I just can't cut my hair so I told David to do it for me. talk to you soon this is taking me forever. bye

Hey Genre I'm so glad to hear that everything is going well. Hang in there. You're so smart maybe someday that will be you inventing a cure for another type of cancer or a vaccine. That would be so cool. Lots of love Miss Anne and Mr. Bob

Amy Gratton

June 11, 2009, 11:59 PM

Hi Genre!

We hope you are feeling well enough for Aaron and I to see you tomorrow! We can't wait! Aaron got his buzz cut today! It seems like there are alot of little boys (and perhaps a few big boys?) getting buzz cuts these days! Any girls? Aaron asked Marisa if she was going to get a buzz cut. She laughed and said, "No, but I will keep it short!". Ok, buddy, hope to see you tomorrow! We love you!

Mrs. Gratton

Kara Caralli

June 12, 2009, 12:07 AM

Hi buddy!

I'm so sorry it took me this long to join your website.. I just found out about it today! I'm so proud of you and the amazing progress you've made on your way to become healthy again! I've never met another boy as strong and determined as you! Nana Donna, Nanna Baby, and Aunt DD give me updates on how wonderful your doing all the time. I hear about all the yummy food you get to eat and how good you do with all of your shots and treatments! I'm so proud of you! You're im my prayers every night.

Love you,
Cousin Kara

Jodi Fowler

June 12, 2009, 1:21 AM

hi Genre, We're so glad you are doing well and it sounds like you and Dr. Shaw are a perfect match. I bet you can charm all of the nurses and doctors! We hope to get to see you at Sunday school. We just got home from visiting family in Kentucky. I wanted to tell you that you helped me - last night, about 4am, the local siren went off. In Kentucky, that usually means a tornado was spotted. I woke up, frightened, but before I could even get up to see what we needed to do, the Joshua bible verse popped in my head. I wasn't afraid. Fortunately, the tornado watch moved, and we were all ok. The girls never woke up during the entire storm. But, I learned a lesson, how important those bible verses are to learn and memorize. God uses his Word to help us and remind us that He is with us and always keeps his promises. We know He is with you and your family. You are shining His light and his love through your updates, with how well you are taking your medicine (I don't like prednisone either), and having such a positive attitude. Can't wait to see everyone on Sunday with their new buzz cuts. We love you all!

Amy Gratton

June 12, 2009, 5:57 PM

Dear Genre,

Aaron and I were so happy to be able to come over for a visit today! We were glad to see you, mom, James, Gionna, and Nana! Aaron had a good time and he was relieved to see his buddy after not seeing him "forever". Thanks for showing me your zebra marks; you will have all kinds of cool battle scars to show people! Remind me to show you my 10 inch Frankenstein scar down my right knee from my knee surgery. I used to think it was ugly, but now it doesn't bother me at all! It's just a part of who I am!

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday. Hope we didn't wear you out too much with our visit. Enjoy your homemade pizza tonight!

Love,
Mrs. Gratton

P.S. Cool buzz cut! Just in time for summer ;)

June 12

June 13, 2009, 1:24 AM

I just wanted to let all of you know that Genre started to feel a little better late this afternoon. He was significantly more tired with this series of chemo. Thankfully, he wasn't sick at all - just so very weak and tired. Amy and Aaron stopped this morning for a cup of coffee and Genre wasn't able to get up to play at all. (Gionna was happy to step in and play outside with Aaron.) He stayed on his bed most of the afternoon. Then, around 4:00 he started to feel much better. He even made the pizzas for dinner! They were delicious! His sense of humor came back during dinner and he's been laughing and teasing all of us (especially Kaitlynn) ever since. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers.

Messages

maureen gratton

June 13, 2009, 2:23 AM

Hi Genre,

I'm so glad to hear you are feeling better tonight. We're praying you are feeling well enough to come to church on Sunday and VBS next week. I don't know if you realize it but we'll be talking alot at VBS about God Sightings or as we call them at NCC "God Winks" I think you'll have quite a list to share. We're always praying and God is more importantly always listening. We love you,
Maureen

Mary M Russman

June 13, 2009, 3:12 AM

Hi Genre

We are so happy to hear that you were up making pizza! That is great! Did you hear that the Penguin's won the Stanley Cup? Hockey is Luke's favorite. Do you like hockey? I hope you are having sweet dreams right now....

Hugs~

Mrs Russman and Luke

Jennifer Calabrese

June 13, 2009, 4:00 AM

Genre,

What you're doing takes great courage and strength. I'm so glad you started feeling better and had fun making pizza! There's nothing better, than laughing with family in the kitchen. It's a warm and loving place in our home too!

We're praying for you to be healed...

Our Love,
The Calabrases

Kristie Deemer

June 13, 2009, 11:23 AM

Genre-- We didn't know you could make pizza. We like just cheese at our house and will plan on calling you instead of Pizza Hut next time. Kamryn likes cheese in the crust. Can you pull that off? We're glad to hear that you were up causing trouble by the afternoon. Keep up the good work!

Much love,
The Deemers

Allison Murray

June 13, 2009, 1:43 PM

Hi Genre! It's been a few days since I've written, and I want you to know we haven't forgotten about you! We think about you and pray for you

every day. Did Mr. Murray tell you his news?!?! He bought Mario Kart and has been practicing!!! He's getting pretty good...

Hope you have a good day today!

Love,
Mrs. Murray

anne novotnak

June 13, 2009, 2:09 PM

hey genre it's stephen i'm going to david's baseball game now. did you see the penqins win the stanley cup. how awesome is that. my mom is going to get you a pens hat and one for her. she is going to get one for james too but don't tell him. see you soon. love nya i'm praying stephen.

June 13

June 13, 2009, 3:08 PM

As some of you may know, I have really been struggling with the idea of bringing Genre to VBS. I am okay with Sunday school - for the most part. Sometimes I still feel a little panic thinking about that one. But, I know most of those moms and each one would give me a head's up if there was some sort of illness I should know about. I KNOW I CAN'T KEEP HIM IN HIS ROOM! VBS, on the other hand, is just so many kids and I don't know so many of them. Even knowing that he will wear a mask doesn't ease my mind. I have just been sick thinking about Monday. Yesterday, before the children were up, I was sitting having a cup of coffee and I was asking God to please let me know if Genre should go to Bible school. I just prayed, 'Please don't let me do something that is going to make him sick.' I know God has been with us through all of this - in such obvious and extraordinary ways - and I guess I was feeling like He wasn't giving me any answers about what was best for Genre. (poor me, right?) I just kept asking all day long. "What do you want me to do about Monday?" My mom was here to stay with the kids so I went and did a few of those things that always pile up: banking, post office, etc...When I came home my mother handed me a blue Best Buy bag. There was a beautiful letter inside. It was a copy of what Kristie's sister Laura had sent to Best Buy. It explained to them that Genre was sick and would probably miss a lot of things with this illness. She asked them for two web cams - one for our house and one for a lap top at church - and they gave them to her. She sent two web cams here for Genre!

Now, I don't know what you think, but God was answering my prayer. I was tired yesterday and I wasn't thinking clearly. The God Wink didn't smack me in my face the way they have been. I feel a little sad about that - almost like I wasn't paying attention - I wasn't. I was so moved by Laura, but the God Wink didn't jump out at me. There were so many things to do on my list of TO DO's. (There is a lot of paper work to go with childhood cancer.) It wasn't until a few minutes later, while talking with Terry, that it occurred to me (like a light bulb turning on) that God was showing us the way. When I realized what had happened, I immediately thought that God was telling me to keep Genre home. John and Terry both feel that after this Sunday we'll know what these web cams were really for. Maybe Genre won't last through the entire service and God just cushioned the way for him to see everything at VBS. He loves Genre so much that he's not only giving him VBS, but he's also giving him his second wish - being able to talk and joke with Jaden and Travis!

If Genre can't come to VBS some of the days, I will stay home with him on our home computer, and Kaitlynn can take hers to church with a webcam on it. My mom and Breanna can take it with them from station to station. That should work. Don't you think? If there is anyone who knows how these things work, I'd appreciate a quick lesson!

I sat with Genre last night and I was honest with him. I told him how upset I have been about this. I explained that it is a big decision for us to decide if we should send him into a situation with so many kids. I explained that, although the doctors said he could go, he may get sick from being there. I told him that my heart would be so sad if I was the one who took him somewhere and it made him sick. I said that being sick might mean going back to the hospital and getting even more medicine than he already takes. I let him see the web cams and I asked him what he thought about them. He said he thought they would be really cool and that God was probably telling him that he should stay home. 'But', he said, 'I still want to go to VBS at least a few times.' So, another angel friend, Maureen, arranged Genre's schedule so that the first two stations he will go to are the two that he wants to see - Terry's story and Chadder Theater. If he makes it through both, great! If not, we can watch from home with the web cams. Like I said before, we'll see how Sunday goes.

More than anything, I now know that whichever way this goes Genre will be able to enjoy VBS. That's all I wanted in the first place - for him to get to enjoy what he loves.

I am just amazed at the number of people who have emailed to tell me different stories about their God Winks! Janet Allen told me that some of the kids in her Sunday school class are talking about God Winks. That is so awesome! I am so grateful that we are all paying more attention to God's presence in our lives. That's a blessing in itself.

I want you all to know that I can't take the credit for coining the term God Winks. (Here's a little PR for Norwin Christian Church.) God Winks are what you learn about in Kid's Kingdom at 8:45 am. Mrs. Fitz is Genre's (and Jame's and Gionna's) worship service teacher. She is an amazing lady and she taught all of us to look for God Winks when her son Matt was having some serious health problems. She told the kids that God Winks are those things God sends you to let you know he's watching and helping. We started looking for them a while ago but with Genre's illness - He just started firing them at us! They really got us through...Thank you Joanne.

And thank you to all of you for everything you have done to help us through these very difficult three weeks. I can't possibly name each one of you. So many of you have gone out of your way to make this transition time more manageable. Whether it was comfort, visits, listening, prayers, meals, groceries, helping with the kids, finishing up my school year, cleaning, emails, checking on my mom, gifts, a hospital thermometer, running a marathon, or writing on this care page, each one of you made every day a little easier on all of us. I'm not saying that this road isn't a difficult one or that it may not get even bumpier. What I am saying is that this road is the road leading toward full recovery. We will be able to get through anything that stands in our way with God and all of you by our side. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Messages

Jodi Fowler

June 13, 2009, 3:35 PM

Daunette,

You are an AMAZING woman! Thank you for sharing so much of what's on your heart with us, and allowing us to see God's winks, His blessings, and his love and power - with Genre, with you, and with everyone who shares how God is working in their own lives. What a testimony of how God is always with us, leading us, bringing angels and other loved ones into our lives to do His work, to be His hands and His feet. You and your family are so special to us.

Hugs and Prayers,
The Fowler Family

Joanne Fitz

June 13, 2009, 4:29 PM

Daunette,

God is working through Genre, you and your family to teach us about faith, strength and courage! Thank you for sharing your journey. I see our church family becoming one & we are using our hands and feet to do His work! Praising God in the good times is easy but praising Him in the tough times is difficult as we all know. We are learning through you to Praise Him and to trust in him always.

It is always so amazing to me as I watch God's work through his people. It bring tears of joy to my eyes that through a storm in my life; I took one little book called "When God Winks" by Squire Rushnell and I read it. That book changed the way that I look at situations in my life. It made such an impact that I decided to share my "God Winks" with friends, family and the children that I teach on Sunday mornings. It has been an extraordinary blessing in my life and I hope and pray it will be for many others. Never stop looking for those God Winks...because they ARE there!

Love
Joanne

Treasure Bertani

June 13, 2009, 5:55 PM

Daunette,

Thanks so for sharing your thoughts. What a wise mother you are to share your thoughts and fears with Genre about going to VBS and for taking it right to the Lord looking for answers. He always knows what's best thanks for being a living example of going to Him first and then thanking Him for his WINKS!

Huggs and Prayers,
Treasure

P.S. Genre - LOVE the buzz cut!

Kristie Deemer

June 13, 2009, 7:18 PM

Genre-- You are a living example of what a good Christian does... someone who is willing to do things God's way even when they wanted something else. Understanding how hard of a decision that vbs is for your parents, watching for God to guide you all about what to do, and most of all, following the lead or wink that God gave you... that, my dear, is one amazing Christian. I bet God is so very proud of you and the incredible job you are doing to show all of us how we should all listen to Him. You are one great witness.

Much love,
Mrs. Deemer

Joelle Wilds

June 13, 2009, 9:27 PM

Daunette~ You are an inspiration to every mother out there - You absolutely touch my heart when you write your messages. I have throughout my life had the "God Winks" but never knew what they were called. Thanks for letting all of us know just what they are called. We continue to pray for Genre and your family every day.

Please let Genre know that I LOVE his new look - he looks awesome!!!

Love, Joelle

Brenda Brown

June 13, 2009, 11:17 PM

Hi Sweetie,

I hope to see you at church tomorrow. I am so you received your lap top, now you can talk to people all over the world and all your friends at VBS.

It was so nice seeing and being with you yesterday, we will have a donut day again.

Love,

Grammy B, Pappy Freddy, & Skyepuppy

Dante Pecora

June 14, 2009, 1:11 AM

Hey big guy. I hear you are doing well. Me, Aunt Carla Avery are thinking about you. Avery keeps saying Genre, Genre so we will have to get on the computer so you guys can talk. We LOVE you.

Dante Pecora

June 14, 2009, 1:11 AM

Hey big guy. I hear you are doing well. Me, Aunt Carla Avery are thinking about you. Avery keeps saying Genre, Genre so we will have to get on the computer so you guys can talk. We LOVE you.

wendy coates

June 14, 2009, 1:17 AM

Genre and Daunette,
The webcam is an amazing idea! How wonderful for Best Buy to donate it. Genre, I know you really want to get to church and VBS, and I'm praying that you can...but how great that God has provided another way for you to "be there"!
Love,
Wendy Coates

jill carr

June 14, 2009, 2:14 AM

hey Genre its Joel. I just wanted to say hi and i feel really bad about what is going on. I know what being in the hospital feels like but i understand some of what you're feeling. i just wanted you to know that I'm thinking about you and I'm also praying for you. from Joel. P.S. keep your head up.

Doreen Baldrige

June 14, 2009, 7:31 PM

Hi genre .It ricky's mom.I am so happy you are doing good.Ricky is always asking me how you are doing.I keep him upto date on how you are doing. I want you to know we love you and you know if you need anything we are here. I was siting here reading what mom wrote. We love you and hope to here from you when you can we just mite call ok. LOVE ricky and Mrs Baldrige :) :)

Tammy Fleming

June 15, 2009, 12:11 AM

Genre,
You don't remember me, but I was a friend of your mother's in high school and college. I am truly inspired by your strength and courage. What makes me smile even more is how your apparent strong faith shines through. You are a wonderful example for anyone to follow. I will be praying for you and your family every day. God bless you,
Tammy Fleming

maria pellis

June 15, 2009, 2:28 AM

Genre you are soooooo loved by soooooo many people, including me!!!! love ya, ree ree

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

June 17, 2009, 3:49 PM

Genre,
I Love You,.....more and more each day !!!
And JAMES,....And Gionna. You are getting stronger, and you will whip this. I am positive, you are a destined young man. The guy upstairs has something wonderful in store for you.

Poppy

Ann Marie DeGennaro Ray

June 20, 2009, 5:26 PM

hey genre we miss you so much hope to see you soon

from,
Lex

June 14th

June 15, 2009, 12:17 AM

Genre was a little nervous about going to church this morning. He was up and dressed and I could tell he really wanted to go. Once we were all ready to go, his belly started to hurt. He was laying on the couch and he said 'Maybe I shouldn't go.' Of course, I told him there was no problem - I'd stay home with him. He had tears in his eyes and it just didn't seem like his tummy really hurt. After John, James, and Gionna left for service, Genre and I sat on the couch and I asked him if he was afraid to go to church. He shook his head yes. I asked him if he was afraid that the kids would make fun of his mask. He shook his head no. At that point I just felt terrible. I knew what it was. Genre knew I was worried about him getting sick and I scared him. I asked him if he was afraid that he'd get sick going out when his ANC was low. He shook his head yes. He said 'Maybe I should wait until my numbers are higher.' I told him that Dr. Shaw said it was okay for him to go and he knows way more about cancer than Mommy does. I explained that every doctor and every nurse told us that he should go, as long as he wears a mask. I told him that Mommy is just a little more worried than I should be because he is my baby and I don't ever want to see him sick. I told him that I don't worry just about going to church - I worry about everything because I am crazy in love with him. I told him he'll understand that some day when he has a baby of his own. I promised that I would try to stop worrying and told him that we will just pray instead of worry. He said he thought that would work better. (???)

We went to church at 8:45 and he wore his mask the whole time. He asked me to wear one while we walked into church but once we were in there he said I could take it off. Just like we thought - he lasted until 9:45 and then he said 'I'm so tired. Can we go home?' He took a three hour nap when we came home and then he was up reading Treasure Island with me. He had a good afternoon and he keeps talking about VBS. I told him that VBS was early. He'd have to get up at 7:30 and he's been sleeping until 10:00. Being Genre he answered "Getting up to learn about Jesus is a good reason to get up." He told me how excited he is to start VBS tomorrow. I told him that I am excited too.

Messages

Tammy Andrew

June 15, 2009, 12:43 AM

Genre,
It was great to see you and your family at NCC today! You are a good example to so many by your faithfulness in wanting to learn more about Jesus by coming to church and VBS. You are also a courageous guy. We continue to pray for you and your family for strength in these tough times and healing. Are you still picking a "verse a day"? Such a cool idea.
Love in Jesus,
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew, Nate & Jonathan

Jodi Fowler

June 15, 2009, 1:00 AM

Hi Baker Family
It was great to see you all today! God is faithful and he is watching over you. What an example for everyone, that you are trusting in Him and also getting up early to come to VBS! You are in our prayers and we know you'll have an awesome week!
Love, The Fowler Family

Joanne Fitz

June 15, 2009, 1:08 AM

Genre,
I saw you at church today and just as Terry said; I wanted to "squeeze the stuffing out of ya" Unfortunately, I didn't get to:(. But, I hope to see you tomorrow. I will be doing th Firefly Finale. If you are too tired to stay for it; I will give you the low down and plenty of pictures. Have a good nights rest.
Love
Mrs. Fitz

Treasure Bertani

June 15, 2009, 1:13 AM

Genre,
Good for you and your mom for sharing your fears with each other. Sometimes that can be a very hard thing to do but I think that God wants us to help each other through the rough times. You have a great attitude and a wonderful faith in Jesus. I know that He has both his arms wrapped tightly around you. See you at VBS!
Huggs and prayers,
Mrs. Bertani

Teresa Anania

June 15, 2009, 1:37 AM

Daunette, I have been reading so many entries on this site and the courage and faith our precious Genre has is overwhelming. I am so proud of him and we are thinking of and praying for him all the time! We love you Genre!!

Kristie Deemer

June 15, 2009, 1:49 AM

Genre-- I'm glad you were brave enough to come to church this morning. I'm also glad to hear that you were also smart enough to talk to your

mom about things. Your mom is one smart lady and I'm not just saying that because she's my friend!!! She was smart enough to tell you that she doesn't know as much as the docs and you should follow their advice! We're all praying for you all the time and thinking about you constantly. Kamryn is excited to wear her new Genre shirt tomorrow for vbs! So rest up and we hope to see you in the morning!

Much love,
The Deemers

Allison Murray

June 15, 2009, 2:05 AM

Genre,

Sorry I didn't get to see you this morning. I was at Second Service. I'm so glad you got to come to church! I'm leading Sing and Play Swamp Stomp (the opening singing time) this week at VBS, so I'll be looking for you! But remember, if you just don't feel like it, you have lots of friends and those cool webcams to fill you in on what's happening! I'll call Mom on Tuesday to see if you're up for a visit when Mr. Murray gets home from work that day! He was practicing MarioKart after church this afternoon! (But...I still think you'll beat him!)

Love,
Mrs. Murray

Renee Shuber

June 15, 2009, 3:23 AM

Hi Genre. I saw your mom, dad, sister, and brother at church today. I wish I could have seen you too!! How brave you are. I am very happy you are able to tell your mom when you are afraid. That is a very smart thing to do. More adults should follow your example!!! I hope you enjoy VBS this week, either from church or from your totally cool webcams. Have a great week!!

Love,
Mrs. Shuber

tonya twigg

June 15, 2009, 11:01 AM

hi genre,

i was so happy that you were able to make it to church yesterday even though i didnt get a chance to speak to you. ryleigh spotted you on stage and i could tell at the exact time that she saw you because her eyes lit up and she smiled. it was a nice surprise! Daunette thank you for giving me a few minutes of your very precious time. i was so happy to be able to hug you. i wanted to tell you that James did an awesome job yesterday on the organ. you are an amazing family. Genre i hope ry gets to see you today at vbs. you are a big part of our family now! love , the twiggs

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

June 15, 2009, 11:42 AM

Genre,
I Love You
Poppy

Ron Schuchert

June 15, 2009, 5:03 PM

Genre -

Good to see you at VBS this morning.

You are one amazing kid.

Some of us adults can learn a lot from you about having faith that God will help you through things.

May you continue to trust that He is with you always.

Mr. Schuchert (the Deemer kids' Grandpap Ron)

angela sipple

June 15, 2009, 6:43 PM

Genre,

Great to see you at VBS today. Travis can't wait to come over to play. We're bringing the pizza.

Kris Horvath

June 15, 2009, 9:08 PM

Hi Genre,

I hope that you made it to VBS this morning. We looked for you but there were soooo many kids!!! Hannah loved it of course, but Troy wouldn't go in unless his Grandma went with him. He is only 3 and was scared. Maybe he should have a talk with you and you can teach him how to be brave!! You know, us mommy's are all worry alot about our children, but you guys surprise us so often with your strength and amazing character. Try to cut mommy a little bit of slack, besides, sometimes its ok to pray quietly at home and just listen to Jesus.

As always you're in our prayers every night. We look forward to seeing your gorgeous face (even in the mask) this week. Much love,
Kris, Hannah, Colby and Troy

Wendy coates

June 15, 2009, 9:33 PM

Genre,
I just saw your VBS photos! That's soooo awesome that you got to go!!! It sounds like you and your mom did a great job of talking through both of your fears together and working them out. I kept thinking about you all those times the crews shouted "Fear Not". And, I love the photo of that new haircut you're sporting!
Love,
Wendy Coates

wendy coates

June 15, 2009, 9:35 PM

James,
You did such an awesome job playing the piano on Sunday! Thank you for sharing that with all of us!
Wendy Coates

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

June 22, 2009, 11:53 AM

Genre,
You are always in my heart and mind. I Love You,..!!!!
Poppy

June 15th - 1st day of VBS

June 15, 2009, 11:59 PM

We survived! I think I can actually say that I enjoyed being at VBS with Genre today. I can tell you for sure that he was on cloud nine just being back at church. As soon as we arrived his two buddies Jaden and Travis came out of the main room to meet him. Genre was going to watch the opening from the balcony so the boys decided to hang out in the balcony with him. They were all so excited to be together. Jaden and Travis can't possibly understand how they touched my heart today. I think the two of them will be a part of my heart forever. Just knowing that Genre wasn't going to be alone brought a tear to my eyes. Seeing how much these two little eight year olds wanted to be with their buddy - no matter what - was truly priceless. The boys put on masks and hung out with Genre the whole time we were there.

Genre made it through Terry's story and Chadder Theater. I think he must have been feeling really great in the story because he was talking about being able to stay the whole time. By the end of Chadder Theater he said "Okay, I think I need to go home." It was just great for him to be there. I'm so glad we went.

He's still eating CONSTANTLY and he's still smiling! I'll keep you posted as the week goes on.

Messages

Amy Gratton

June 16, 2009, 12:08 AM

Hi Genre!

Glad you had a good 1st day at VBS!! It looks like you had a great time. Hey, I just thought of another phrase for VBS other than Vacation Bible School... VERY BRAVE SOLDIER!!!!!!!!!!!!!! And that's what you are- a very brave soldier in the Lord's army! Keep up the good work! Have a great day tomorrow if you try VBS again!

Love,
Mrs. Gratton

Allison Murray

June 16, 2009, 12:47 AM

Genre,
I was so glad to see you this morning. I wanted to yell into the microphone, YEAH! Genre is here! But I didn't want to embarrass you, so I just gave you a shout out and let you answer a question instead!!!
Hope you have enough energy for a visit from us tomorrow! I'll call mom in the afternoon after VBS.

Love,
Mrs. Murray

Joanne Fitz

June 16, 2009, 1:00 AM

Hi Genre!
It was WONDERFUL seeing you today! I look forward to seeing you again tomorrow. I plan to come up and get Jaden, Travis and you singing

and doing all the hand motions. Remember "God is with us!" (Fear Not!)

Love

Mrs. Fitz

Tracy Seman

June 16, 2009, 1:23 AM

Dear Genre,

We were all so excited to see you today!! Jaden wants to know when you are wearing your personally/privately designed apparel line (the cool t-shirt), so that he can wear his too ;~).

I was thinking that while the VBS materials call them "God Sightings" - we all know them as God winks. You and your Mom sharing your God winks has made all of us more aware and on the lookout for the way God is working for us and how He is with each of us everyday - Thank you for being such a good teacher!

We are certainly looking forward to seeing you again tomorrow - "the three amigos!" - it's a good thing Nana is in there to keep you all in line. If anyone can keep you boys in line it's Nana (okay, and your mom.... and Mrs. Deemer :~)!

I saw this "virtual gift" and it reminded me a Scripture to share with you. We keep talking about you being a brave soldier so.....

Eph. 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.

Sweet Dreams

Mrs. Seman

P.S. I haven't met the future Mrs. Genre Baker yet - perhaps you can introduce me this week?

Brenda Brown

June 16, 2009, 4:17 PM

Hi Sweetie,

I am so glad you were able to go to VBS and be with all of your friends. You have some really great friends and you need to cherish their friendship.

You are so lucky to be loved by so many people. We love you all so much and our prayers are with you and all you family.

Keep up the great work, and keep on eating.

Love & Kisses,

Grammy B, Pappy Freddy, & Skyepuppy

maria pellis

June 16, 2009, 7:45 PM

Genre you ROCK! Love Ree Ree

Janet Allan

June 16, 2009, 7:48 PM

Genre,

It was so good to hug you at VBS. I wanted to squeeze the stuffing out of you. You are so brave to come and today you made it the whole day. I'll watch for you Thursday in the balcony and this time I will listen for your call.

Did you like the story time. I bet you could have told the story for Terry, cause I know you know the story of Moses, Pharaoh, and the plagues. I'll bet you could even remember most of the plagues. You always knew the answers in my class.

You are a great friend to everyone and we love you very much. May God keep healing your body!

Dawnette, your a great hugger too!

Love,

Mrs. Allan

anne novotnak

June 16, 2009, 8:27 PM

Genre Hi it's stephen it was so exciting to see you at vbs today I'm so glad you were able to stay the whole time. I know you can't come tomorrow but i will be thinking of you and maybe you can come on friday. love ya and i'll pray for you tomorrow in vbs. Hello Genre it's Miss Anne Stephen doesn't type too much because he says he can't type like me but this is giving him good practice because in the fall he will be taking a computer class. Hey I know you go for your treatment tomorrow and I came across this bible quote and it made me think of you. DO NOT BE AFRAID. STAND FIRM AND YOU WILL SEE THE DELIVERANCE THE LORD WILL BRING YOU TODAY. Just keep that in mind tomorrow and we'll all be praying for you. It was wonderful seeing you today. Hope everything goes smoothly Lots of love and prayers Miss Anne and Mr. Bob(even though he is in Germany he still praying)

Kristie Deemer

June 16, 2009, 8:29 PM

Hey Genre-- You are doing an awesome job at vbs! Everyone, including us, is so glad to see you there. You are really showing everyone how strong and courageous you are. Great job living out the verse that you love. And remember that God is Powerful so you should Fear Not!!!

Much love,
Mrs. Deemer

PS Jake wants to know if he can come hang out in the balcony with you tomorrow. Let him know if there's room.

Treasure Bertani

June 17, 2009, 12:55 AM

Genre,
Luke told me he saw you at VBS. We talked about how your being there was a God Sighting/Wink. Thanks for being such a wonderful example to the kids and us adults of what it means to be strong, courageous and letting your light shine!
Hope to you feel up to another day at VBS.
Huggs and prayers,
Mrs. Bertani

Jennifer Calabrese

June 17, 2009, 3:09 AM

Genre,

I'm so glad you're feeling strong and have been at VBS both days. You are a powerful example of everything about this week at NCC. God's love is all around.

Mrs. Calabrese

Amy Gratton

June 17, 2009, 3:18 PM

Dear Genre,

WOW! WHAT A GREAT REPORT YOU GOT AT YOUR 2ND CHEMO VISIT TODAY!!!!!!!!!! NUMBERS ARE AWESOME!!!!!!!!!! YOU ARE A MACHINE, BUDDY!!! We are so happy you are responding so well and we will keep praying, praying, praying!!!!!!!!!! Have a great day!

Love,

Edward, Amy, Marisa, Jill, Tara & Aaron

Brenda Brown

June 19, 2009, 2:45 PM

Hi Sweetie,

Have not heard from you in a couple of days. Tell mommy to check her messages.

How is VBS coming?

I bet you are having a wonderful time. Are you doing any art projects?

Pappy Freddy had a small cold, so I did not want to come over. Once we are sure he is okay, and that I am not getting it, we will be over to see you.

This weekend we are going up to Grammy Hazel's house and go to a big girls birthday party.

We love you so much, take care and remember there are alot of people who love you.

I have already sent this link to a lot of people, they want to know how you are doing.

Love & Huge Kisses,

Grammy B, Pappy Freddy & Skyepuppy

June 17th

June 17, 2009, 4:56 PM

We visited the clinic this morning for Genre's day 21 of his first phase of treatment. One more week to go in this part of the plan. He was infused with two chemotherapy drugs and he is handling both of them very well - no nausea at all! The docs were so pleased with his blood work. His ANC (level of ability to fight infection) was 1100. An ANC of less than 1500 is considered abnormal. An ANC of 1000-1500 is considered mildly neutropenic (more susceptible). An ANC of 500-1000 is considered moderate, and 500 or fewer is considered severe. Last week Genre's ANC was 300 - so we were really happy with his number this week. (Especially since he has been at Bible School for the last two mornings!) His platelet count was 506 - which means we aren't too worried about additional bleeding either! His other numbers were great also. The docs took a look at him for about two minutes and told him he was amazing! They keep asking - no nausea?, no vomiting?, no bowel problems? no bleeding? no dizziness? no rashes?..... They might be amazed, but Genre and I know the real story!

Genre will be having a bone marrow aspiration next Wednesday. That is how they test to make sure that no leukemia cells have returned. Genre asked "If the leukemia cells are 0% after my next bone marrow procedure, then what are you trying to kill? The good cells? Why do you want to kill them?" Dr. Shaw took an extra few minutes and explained it as simply as he could. I have tried to do that also, but it is a difficult concept to get across to an eight year old. He also asked "If my leukemia cells are 0%, can you stop the chemotherapy in one month instead of five years?" Dr. Shaw explained that he thinks Genre's treatment is going to be closer to 3.5 years and that if they stop now, the leukemia will come back and be very angry at the treatments we have been giving it." Genre said "How about three months of chemotherapy?" Dr. Shaw said "I don't negotiate with terrorists like leukemia, or 8 year old boys!" They both had a good laugh.

Genre was wearing a silly t shirt that Nana bought him. It has a picture of what your insides would look like if you could see through your body. It's a rib cage/spine and there is a blue guitar stuck through the bones. Genre told Dr. Shaw "I don't think I need treated for leukemia - you have it wrong. What I need is a guitarectomy!" Both docs said they could arrange that, if necessary.

We were in and out in less than two hours! He had a great appointment and we are just so thankful to God that he has his hand on Genre's shoulder! Thank you for your prayers! Please pray continually - he is listening, for sure!!!!

Messages

Karen Mastalski

June 17, 2009, 5:14 PM

Genre-

Wow what great news today! God is Great. We will keep up our prayers, I know he is listening.

Miss Karen, Hannah, Katie , Sarah

Lisa Beam

June 17, 2009, 5:24 PM

That is great news for all of you. Keep being strong and God will take care of the rest, just like he has been doing. Thoughts and prayer are sent to all of you from all of us!!

Lisa Beam and family

Tammy Andrew

June 17, 2009, 5:41 PM

YEAH! Let's hear it for good chemo sessions! THANK YOU GOD!

I am reminded of the words I've been sharing with the preschoolers in Chadder theater this week at VBS: "God is with us!" "God is powerful!"

"God does what He says He'll do!"

So glad to hear of your progress.

Love in Christ,

Mrs. Andrew

Kris Horvath

June 17, 2009, 6:01 PM

Genre,

Wow...a guitarectomy!!!! That sounds pretty interesting!! We just love how you talk to the doctors!! Maybe the next time I have to take Colby to Childrens Hospital, I'll take you with me as a consultant! Do you think your mom will let me hire you?? Hannah told me that she learned "Fear not, God will take care of you" at VBS today! Troy just dances around the house singing "put it under a bush, NO! I'm gonna let it shine... let it shine...let it shine! Hopefully we'll see you soon! As always you're in our daily prayers! (your mommy, daddy, brother and sister too!)

Relax today kiddo, you deserve it !

Love,

Kris, Hannah, Colby and Troy

laura schuchert

June 17, 2009, 6:22 PM

Great news today!! You're doing a great job so far, Genre... Keep it up, stay strong!!

Hey did Mom and Dad figure out your webcams yet???

I'm praying for you,
Laura Schuchert

Tracy Seman

June 17, 2009, 8:09 PM

WOOOOO HOOOOOO!

Another week down - another week closer to the end of treatment and YOU ARE DOING GREAT!! We are so pleased to hear that things are progressing soooo well!!! God is with you, every step, every day!

Rest well today. Hope to see you bright and early tomorrow.

Mrs. Seman

Allison Murray

June 17, 2009, 8:44 PM

I was so excited today when Mrs. Flower told me the good news! We had fun on our visit last night and I promptly went home and told Lily that she rocks!

Rest up...we'll see you soon!

Love, Mrs. Murray

anne novotnak

June 17, 2009, 9:16 PM

It's even a God wink that Genre was paired up with Dr. Shaw. They are to peas is a pod. Keep on Praying.. God is truly with you all. We Love you !!!!! Miss Anne Mr. Bob Emma David and Stephen

angela sipple

June 17, 2009, 10:05 PM

HEY GENRE! GREAT NEWS AT YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY. YOU ARE ONE AMAZING KID AND A WONDERFUL FRIEND TO TRAVIS. HE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME PLAYING AT YOUR HOUSE YESTERDAY. YOUR NAME WAS ALL WE HEARD LAST NIGHT WHEN I BROUGHT HIM HOME.

DAUNETTE, I HAD A GREAT TIME VISITING WITH YOU YESTERDAY. YOU ARE AN AMAZING STRONG WOMAN ALSO, WITH ONE AMAZING FAMILY. I HOPE YOU DON'T GET TIRED OF HEARING HOW MUCH WE ARE PRAYING FOR ALL OF YOU. GOD IS AMAZING.

Terry Erwin, Jr.

June 17, 2009, 10:39 PM

Hey gang!!

Great to hear of your day today - though we missed you this morning! owever, you were and continue to be in our thoughts and prayers!!

Way to go God... and way to go Bakers!!!

Terry Erwin

Professional Inflatable Alligator Wrestler

Joanne Fitz

June 17, 2009, 11:45 PM

Hi Genre!

I am so happy that the Chemo treatment went well and all of the blood work was good! I missed seeing you today. I pray that you can be there tomorrow.

Love ya

Mrs. Fitz

"God Is powerful!" Fear NOT!

Treasure Bertani

June 18, 2009, 1:12 AM

Genre,
It is so wonderful to hear that you had an uneventful day with your chemo. I hear that a guitarectomy is a VERY tricky surgery....they have to "pic" it out piece by piece.
Ok, very bad joke!
Hope you can make it to VBS!
Huggs and prayers,
Mrs. Bertani

Jennifer Calabrese

June 18, 2009, 2:26 AM

Hi Genre!
I'm so glad to hear a good report from your visit to the clinic today! I'd like to see that guitar shirt...sounds really funny! I'm praying that you'll be strong enough for VBS tomorrow.

Mrs. Calabrese

Mary M Russman

June 18, 2009, 2:28 AM

Hi Genre!
What wonderful news. I truly believe God has great plans for you. :)

Keep up the good work!!

Mrs Russman

Randy Wolfe

June 18, 2009, 3:41 AM

Genre, This is such great news to hear. Reading this has given me a better mood this evening and I know that God is in control of everything as we all should. I hope you have a wonderful night sleep and a better day tomorrow too! Still keeping you in prayer.
Mr. Wolfe

Doreen Baldrige

June 18, 2009, 6:32 PM

Hi genre I am so glad your mom is kepping us updated on you .I am so so happy you are doing good.Tell mom I wiil try to call here soon..We love you and give everyone a hug from rick and I. Ricky sends his love and lot of hug. Talk to you soon ok. Love always Ricky and Mrs Baldrige :))

maureen gratton

June 19, 2009, 2:57 AM

Dear Genre,
It has been so GREAT having you at Crocodile Dock this week. I'm so happy you are doing so well. Our Bible point for tomorrow is God cares for us. That's something you are experiencing moment by moment.
Love,
Maureen

Shirley Stahl

June 19, 2009, 10:32 AM

How amazing is God? All this good news is wonderful! keep up the good work Genre and I'll be keeping up the prayers!

Brenda Brown

June 19, 2009, 2:48 PM

Genre,

For some reason I had not received this update. I am so pleased that you are doing so well. With all the people praying for you and who love you, how could you miss.

If you believe, you will heal, and you are healing.

Again, we are so proud of you, we know you are a fighter, and God has blessed you and is continue guarding you.

Huge love & hugs & Kisses,

Grammy B, Pappy Freddy, & Skyepuppy

Tammy Fleming

June 19, 2009, 11:00 PM

I am so happy to hear that all is going well for Genre!!! :) We'll keep the prayers coming!!!

Sincerely,
Tammy Fleming

Joanne Fitz

June 21, 2009, 1:30 AM

Hi Genre,
I hope & pray that you have a totally awesome week! Just to let you know that you are bigger super hero than any Power Ranger!!! Go Genre!
Love ya!
Mrs. Fitz

June 18th

June 19, 2009, 11:47 AM

Good morning! Just wanted to take a minute and let you all know that today is the final day of VBS. Genre stayed for 1.5 hours on Monday and then he made it the whole day on Tuesday. He even played the game - outside! None of us expected him to be able to go on Thursday, but he did. He went and he made it through the whole three hours! He even played freeze tag while WALKING LIKE A CRAB!!! (mask and all!) Last night he said 'Don't forget to get me up early for VBS! Do I get to go to the big party we have every year? The one with cookies?' I told him that I am definitely taking James and Gionna and that he is welcome to come if he feels up to it. He said "I will."

There's a lot of talk about Summer in the Son at our house because Kaitlynn is going this year as a chaperone. How about that? The child never had a chance to go as part of the youth group and now she is volunteering to go and help the youth! God has done amazing things for Kaitlynn also! She's looking forward to experiencing the amazing moments that happen at camp. Genre can't wait to be big enough to go to Summer in the Son. He talks about WHEN he goes to camp...and what he will do at Summer in the Son...and who will be the chaperones when he goes...(MOMMY!) I am so sure that God wants him to experience that week in Kentucky and so many more activities that help to grow your Faith. Look at the unbelievable and UNEXPLAINABLE energy he has this week so that he can be a part of VBS!!!??? Genre doesn't think for one second that there will be ANYTHING he can't do!!! If he has that FAITH, why shouldn't I?

Messages**Ed Gratton**

June 19, 2009, 1:11 PM

Awesome. Have a GREAT day today!

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

June 19, 2009, 1:34 PM

Genre,
You are one tough grandson. I love you.
Poppy

Doreen Baldrige

June 19, 2009, 8:45 PM

Hi genre I talked to mom last night .I was so happy to talk to her .I am so proud of how you have been .Ricky asked about you last night he was worried about you in that storm he had me go by your house last night to make sure your it was ok. He was worried . He said god is watching over genre. He seen the PAL field and it was a mess.I told him they will fiix it. He was sad. I was so glad to here you are doing good. We love you with all are heart.I hope you know that. keep in touch .We love you :) :) Love Ricky and Mrs Baldrige

Joanne Fitz

June 20, 2009, 1:16 AM

Genre,
You are one AWESOME kid! Loved being with you in the balcony this week for VBS! You had a great crew up there!
I plan to keep that pizza date with you for real soon.
Love,
Mrs. Fitz

Kristie Deemer

June 20, 2009, 2:15 AM

Hey Genre-- All the Deemers loved seeing you at vbs this week! Even Eli talked about seeing you! It was a rough week for the little guy so thanks for making him laugh! I can't believe you made it through the days like that! Sounds like you had more energy than most of us volunteers! Let us know when we can play next week with you. Maybe you'll be up for that battle with Vulcan. Let me know the time and place and I'll bring it on!!!

Much love,
Mrs. Deemer

Sue McGuire

June 20, 2009, 3:09 AM

Genre,
I'm so glad you had fun at VBS. The crab game looked like a lot of fun, and you did very well at it, too! Keep your faith strong!
Mrs. McGuire

laura schuchert

June 20, 2009, 3:44 AM

So glad to hear you made it through each day!! That's awesome!

Jennifer Calabrese

June 20, 2009, 4:14 AM

Genre,
I'm so glad you had a great week at VBS!

Love and prayers,
Mrs. Calabrese

P.S. Daunette-I loved seeing you smiling!

maria pellis

June 20, 2009, 11:20 AM

Ree Ree wishes she could go too!!!

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

June 20, 2009, 11:41 AM

Genre,
I LOVE YOU,.....
Poppy

wendy coates

June 20, 2009, 2:18 PM

Genre,
Megan and Lauren reported to me each day about whether you had made it to VBS and how long you stayed. They were so glad when they would see you there and we prayed each night that you would be able to go. That is so awesome!
Wendy Coates

Kris Horvath

June 20, 2009, 2:30 PM

Hi Genre,
It was great to see you at VBS yesterday. Your mom and I talked for quite a while and she said that you have been doing very well. Hannah was very sad that VBS was over, and Troy even went by himself on the last day! He must be learning to be brave from you! Since we won't see you at VBS we must get together this summer as soon as your up to it. As always you are in our prayers.
Love,
Kris, Hannah, Colby and Troy

michele weisensee

June 20, 2009, 5:19 PM

Genre,
It was awesome that you were able to attend VBS. Thanks for encouraging us by your desire to learn about Jesus!!

Love,
Mrs. Weisensee

Sandra Civitello

June 20, 2009, 6:21 PM

Its so wonderful you are feeling better, and got to go to VBS. Jonathon is so excited his starts next week!! Have a great weekend!!
Love, Sandy

Amy Gratton

June 20, 2009, 6:33 PM

Dear Genre,

We just wanted to send you out a note before we all leave tomorrow and head out in different directions for the week! Ed, Aaron, Marisa and I are excited to be going to Summer in the Son with Kaitlynn! I'm sure we'll have a lot of exciting stories to tell you when we come back! We're excited most of all to be learning more about God and praising the Lord ALL WEEK LONG!

I'm glad you had a good week at VBS... what a burst of energy you are! You inspire us all!

We'll be keeping you in prayer this upcoming Wednesday, especially, as you have another chemo treatment and have your bone biopsy. I'll probably give your mom a call from Kentucky to see how it went.

Have a great week and maybe we'll get to see you when we're back in town!

Love,
Mrs. Gratton

maureen gratton

June 20, 2009, 7:15 PM

Hi Genre,

You are such an encouragement and inspiration to me. I am so glad that you could be at VBS and experience God's Word with all your friends. We have a GREAT God and He has created a very special child named Genre. I am so blessed to be a part of your very special life. We'll be away this week but Russ and I will be praying for you like we always do.

Love,
Maureen

June 20th

June 20, 2009, 11:15 PM

I've had a lot of people asking why Genre wasn't at the VBS finale last night. There was concern that maybe he did too much over the course of the week. I know Terry was concerned because he took the children on that forty year journey around the property! (But Genre happily followed!) He was just fine! He actually wanted to go to the show. He'd just had enough of wearing a mask. No one can hear him when he talks and it's hot under the mask. He didn't want to put one on again. Thank you for caring about him and asking if he was okay.

Genre made it through the whole day on Friday. He has been playing Power Rangers all day today. The dad of one of James' friends came in to pick up James earlier today. There were moans and groans, bomb noises and crashes coming from the bedrooms! He looked a little concerned. I explained that the Power Rangers were back there saving the world and that's what it sounds like. He laughed. Those are good sounds!

Genre said he's going to Kid's Kingdom in the morning, as long as I will let him wear a hat to church. I told him that we would make an exception for him under these circumstances. James isn't real thrilled about that one!

Thanks again for the concern and thanks so much for the prayers.

Messages

michele weisensee

June 22, 2009, 12:41 PM

Genre,
So glad to hear the Power Rangers are back in business. Just wondering, are there any victory verses that have inspired you recently? I love to hear your interpretation!

Love,
Mrs. Weisensee

Janet Allan

June 22, 2009, 5:28 PM

Genre,

It was so good to see you each day at VBS and you surprised everyone with the energy you had. As always you are an inspiration to all of us and a great teacher of strong faith like a mustard seed. Jesus shines in your face for everyone to see!

I love you dearly and pray for you and your lovely family always.

Mrs. Allan

angela sipple

June 22, 2009, 7:04 PM

It was such a blessing having you with us all week at vbs. Definitely a God Sighting. Travis was so happy you made it through all week,too. With all our love and prayers, Mrs sipple

Karen Leece (Baker)

June 22, 2009, 7:43 PM

Dear Genre,

I don't know if you remember me or not, I used to come to your house and help your Mom clean. You were pretty little then. I just want to let you know I think about you all the time and pray that you will be all better soon.

Love, Karen Leece (Baker)

Karen Leece (Baker)

June 22, 2009, 7:47 PM

Thinking of you!!!

Dante Pecora

June 23, 2009, 5:54 AM

Hey big guy. It was nice talking to you! Mommy says you are doing such a great job. Keep it up!!!!Me aunt Carla and Avery miss you and can't wait to see you.We love you.

Doreen Baldrige

June 23, 2009, 8:35 PM

Hi genre I want you to know ricky and i are always thinking about you. Ricky is always asking how you are.He really cares about you and you are in are prays always. hope to talk to you soon.Love ricky and Mrs Baldrige :)

Joanne Fitz

June 30, 2009, 4:24 PM

John, Daunette, James, Genre & Gionna,
Krystal & I had a wonderful time with you last night. Genre you tired Krystal out and she slept until 12pm today. Thanks for inviting us over.
Love,
Mrs. Fitz

June 24th

June 24, 2009, 10:48 AM

Genre will be visiting the clinic today at 9:30. It is hard to believe that this is his last day of the induction phase. Tammy Pavsek told me that once Genre is better I will look back on this and wonder where the time went. I'm hoping she is right. I've been a mom for ten years and I've been so very careful NOT to wish away their lives or the time that I get to have them with me. I'm torn now. While I still want to enjoy them everyday and savor every moment, I would really like this part of the journey to be over. That's not fair to James and Gionna, I know. Even though Genre is tolerating the drugs very well, the psychological part of this is more challenging than I ever would have imagined. I'm not sure what it's like to be inside of Genre's head, but inside of this mom's head are many struggles and conflicts. Decisions that need to be made, worries of the side effects from all the drugs, and not knowing what is coming up next all make for a constantly uncomfortable (to say the least) place to hover. I say hover because that's what it feels like..it never feels as if we have fully landed or that we should take a deep breath and relax for a moment.

I know that someday we will look back at this and remember all of the love and support even more than all these personal struggles. I am looking forward to that day. For now though, would you please keep Genre in your prayers today? His bone marrow aspiration will be sometime this morning and I can expect the results sometime tomorrow. We are praying that the leukemia is gone - plain and simple. Please continue to pray for Genre to tolerate these drugs well and also that there is no damage to his little body from the chemotherapy regimen. Thank you again!

Messages

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

June 24, 2009, 11:01 AM

Genre,
You are a wonderful, beautiful, and super strong grandson. Every grandfather on this planet, must envy me.
I LOVE YOU.
You will whip this, all the prayers are going to help you, I promise.
Poppy

Sandy Krivansky

June 24, 2009, 11:28 AM

Genre,

I was just thinking about you this morning. I hope your day is a good one. We are praying for you. You are so strong and courageous. I'm sending you and your family a hug today!

Love,

Miss Sandy, Mr. K, Andrew and Ashley

Esther Tinz

June 24, 2009, 11:28 AM

Will pray, pray, pray, every day, every day, every day.

Kristie Deemer

June 24, 2009, 11:44 AM

Wow Genre-- You've made it to the end of your first phase and you are doing so well!!! We'll be praying for you as you start the next part of your journey towards getting better. We hope we can come see you soon!

Much love,

The Deemers

maria pellis

June 24, 2009, 11:56 AM

Read Psalm 23 today Daunettie before you take him if you can! I LOVE YOU GUYS!!! Ree Ree

Becky Cox

June 24, 2009, 12:20 PM

We will certainly be keeping Genre in our prayers, as well as the rest of the family.

Jodi Fowler

June 24, 2009, 12:27 PM

We will be praying for you all day today

Love, the Flower Family

Ed Gratton

June 24, 2009, 12:31 PM

Hi everybody -

You're close in thoughts & prayers today. Go get 'em Gen! I'm sure Kaitlynn will have lots to tell you when we get back home. Hugs all around.

Talk to you soon.

anne novotnak

June 24, 2009, 12:44 PM

Hang in there Genre. We are praying for you everyday but especially today all day. God has been with you this far he won't stop now. I know in my heart things will go well. Daunette hang in there we love you all and are praying for you all.

Ron Schuchert

June 24, 2009, 1:01 PM

D - Keep the faith. I'll continue to pray for Genre, and also for you. Stay strong.

Mr. S

Lisa Beam

June 24, 2009, 1:27 PM

Genre,

Just wanted you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers today (especially) and everyday.

Daunette,

I know how you feel. Of course this is consuming you life and everyday feels like 48 hours instead of 24. It is hard for me to imagine Aiden when he was sick and all that he had to go through. We were in the hospital for 23 days and it felt like months. He was on O2 for 1 year and that was the longest year ever. It will seem like a long time ago when it is over and we are all praying that tests come back excellent. Take Care and God Bless!!

Love Lisa and the Beam Clan!

Janet Allan

June 24, 2009, 1:34 PM

Genre and Daunette,

I will pray all day for you both. You will make it through this with flying colors! God has been with you so far and He won't stop now.

All my hugs and love go to you both and the rest of your family.

Mrs. Allan

jill carr

June 24, 2009, 2:14 PM

Hi Genre. I hope everything went well at the clinic today and you can go home and enjoy the beautiful day we have today! I know that you know more than anyone (besides James and Gionna, of course) that you have a wonderful Mommy and Daddy. Give your mom an extra hug from me today okay?

Love, Jill

susie condrasky

June 24, 2009, 3:04 PM

As always, we are thinking about each and every one of you and praying for you today and every day !

Love, The Condraskys

Dawn Krevokuch

June 24, 2009, 3:09 PM

Hi Genre,

Hope all went well for you today. I think and pray for you every day! You are an amazing young man and are loved so much. Soon you will be back in the water with James too.

Love Coach Dawn

Allison Murray

June 24, 2009, 3:23 PM

Praying for you! Your cake was DELICIOUS!! I heard it helped Mr. Murray lose MarioKart...was there really any chance that he'd win?!?! HA HA

Love,

Mrs. Murray

Marci Vickers

June 24, 2009, 4:33 PM

Dear Daunette- I am not sure if you know about me but JO Ann Fitz is my neighbor and she called me when Genre was diagnosed. You see, my 3 year old son, Connor has the same illness. He also has a brother and a sister. We are 1/1/2 yrs in to it now and going strong. I have read a couple of your carepages (we have one as well) and I cannot believe how similar your thoughts are to mine. Amazing. I did tell JoAnn that if you needed anything even just to talk or to try to get an idea of what's next, I would be more than willing to talk w/ you. I had somebody do this for me and it worked wonders for me. She gave me a lot of little pointers and ideas about certain things that really helped me. The only way she was able to do that is because she had already walked the path that I was on. Believe me, I have been where you are at. My children and I pray for you and Genre everyday. You can check out Connor's carepage as well. His care page name is friendsofconnor with no spaces and no capitals. And again, if you ever want to speak w/ someone who has been there, JoAnn has my number. Marci Vickers

Tracy Seman

June 24, 2009, 5:48 PM

Great Afternoon - and I do mean that we are praying for a GREAT afternoon! Our prayers have been rising all morning and will continue all day.

Hey Genre, wait until you see Jaden - he lost both of his front teeth. One fell out yesterday and the other the day before - I think he is tired of me asking him to smile :~)

As soon as you are up for it, Jaden is ready for a Mario Marathon (or I'm sure any other video/electronic/mind-numbing device would be perfectly acceptable to him :~).

Daunette, got the text this morning - YEA GOD! I bet Dr. Shaw was on his toes when he came into the room today :~) - Did Genre deliver any more of his "one-liners" today?

Love to you all,

Tracy

Kelley Skoloda

June 24, 2009, 6:05 PM

Daunette -- we pray for Genre, and all of you, daily and just know in our hearts that only good things are happening now and will be in the future for you. -- the Skolodas

Tracy Seman

June 24, 2009, 6:24 PM

hi Genre just wanted to say hi and hope to see you tomorrow!!

Bethany (a stranger)

Randy Wolfe

June 25, 2009, 5:19 AM

Daunette, You do need to take a breather and land in the arms of God and relax. It's easier said than done, I know, but we had to find a way to do that with all the problems we had with our son Jeremiah. In fact, I literally found myself wishing his life away until I stopped and said I can't do it anymore Father, take this from me and I found peace and forgiveness and It was lifted from me and at that point, God moved, and changed our son's attitude and thinking back to where he needed to be. I know the situation is a different one but God will provide comfort, peace and rest if we fall into his arms. I will pray to Him for Genre and your family before I go to sleep. All Praise Him!

Randy Wolfe

July 24, 2009

June 24, 2009, 7:06 PM

We are home from the clinic and Genre is feeling fine. He got through the marrow aspiration with no problem. One of the side effects of the drug they give him to sedate him is emotional upheaval. He didn't have any reaction to the drug the last two times. This time he was unable to stop crying for quite a long time. He wasn't in any pain and there was nothing that he was sad about. He just couldn't stop crying. They kept us a little longer than normal to make sure that was the only effect he suffered.

Genre's ANC wa 3900!!! That is no different than yours or mine! They do not expect it to drop all week! We're planning on going to lunch and a matinee tomorrow.

Dr. Shaw said the preliminary look at the marrow seemed great! Of course, that is not the OFFICIAL report. They may call with that later today or tomorrow.

Genre starts the consolidation phase of his treatment next week. He will still be going to the clinic on Wednesdays but he will also be getting chemo at home each week. He will get the chemo four days in a row. They expect his counts to drop significantly but we will cross that road next week!

For now we are thanking God for keeping Genre strong and for protecting him from the chemotherapy. Genre is so brave and he prays all the time. Even in the moments when I forget to pray because I am worrying, he prays. He prays for everyone else and then he prays for himself. He asks God to cure his leukemia and that is exactly what He is doing.

Messages**Tammy Andrew**

June 24, 2009, 7:32 PM

Hi Daunette!

So glad to hear things went well this morning.

Here is a website from another homeschool mom who went through ALL with her 3 1/2 year old son: <http://www.caringbridge/pa/jeremiah/> He has an incredible story. Thought you'd be interested. Have you ever heard of this family? They're at all the conventions.

Continuing to pray...

Tammy Andrew

P.S. Are visits allowed? We're willing to wear masks instead of making Genre wear one!

Tammy Andrew

June 24, 2009, 7:37 PM

Genre,

Another Wednesday down...good to hear things went well for you! We continue to pray.

"Cast all your cares on Him, for He cares for you..." I Peter 5:7

Love in Jesus,

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew, Nate & Jonathan

Neil Jones

June 24, 2009, 7:43 PM

Genre:

That is really good news about your values. Keep your positive attitude and the healing powers of God and your mind will overcome anything. We've been working really hard at swim practice and have won 3 meets so far. The Coaches and kids can't wait until you can come to a practice or a meet for all of us to see you! Coach Jones

Dawn Krevokuch

June 24, 2009, 7:54 PM

Hey Buddy! What wonderful news. Like Coach said the mind is a powerful thing. Stay positive God is right there every step of the way! Have a great rest of the day and enjoy your plans for tomorrow. Coach Dawn

michele weisensee

June 24, 2009, 8:22 PM

Genre,

I am so happy to hear the great news!!! I will continue to pray for God's healing.

Love,
Mrs. Weisensee

Ashley Colletti

June 24, 2009, 9:25 PM

Dear Genre,

That is such great news! I have been reading the updates on your site here for a while now. What a great way to keep all of the many people who care about you updated with how you're doing. You are so strong and determined and I'm glad to see from your pictures that you never stop smiling. My mom, Little A, and I are all praying for you and that you will continue to respond well as you make it through your treatment.

Love,
Ashley

Kelly Barron

June 24, 2009, 10:30 PM

Great news Genre!

Brenda Brown

June 24, 2009, 11:11 PM

Hi Sweetie,

I am so glad you are doing soooooo well. You are so brave and you have such a wonderful family supporting you.

You need to be really strong when you start the other treatments, but since you are doing so well with your first treatment, I know you will do well on your new chemo.

By your pictures, it looks like you are enjoying your summer. Grammy B & Pappy Freddy are getting all our work done, so that we can spend some afternoons with you, James, & Gionna. Maybe we can play the game we bought you, or one of your favorite board games.

Will see you very soon.

Huge hugs & Kisses,

Grammy B, Pappy Freddy & Skyepuppy

Treasure Bertani

June 25, 2009, 1:49 AM

Genre

I am so glad that you are doing so well with the medications and that this first phase of your treatment is over. Praying for good news tomorrow and that you will hear that the cancer is gone.

Huggs and prayers,
Mrs. Bertani

Patty Vargo

June 25, 2009, 2:25 AM

Genre,

We are so glad to hear that the treatments are working and you have little side effects. We are praying for you and Danny said to tell you hi. Patty and Danny Vargo

Coleen Queen

June 25, 2009, 2:27 AM

That's great news. You look so cute in your pictures. That big smile says it all! You are so brave. We think of you often and hope you are feeling good. Thanks for keeping us updated.

You are in our prayers.

The Queen Family

Jennifer Calabrese

June 25, 2009, 3:21 AM

Hey Genre,

I'm really glad to hear so many positives! Tonight, Tegan and I prayed together for the leukemia to be gone and for your body to stay strong, as you continue treatment. I hope you have a fun day tomorrow and pray that you get a GREAT report from the doctor!

Love,
Mrs. Calabrese

Mary M Russman

June 25, 2009, 3:43 AM

Hi Genre!

Your ANC was 3900??? Holy cow, that's AWESOME! Enjoy your matinee and lunch tomorrow. We think of you and pray for you EVERY DAY!!!

Hugs
Mrs. Russman and Luke

Lisa Beam

June 25, 2009, 3:49 AM

Genre and Daunette,

That is great news!! I have been thinking about you all day and hoping to hear good. Thank you letting everyone here know you did well today and we look forward to hearing more good news. Enjoy your day tomorrow and I will be praying for you.

Love, Lisa Beam and family

Randy Wolfe

June 25, 2009, 5:27 AM

Genre, I am so glad to hear things are going well. Keep praying and talking to God, He will take care of you. Keep a close relationship with him all through your life. He is listening even when we sometimes think He's not. Hope you continue to have positive reports, and my wife Mary and I will still be praying for you also. Have a great day tomorrow!!!!!!

Mr. Wolfe

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

June 25, 2009, 12:29 PM

Genre,

You are the light in the lives of many people, incredible young man that you are. I LOVE YOU

Poppy

Jason Watson

June 25, 2009, 6:09 PM

We have been praying for you here in Kentucky. I miss you little buddy and cant wait to get back and beat you in Mario Kart and jam on the guitars for a little bit!

Doreen Baldrige

June 25, 2009, 6:29 PM

Genre that is great news . Ricky was asking about you last night.He will be happy to hear how you are doing. You are a a brave young man and we love you with all are heart.Ricky will be happy to hear .He is so worried about you .We will talk to you soon.He would love to hear your voice. we love you vary much . with hugs and kisses from ricky and Mrs Baldrige :)

Joanne Fitz

June 26, 2009, 8:36 PM

Genre,
I am so excited about the AWESOME results!!! God is truly the MOST POWERFUL physician. He is healing you & we are so very happy :)
Love & hugs
Mrs. Fitz

laura schuchert

June 29, 2009, 3:03 AM

Hello to you all! Great news!!!! I'm hoping you enjoyed your day out to lunch and to the movies ~ Addison and I are still praying for you and your family each night before we close our eyes. :)

Love & God Bless-
Laura Schuchert
(Kristie's sister)

July 25th

June 25, 2009, 7:45 PM

Dr. Sidonio called us today when we were putt putt golfing with the Semans...NO LEUKEMIA AT ALL!!!!!! God is good! We will let you know how Genre enjoys his "maskless" week as we move through it. Thank you for your prayers! Please keep lifting him up.

Messages

Kelley Skoloda

June 25, 2009, 7:54 PM

THANK GOD! How wonderful. Enjoy this gift of restored health and peace of mind for all of you.

jill carr

June 25, 2009, 7:57 PM

Woo hoo Genre!!! I couldn't wait to read good news from your mom and here it is! I'm so happy for all of you. You are thought of and prayed for every single day by so many people and obviously the prayers are working. Keep smiling!

Lisa Beam

June 25, 2009, 8:19 PM

Excellent news Genre. Have fun without the mask and take care. God Bless!!!
Lisa Beam and family

Cheryl Pesi

June 25, 2009, 8:37 PM

Great news -- just what I was hoping to hear! Genre, you have been a brave little trooper (even if you broke my daughter's heart by saying you were marrying another! During baseball last year, Morgan always said SHE was marrying Genre! ;)). We can all thank God in our prayers tonight. :)

Mary M Russman

June 25, 2009, 8:42 PM

OH THANK GOD!!!!!! What WONDERFUL news! You are very special Genre. Big hugs to you and your family!!!

Mrs Russman

Allison Murray

June 25, 2009, 8:58 PM

YEAH GENRE! God is so good!!!! How exciting to not have to wear a mask...and to you mini golfing with your best buds! We'll be away this weekend so we won't see you at church, but we hope you have a FANTASTIC weekend!

Love,
Mr. Murray, Mrs. Murray, and Lily

P.S. We won't have Wii where we are going, so Mr. Murray isn't going to get to practice. Will he ever be able to beat you?

Kim Wingard

June 25, 2009, 10:03 PM

PRAISE GOD!!! HE is SO good! That's great news Genre! You truly are a soldier in the Lord's army, you kept fighting the fight and kept your

faith strong. God has seen all that you are doing and has blessed you greatly.

angela sipple

June 25, 2009, 10:20 PM

GOD IS GREAT! The Sipple house is cheering for you. What wonderful news to get. Can't wait to see you in church on Sunday. Travis and Clay are actually at VBS tonight with a their friends. Travis was bummed he couldn't come play this week. We'll have to set a day next week. We are still praying.....and praising too. We love you. Mrs Sipple

susie condrasky

June 25, 2009, 10:24 PM

AWESOME NEWS ! Time for another Happy Dance at the Condrasky house ! Tyler said "Congratulations Genre!", and then he added that Genre is probably soooooo happy that he doesn't even need a joke to lift his spirits ! WAY TO GO!!!
The Condraskys

Ashley Iams

June 25, 2009, 10:45 PM

Genre it was great to see you at the pool today!! Your so strong and i am so proud of you! Have a fun week!

Joelle Wilds

June 26, 2009, 1:03 AM

Thank God - but we will still keep praying to keep him healthy & strong...

Dawn Krevokuch

June 26, 2009, 2:33 AM

WOW! What wonderful news God is amazing! Congratulations. Still get your rest to stay strong. Have a wonderful weekend with all the fun you will have. You deserve it!
Coach Dawn

Dawn Krevokuch

June 26, 2009, 2:36 AM

Daunette and John,
God bless you both for all of your hard work. It truly is amazing the power of pray, thank you for sharing this journey with all of us.
Sweet Dreams, rest peacefully.
Dawn

Sandra Sims

June 26, 2009, 3:34 AM

WAY TO GO GENRE. THAT IS ALL THOSE WONDERFUL PRAYERS THAT YOU AND EVERYONE ELSE HAVE BEEN PRAYING. HOW EXCITING NO MASK!!!!!!!!!!
LOVE FROM THE SIMS (NICHOLAS AND TYLERS GRANDPA AND GRANDMA)

Jennifer Calabrese

June 26, 2009, 3:38 AM

So glad to hear the GREAT news! Thank you, God!!! Baker family - You have amazing faith...it's an inspiration:) Genre - We're happy to hear, you've been having fun! We'll keep praying for your strength and healing.

Love,
The Calabrese Family

Chris Brogna

June 26, 2009, 1:30 PM

That is fantastic news! Genre - You are an amazing boy and an inspiration to all of us. I hope you enjoy your week maskless. We thank God and we'll keep praying.
Love you!
The Brognas

Sue McGuire

June 26, 2009, 1:58 PM

Awesome news! Continue getting well and having such a great faith!
Mrs. McGuire

michele weisensee

June 26, 2009, 3:25 PM

Fabulous!!! Thank God!!! Enjoy the week with no mask Genre!!!

Love,
Mrs. Weisensee

mimi mcgeary

June 26, 2009, 8:14 PM

Dear John, Daunette, and Genre, We are praying for all of you as well. Our John had ALL at 71/2 and is now 23 and saving \$ for grad school to be a professor and writer. We have found that God gives us the grace to walk with Him and most often in the darkest places, He shines the brightest. May God continue to give you the grace to walk with Him moment by moment. Our prayers and our hearts are with you--the McGeary family, Dave, Mimi, Justin, John, Jim, Carmita, and Michael

Amy Gratton

June 26, 2009, 11:44 PM

Dear Genre,

We are glad to be back in Pennsylvania with our favorite Genre! Glad you had a great week! We had a great week with your awesome Kaitlynn! Talk to you soon!

Love,
Mrs. Gratton

Treasure Bertani

June 27, 2009, 12:22 AM

YEAH!!!!!! So glad to hear it!
Enjoy the fresh air!
Huggs and prayers,
Mrs. Bertani and Luke

maureen gratton

June 27, 2009, 1:23 AM

Hi Genre,
What wonderful news to come home to. We may have been away from home but you were in our hearts and we were praying. I'm so happy you can lose the mask for awhile. Breathe that fresh air and keeping on talking to God about everything, and I mean EVERYTHING. He wants to hear it all.
Love you,
Maureen

wendy coates

June 27, 2009, 4:27 PM

Genre,
That is so awesome!! And a week without the mask too...that will be especially nice in this hot weather! Hope to see you at church on Sunday.
Wendy Coates

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

June 28, 2009, 2:50 PM

Genre,
How are you, toughguy. Just want you to know I Love You.
Poppy

Tammy Fleming

June 28, 2009, 11:53 PM

Baker Family,
This is fantastic news!!! :) This goes to show you the power of prayer. I am so happy for you all.
Tammy

Kelly Barron

June 30, 2009, 1:46 AM

Yeah!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

George Sharp

June 30, 2009, 11:53 AM

You are an inspiration to me and my family. Keep up the smiles and positive outlook. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.
God Bless

The Sharp Family (George, Karen, Nathan, & Tori)

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

July 6, 2009, 12:43 PM

Genre,
A day does not go by, that I don't think about you.
I LOVE YOU, eternally
Poppy

June 29, 2009

June 29, 2009, 10:08 PM

Just wanted to let you all know that Genre has been very busy this week! He is feeling great and has been anxious to get out! After he went golfing with his buddy Jaden, we spent all day Friday at the Museum of Natural History. History is Genre's favorite subject so this was an easy choice for him. He decided that he enjoyed everything in the museum except for the modern art. He didn't quite understand why stacking up computer paper was considered modern art. Frankly, neither did I. Our friends the Merritts joined us at the museum and we went to PF Chang's for dinner afterwards. We were happy to see Genre's friends Stephen, Alex, and David at PF Chang's. You don't usually run into your N. Huntingdon friends at the Waterfront! The next day Genre invited his friends the Semans (surprise, surprise - Jaden's family!) and the Fowlers (Flowers) over to swim. They had the best day ever! All the kids swam and played basketball. The dads even decided to get a little game of basketball going...ask John how his knee is! Later, Genre played some wiffle ball with all the kids and the dads. It was so great to see him pitching to the kids and even batting! His strength and energy has been amazing! On Sunday Genre went to Kid's Kingdom and then stayed for Sunday school. My mom took him to visit his great grandmother while the rest of us stayed for 11:00 service. He wanted to go to the zoo later in the day, so we did. We took my Nanny's wheelchair just in case he was tired. He never sat in it! We stayed through the rain and he got to see the tiger sharks, so he was very happy! Yesterday was the day that Cici's Pizza was donating 10% of the collected receipts to Team in Training (our friend Jodi is running a marathon and raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in honor of Genre. Her web page is <http://pages.teamintraining.org/wpa/nikesf09/jodifowler>). We took Genre to Cici's and he got to see his buddy Stephen there! (Stephen's whole family was having dinner there!) As you can see, the little guy has been busy. Today he played with all of his homeschooling friends at the Deemer birthday party. He couldn't wait to see all of them. He was up at 8:00 and ready to go! The party didn't start until 1:00. Mr. Deemer took all of the boys down to the fishing pond - no touching the pond water, of course...for any of them! Genre is smart enough to know that he can't play football with the guys, so he played with his DS when they played football. When they played wiffle ball, he played. He had a great day and Mr. Deemer said he was never tired once while walking down to the pond. He really got a chance to hang out with the guys today. He had such a great time!

Dr. Shaw doesn't want Genre the monkey bars, or anything on which he can get hurt, but he has no problem with him being at the playground. He said the zoo was okay, but no monkey or bat house. That was sad for Genre because he loves the monkeys. But, seeing the tiger sharks made up for it!

We are just thanking God for this wonderful, healthy week. Genre has smiled all week long and that makes all of us smile! We are praying that the good health continues and that Genre's body stays protected and strong through this next phase of chemotherapy.

Messages

Joelle Wilds

June 29, 2009, 10:46 PM

what a beautiful family picture at the zoo - I continue to pray for Genre & your family every day - you are always in my thoughts Daunette -

anne novotnak

June 29, 2009, 11:05 PM

Hello Bakers. sounds like a wonderful and blessed week. What wonderful memories to treasure. You have to blow that picture up of the family. what a great picture. We'll be praying for you continuously in the up coming weeks as usual. We love you guys and will be keeping you in our prayers.

donna weber

June 29, 2009, 11:36 PM

Hi just got back from vacation. Doreen called me once with an update but the first thing I did was checked the carepages. What good news. I am so impressed with Genre he has grown as Jesus in Wisdom and stature not sure thats spelled right. Dauette, you and John have always been such devoted parents. As I read your notes I related with worries concern I always remember God only sends us what we can handle sometimes I feel he trusts me and has way too much faith in what I can handle!! but I always survive with more faith. My continued prayers for all of you.

maureen gratton

June 29, 2009, 11:51 PM

Hi Genre,

We're so happy to hear you are having such a GREAT week and feeling well. It was so good to see you were able to enjoy the Beach Party in Kids Kingdom and Sunday School class. Russ and I love the bracelets that you designed. You have so many talents we didn't even know you had. Give Gionna and James a hug for me.

Love you,
Maureen

Allison Murray

June 30, 2009, 1:44 AM

What a fun week! It made me tired just reading all the things you did! We had a fun weekend at my aunt's house in NY. Lily swam all weekend and even jumped off the diving board (Mr. Murray caught her, of course!)

See you soon!
Love,
Mrs. Murray

Jennifer Calabrese

June 30, 2009, 2:26 AM

Genre and family,

It was so great to see you at the Deemer party! We loved spending the afternoon with you. We're so glad you've been out having fun! We'll be praying for good health, during this upcoming treatment.

Our Love,
The Calabrese Family

P.S. Gionna - Haven loves you! Thanks for playing with her:)

Amy Gratton

June 30, 2009, 3:28 AM

Dear Genre and Family,

Boy, did we have a great time visiting with you all this evening! Thanks so much for inviting us over! The kids had a blast in the pool and Marisa got such a kick out of counting how many times Genre tickled her toes! It was good to spend time with you all and of course, it's always good when eating is involved!!!!

Hey! Guess what? On the way home, there was construction at the intersection of Rt. 48 and Lincoln Highway and we had quite the chat with a policewoman on the highway for about 15 minutes. Aaron said he wanted to become a police officer just so he could play with the big "glow sticks". When Mr. Gratton told the policewoman about what Aaron said, she actually passed the "glowing baton" into our van and let Aaron play with it for a while! It was the icing on the cake of his evening!

Thanks again for a great night of fellowship!!

Love,
The Gratton Gang

Lisa Beam

June 30, 2009, 4:29 AM

Genre and family,

That is great to hear that you are trying to do things again and enjoying family and friend time. Make sure you get your rest so you can enjoy a lot more fun times with everyone. We are thinking and praying for you all the time. Take care and God Bless!!

Love, The Beam Family

maria pellis

June 30, 2009, 1:41 PM

AMAZING!!! Genre is my HERO (truly) and I am soooooo happy he has had such a great week!!! Love, Ree Ree and the gang

angela sipple

June 30, 2009, 2:46 PM

SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE BEEN HAVING GREAT FUN. I ALWAYS LIKED THE SHARKS TOO. TRAVIS WANTS TO GO BACK TO THE MUSEUM WITH THE DINOSAURS. CLAY HAS NEVER BEEN THERE SO I THINK THAT MEANS WE BETTER GO THIS SUMMER. STAY HEALTHY THIS WEEK. LOVE YOU - THE SIPPLE FAMILY

wendy coates

June 30, 2009, 2:58 PM

Wow Genre! Hearing all that you did makes me tired just reading about it. That is amazing that God has given you the strength to be able to

enjoy all that. Our family is definately tired out today...we were at Idlewild yesterday. We all got one of your bracelets on Sunday. I love your design. I keep mine attached to my purse strap. Hope you can have some more fun this week! And, we will be praying for you with your new chemo. treatments.

Wendy Coates

wendy coates

June 30, 2009, 3:06 PM

Hey James...watch out for that polar bear! It looks like it is eyeing you up for lunch!

Wendy Coates

Kristie Deemer

June 30, 2009, 3:14 PM

Genre-- We're so glad you made it to the party! Thanks for taking care of Mr. Deemer when you were in the woods and making sure he didn't get eaten by a lion or something. We had a great time with you and were very thankful that God gave you such strength all week and especially yesterday to be with us for our party.

Much love,
The Deemers

Vincent pecora

June 30, 2009, 6:20 PM

Hi Genre,

I'm really happy you feel better. My mom and I check your website all the time to make sure you don't feel sick. If you go on webkins sometime soon, call me and we can play on the computer together. I just got a a new artic fox, I named him foxy. Ava tries to steal him from me all the time. I'm glad your not in the hospital anymore! I'm going to the zoo this weekend too. Tell James and Gionna I said Hi.

Love,
Vincent

michele weisensee

June 30, 2009, 11:59 PM

Genre,

What a busy guy you are!! I am praising God that He blessed you with an amazing week. You will be in my prayers for the rest of the week.

Love,
Mrs. Weisensee

July 1, 2009

July 2, 2009, 12:12 AM

We didn't get home from the clinic until about 5:30. It was a really long day for Genre. He had to have a thirty minute infusion of Humate P (which helps him clot better) and two bags of fluid before his spinal tap. That took about 2 hours. He didn't have his spinal tap until almost 2 pm. He was starving and quite thirsty!! Believe me...he told everyone how hungry he was! He made it through the spinal tap procedure just like each time before this. There is no other way to explain it - it's like he's laying on the table and Jesus is holding him in his arms. He is perfectly still; he never even flinches. The medicine relaxes him but doesn't put him to sleep. Throughout the procedure you can see him smiling. Sometimes he squeezes my hand or just opens his eyes to look at us. Our nurse, Kristen, looked at me today and said "He's smiling...he's an amazing boy." I said thank you. I think he is pretty amazing, but I also know that God is with him all the time and He is helping him through each round of this fight. I know why he is smiling!

Genre is up to 78 pounds. He was 68 pounds when he left the hospital. He's very happy about that because he's had this 'thing' this year where he wants to be 80 pounds while he is eight years old. So....maybe.

I was surprised to learn that Genre's ANC was only 800 when we got to the clinic today. It was 3900 last week and he didn't have any chemo at the last visit. When the docs say that the ANC drops 7 to 10 days after infusion - they are right on. His numbers dropped so low because of his treatment two weeks ago. It didn't matter that he didn't get an infusion last week. They expect him to be significantly lower next week. Please pray that there are no delays in his treatment becasue his numbers are too low to treat him. I am hoping that he can be in the maintenance phase before the full blown flu season arrives.

Today was a lot harder than any of the other clinic visits for some reason. It just seemed like they were doing so much to his body. They were putting so much into him. Each time we were done with one thing we moved on to something else being injected into him. Three of the drugs were new today and we don't know how he will react to them. I think it was easier when he took a new drug and we were staying at the hospital. The doctors were right there if anything happened. Having him here at home tonight and throughout this week is frightening. He can react in various ways at any time throughout the next week. The side effects are so much more serious and involved than just a headache or belly pain. The Augmentin insert I am usually reading seems like an old friend after I read the reaction possibilities on these meds. It takes my breath away. We'll get through it. I just keep praying for God to protect his body and to give me peace. I know he will.

Messages

Kristie Deemer

July 2, 2009, 12:29 AM

Genre-- I think that nurse was pretty smart... you are amazing! It's not everyday that you meet a kid who not only doesn't cry or whine about all this dr. stuff, but one who actually smiles! Is Jesus telling you jokes while He holds you or are you just happy to feel Him near? Even though these days may seem longer and harder than before, you keep going one step at a time. Remind your mom to keep looking at her feet. She'll know just what I mean.

Much love,
The Deemers

Kristie Deemer

July 2, 2009, 12:33 AM

Daunette-- It sounds like it was a much harder day for you. Please remember that Genre isn't the only one being held. God's arms are big enough for the both of you. I have no doubt that is the only reason that you are still standing. I only wish that I could take some of this burden from you or help you carry it along. It's so heavy for you, even though I know God does most of the lifting. All I can do is tell you that I love you dearly and will be here whenever you need to talk, complain, cry, or laugh. Whatever you need. I'm always here.

Kristie

Jodi Fowler

July 2, 2009, 1:25 AM

Hi Genre - you did awesome today, you are so strong and courageous! We are praying for you and know that God is with you at all times. You are an example to so many people!! We are so glad that we could spend time with you last weekend. We will keep praying for the medicines to do their job, and for you to feel well!

Love,
The Flower Family

Allison Murray

July 2, 2009, 1:37 AM

Genre,

Hope you are resting peacefully in your bed tonight. So great to hear that you still remember how close Jesus is to you ALL THE TIME! We'll pray that you feel well even with the new medicines! Keep smiling!

Love,
Mr. and Mrs. Murray and Lily

Jennifer Calabrese

July 2, 2009, 1:44 AM

Genre,

You were very strong today! I'm so glad Jesus is with you. We will pray that you have God's protection and peace.

Love,
Mrs. Calabrese

Amy Gratton

July 2, 2009, 2:10 AM

Dear Genre,

We all know SO WELL how Jesus is CONSTANTLY holding you in the palm of His hand. We love you sweet angel boy. Sleep with the angels.

Mrs. Gratton

donna weber

July 2, 2009, 2:12 AM

You are all so strong!!! My prayers are with you for continued strength and improvement. Most of all I pray for good reactions/.

Amy Gratton

July 2, 2009, 2:14 AM

I THINK WHEN YOU HIT 1000 MESSAGES WE SHOULD HAVE A PARTY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Mrs. Gratton

Karen Sharp

July 2, 2009, 3:51 AM

Genre,

I always wondered what one of God's miracles looked like. Thank you for showing me. I am in awe of your courage and amazing heart as you face each new challenge. You are truly a gift from God to us all. I will be praying for you and your family that you may continue to have the strength, courage and faith that you do, all of your lives. My special prayer for you tonight will be that you will not have any reactions or side effects from these much needed medicines and that your body will instead embrace them and that your battle with all of this will soon be just a memory. Sleep well under God's blanket as you are certainly safe there. God bless you all.

Karen Sharp

Timothy Gray

July 2, 2009, 12:37 PM

Genre,

I know that you don't know who I am, but I know both of your parents. My name is Tim Gray and I am writing this for all of my family. We just recently found out about your illness and we have been following your updates all the time on this website. I want you to know that you are an inspiration to all of us. Stay strong and keep smiling! It sounds like you are one courageous young man. You and your family are in our prayers each and everyday! Hang in there and keep fighting!!!!

The Gray Family

Janet Allan

July 2, 2009, 1:44 PM

Genre,

I am so glad to be a part of your life! You are a very brave and special young man! I keep praying for God to heal your body and give you no side effects. Isn't it wonderful He is answering so many prayers. You are a living example of Jesus' love and faith.

You know most adults wouldn't handle all this medicine stuff and hospital time as well as you have. Don't worry we are all helping you with our prayers. You are never without a blanket of prayer, day and night. So many people love you and wear your bracelet. So when you have a hard time, just remember there are lots and lots of people supporting you and your family.

I love you and your family,
Mrs. Allan

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

July 2, 2009, 2:17 PM

Genre,

You are one tremendously strong young man. I love you, more each day.

Poppy

Kelley Skoloda

July 2, 2009, 4:02 PM

Genre -- you are doing great! Keep up that wonderful and positive attitude and all will work out just fine.

Daunette and John -- hang in there -- you've come so far and this is just another step to full recovery. All will work out -- we know it!

Jason Watson

July 2, 2009, 6:40 PM

Genre Im glad we are friends! When I get back from Ohio I cant wait to come over and play some guitar!

Joelle Wilds

July 2, 2009, 7:14 PM

Daunette - in today's day & age so many people are not believers - Genre and your family are true testaments to why God is Good - he is protecting Genre and your family and your daily 'life' writing is an inspiration - hi to Genre from Grammy B's friend Joelle

lori yarlett

July 3, 2009, 12:06 AM

hi genre i told rick your good news and he was so happy. That made him smile. He wants to see you when you are up to it . Tell mommy to call me . I am on vacation til 7/12 . We got something for you we tried to drop it off at the neighbors but was not home have mommy call ok. We are still praying that to keep getting good news. I know god is listening to us. We love you hope to hear from you soon . love ricky and Mrs Baldrige :) :) ps tell mommy call my cel 412-983-2735

Neil Jones

July 3, 2009, 3:08 AM

Genre:
Reading about your progress allows me to keep my "problems" in perspective and I realize that an attitude like yours can take on anything. I look up to you because of that. Can't wait to see you at the pool again! Coach Jones

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

July 9, 2009, 3:12 PM

Genre,
You are a wonderful, strong, and beautiful grandson. There isn't anything you can't do, or anything you can't beat ! I love you toughguy, more each day.

Poppy

July 2, 2009

July 3, 2009, 1:21 PM

Hi - this is a day late. I typed it last night and forgot to hit his post.

Genre had his first home chemo treatment today. His nurse is Connie. Guess where Connie works for her 'other' job....Children's Hospital on the 9th floor...the oncology/hematology floor. Can you guess who took care of Genre one of the days he was staying there? Yep...Connie. Oh, one more thing - she's a coworker and friend of Angie Sipple - Travis' mom! The way this has all been woven together to protect and care for Genre is nothing short of amazing and awesome. He has truly had his hand in this to help smooth the way for Genre.

Genre took the ARAC again today. He will have it tomorrow and Saturday also. He has had no reaction to the medicine at all. Thank God! He is feeling very well and has been playing and laughing all day. So far so good.

He received a new bike today from a group called Cody's Wheels of Hope. It is a memorial foundation that gives something on wheels to each child diagnosed with life threatening illnesses. (...can't believe I just typed those words~) The kids can pick a bike, scooter or skateboard. They also sent him a brand new helmet. He was excited and he can't wait until he is allowed back on his bike!

Messages

Randy Wolfe

July 3, 2009, 2:10 PM

Sounds Great!!! A new bike, A new helmet, and A Wonderful God taking care of business. Genre is truly blessed. Glad to hear you are feeling well and having no reaction to your treatment. Awesome!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Mr. Wolfe

michele weisensee

July 3, 2009, 2:19 PM

It is truly amazing and awesome to hear and see how God is working in your life. Enjoy those new wheels!!!
Love,
Mrs. Weisensee

maureen gratton

July 3, 2009, 6:01 PM

Hi Genre,
A brand new bike and a helmet! God is truly blessing you while you are busy blessing so many of the lives you touch on a daily basis. You are always in our prayers.
Love,
Maureen

Jennifer Calabrese

July 4, 2009, 2:53 AM

Genre,

Hey there! God is truly there for you every step of the way. You're doing great! Have fun with your new bike!

Love,
Mrs. Calabrese

Treasure Bertani

July 5, 2009, 1:39 AM

Genre,
Glad to hear that you did ok with your new chemo. I hope you get to ride your bike soon. How will you know when you can ride it? What will determine that? I know that Jesus has his arms wrapped around you Genre....keep believing! He loves you so very very much.
Luke and I continue to pray for you each night. Stay strong!
Huggs and prayers,
Mrs. Bertani
P.S. did you get to stay up to see any fireworks for the fourth of july?

July 5, 2009

July 5, 2009, 2:19 PM

Genre finished his first week of consolidation yesterday (Saturday 7/4/09). That night his temperature crept up to 99.9. It stayed there for quite a while but through the night it dropped back down into the lower 99's. It is a temperature for him at 100.4. I'm not sure if I said this before, but his fever needs to be treated regardless of whether it is a side effect from one of the new chemos or not. They obviously can not take a chance with infection because of his ever decreasing ANC. He needs to be evaluated/treated/possibly admitted at 100.4.

He received fluids each day, along with his chemo. One of the drugs he received on Wednesday can cause problems with bladder bleeding. The docs don't want him to begin bleeding as that will become a problem for Genre because of his VW. In case you don't know, Genre has a condition (always has) called Von Willebrand disease. Let me first say that Genre refuses to refer to his VW as a disease. Each time Dr. Shaw refers to his bleeding 'disease', Genre corrects him. He very clearly explains, every time, that the Von Willebrand's is NOT a disease. He says "A disease is something that makes you NOT be able to do things like play baseball. A disease makes you have to wear a mask when you are with other people. I always have my Von Willebrands and it doesn't change my life." Dr. Shaw backs up and explains that he's sorry that VW was classified as a disease. The scientists MUST have been wrong when they named it. The reason Genre's reaction is so adorable to all of us is because Genre has no idea how much the VW has directed his life. All of our decisions about Genre over the last 8.5 years have been based on him having VW. We just have chosen not to make a big deal about it. It's part of who he is.

Genre has moderate Type I Von Willebrand's disease (sorry, Genre). Some studies show that approximately 1 in 10,000 people have VW. It is more common to have mild VW. The effect of this 'disease' is prolonged bleeding. Genre does not bleed MORE than I do, he bleeds LONGER. At the sight of an injury, the clot forms for a VW patient. However, the Von Willebrand's is the 'glue' that holds the clot together. Genre has about 60% of that glue, compared to one of us without the disorder. There is a synthetic drug available for this illness. It works on over 95% of the VW population. You guessed it...Genre is not responsive to the drug. So, when Genre needs help with a surgery, a spinal tap, or any other type of bleeding, he needs a blood products called Humate P. This contains the 'glue' he needs to help him hold a clot. Genre refers to the Humate P as homemade pee and the nurses crack up.

Prior to being diagnosed with ALL, Genre has never had a bleeding issues. He had never been given any blood products, including Humate P. So, this part of the journey is also new to us. Thankfully, Genre has one of the most respected docs as his hematologist - Dr. Ragni. She is not on staff at Children's, but her partner, Dr. Richie, is the head of the hem/onc department at CHP. Drs. Shaw and Sodonio are in touch with her regularly. They have great respect for her and they include her on much of the decision making regarding Genre's treatment. She is so wonderful. When she found out about Genre, she called me to tell me that she would stay as involved in his care as she could. She gave me her personal phone numbers and told me that it would be alright to call her with anything I wanted to discuss!

That was a long explanation as to why Genre has been receiving fluids this week. It's to help prevent the bladder bleeding. He will get that same drug again in four weeks from now, so he will need the fluids the following week once again. Let me say that Genre has received even more attention than is normal for an ALL child because of his VW. The docs have never treated a child with ALL and mild/moderate VW. There is little to no data for them to refer to, so they consult with everyone they can. He has doctors checking in on him all the time, just because they are interested in the bleeding/ALL combination. I look at the VW as a blessing. It's a little more attention from a few more doctors. What could be bad about that? Maybe Genre will help the doctors with future bleeding patients.

This morning when Genre woke up he seemed extra tired. I asked him if he wanted to go to Sunday school and he said yes. A few minutes later, when I saw how slowly he was moving, I asked him again. He said "Mommy, whenever you ask me if I WANT to go to Sunday school I am always going to say yes. It's my favorite place to go." I asked him if he felt like he was ABLE to go. He didn't answer. I asked him again. He said "Well, if I don't go to Sunday school then you are going to miss church." He was thinking about me. I helped him get back in bed and I told him that he and I would read our Bibles when he woke up. I reminded him that God is always with us no matter where we are and that He will hear our prayers from home. We pulled his covers up and he shut his eyes again. He's been sleeping ever since.

I am thankful to God that Genre has felt so well throughout these last six weeks. I am SO thankful! I tell God all day, every day, "Thank you!" I am so grateful that our son has done so well through all of this. But, on the other hand, I realize that Genre still has cancer. He is still a very sick little boy with a very uncertain future ahead of him. Three to five years is a long time. None of us knows what will happen to us tomorrow - I know that. I know that it isn't good for any of us to be consumed with worry and fear. So, I pray everyday and ask God to take away the terror that goes along with all of this. He is helping us. Most times I am able to carry this burden and not feel like I will collapse under the weight of it. I have had SO MUCH guilt regarding my own worry and fear. I have felt like I was a misbehaving, complaining child telling God that I didn't want Genre to go through this. He has done so much for me!! Everything we have needed has been provided! How dare I feel overwhelmed with worry!?! During a low moment, Kristie said to me - Do you remember when Jesus was in the garden the night before He was crucified? As soon as she said those words, I knew where she was going. The proverbial light bulb went off in my head...like a lightning bolt!! Jesus asked the Father to "Take this cup." Although His pain would be

the ultimate sacrifice of being separated from His Father, He was asking for God to take it away. It just hit me - I know that this path and ending will be God's will. I will accept His plan, no matter what it is. I understand that he sees the whole picture and I can not. But, I realized at that moment that it is okay to respectfully ask God to help with the burden, and even to ask that He take AWAY the burden. I don't know if Kristie realizes what that one sentence meant to me. It helped relieve so much pain. Funny how I wasn't able to think of that on my own.

Hopefully Genre will feel stronger when he gets up. Thank you for keeping Genre in your prayers. Please pray for his strength and that his numbers stay high enough to continue his treatments.

Messages

Joelle Wilds

July 5, 2009, 3:01 PM

Daunette~ God truly is working through you - just reading your updates is spiritual - God will watch over you and Genre and your family. God is good.
Joelle

Sandy Krivansky

July 5, 2009, 3:57 PM

Hi Genre,

I missed you today and I hope you're feeling better! My family and I are still praying for you!

From, Andrew

Allison Murray

July 5, 2009, 6:27 PM

Daunette,

Your faith continues to be a blessing to all of us. Missed you today!
Love,
Allison

Kristie Deemer

July 5, 2009, 7:41 PM

Daunette-- You don't realize that one of the ripples from this whole thing is that God uses you to reach so many of us. You are living an unthinkable nightmare to us but God continues to find a way to show Himself through your words to all of us. You argue that it's not you... and I tell you the same right back. It wasn't me who knew you needed to hear about Jesus in the garden, it wasn't me or Mike who told you to call the dr. anyways, it was God working at that moment. That doesn't mean that we can't be thankful for the messenger just as you continue to be thankful for things that I've said to you. Maybe people just aren't wording things correctly. It's not your faith, ie. belief that all is well because God is here. That wouldn't be true. The part that touches all of us is your search for God in all of this and the fact that you've "opened the eyes of your heart" to find him. You've been sharing your sightings and winks along the way and that is why your faith is amazing. You are finding God in the little steps along the way and pointing Him out to each of us. For you, it's a survival technique to keep you from crumbling. To all of us, it is a constant reminder of how much each of us needs God and how He will be there for us when we do. Stand back and realize that it's all God... what we do, what you do, how we respond, how you respond. God is at work through all of us to make those ripples happen the way He needs them to do so. You could choose to stop that by not looking for Him or letting the screaming in your head drown out the little voice in your heart. But you choose to look and you choose to report it to us. That is what people mean by your faith. It's God at work... but your faith is your choosing to let Him. I know it's the only option to keep you afloat. We all know that. But you are choosing not to drown here and that counts. So try to look at it that way and know that's probably what people mean about your faith. Now I have to go post for all to see that you are a terrible person with lousy faith who is not at all amazing. :-)

Much love,
Kristie

Kristie Deemer

July 5, 2009, 7:54 PM

Genre--

We missed you this morning. Travis and Jaden had to sing the Worthy song extra loud to make up for the loss of one boy voice. You would have been so proud of them as they belted it out, Genre!! My assistant, Eli, missed seeing you, too. He got to munch animal crackers all morning while he helped me up in KK. I'll bring the lesson over to you so you can see what we did this morning. Hope you feel better after some extra sleep!

Much love,
Mrs. Deemer

Esther Tinz

July 5, 2009, 8:54 PM

Genre

I got one of your bracelets this morning. I will proudly wear for you. Blessings to you - Esther Tinz

Jodi Fowler

July 5, 2009, 9:00 PM

We missed you both this morning! Hope you had a restful day. Daunette, you continue amaze me with your faith and honesty. Your friendship is a blessing.

Love, Jodi

wendy coates

July 5, 2009, 11:26 PM

Daunette,

Thank you for sharing so openly and honestly about your struggles. This is such a difficult burden for any mom or dad to have to carry. But, it is continually amazing to see God's help in your carrying of it. You are truly not alone. And, yes, how wonderful it is to have a savior that truly understands those times when we beg for God to "Take this cup", as we struggle to submit to God's will. Praying God keeps you all strong during these more intense treatments and that He keeps giving you plenty of "winks" along the way.

Wendy Coates

Karen Leece (Baker)

July 6, 2009, 1:17 AM

Dear Genre, Thinking of you and praying for you and your family every day. You are a brave little man, I hope you feel better every day!

Love, Karen Leece

maureen gratton

July 6, 2009, 1:18 AM

Hi Daunette,

Our Lord really does understand and it's best to be honest with Him. I remember feeling and praying those same things when Janeen was sick. Lean on the Lord and let Him hold you in His arms.

We missed you and Genre today. We love you all so much.

Maureen

Amy Gratton

July 6, 2009, 1:38 AM

Dear All,

Haven't written in a while. You all are constantly in our hearts, thoughts and prayers.

Genre,

Did you know that "church" or "Sunday school" is wherever you want it to be? Church is not a building. Church is people. Where two or more are gathered... You and your mom were doing church today, just by gathering in Jesus' name, in your home, today. Jesus wanted you to get the rest you needed today in your sweet, warm, cozy bed. And as far as Sunday school is concerned, today was Sunday, that is true. School is learning, and as we homeschoolers know, school is learning ANYTIME, ANYWHERE, about ANYTHING. You had your Sunday school at home today! So, Genre, when you can make it to NCC on a Sunday, we love you and are glad you are there. But, when you need to stay home and rest, we want you to stay home and rest. And be assured, when you and mom are at home on a Sunday morning, you are CONSTANTLY in our thoughts, minds and prayers in that building on the hill. And, my man, we will see you again!

Mom,

We love you and your family so much. As a mom, I can only imagine the magnitude of the weight of your burden. I can in no way feel it entirely. God loves you so much and understands entirely the weight of your burden and understands your worry and fear. He does NOT want you to feel guilty. He is not about that.

Just please know, that always, constantly and with passion, the Baker family is being lifted up before the Lord and the POWER of that will not be moved.

We love you.

Amy

Joanne Fitz

July 6, 2009, 2:35 AM

Genre,

You are such an amazing boy! It made me smile to know that Kid's Kingdom is your favorite place to go. It is because of you and all of the

other children that come to KK each week; that I choose to serve the Lord by helping in the children's ministry. It brightens my day in knowing how much that you love learning about Jesus. Beyond those thoughts; your spiritual maturity shines through you;with the concern that you had for Mommy to get to church.

There may be a few Sundays that you have to stay home to rest, but remember that you have connections to inside information as part of the FBI Jesus. See I know how to get your hands on all of the KK materials and video clips. If you're interested just send me the secret code words & I'll hand it all over to you.

Signing off now....

Love Agent Teach-a-Lot

Janet Allan

July 6, 2009, 3:09 AM

Daunette,

You do not realize how much your notes help all of us. They are such honest expressions and stories. It takes a lot of courage to put your innermost thoughts out there for all to read and it is that very act that encourages all us parents, friends, and loved ones to go on each day. If you can express doubt, fear, worry and still receive all the wonderful blessings God has bestowed on your family, then we can too, without fear of losing God's favor. Thank you for being so honest. Lots of hugs to you!

Janet

Genre,

Get your rest when you need it and know that Jesus is holding you in His arms always. You will like this one..... I had to get your bracelet in the child size, because my arms are soooooo skinny.

Love,

Mrs. Allan

Dante Pecora

July 6, 2009, 3:35 PM

Hey big guy, I hear you are doing such a great job keep it up. Avery Aunt Carla and I have you in our prayers everyday. Stay strong we love you. Thanks for the cool wrist bands.

Randy Wolfe

July 6, 2009, 5:18 PM

Genre, I missed Kids Kingdom myself on Sunday deu to my getting home late from work and I just couldn't get there in time but when I got there I was out in the main hallway and I heard them singing and they were singing so loud and strong that we all heard them out there. they were singing Worthy Of My Praise, (and Yes, even the boys wre singing their part loudly!) It really made me feel great, even though I was running behind, cause I knew that the kids were praising God with all they had. By the way, I'm grateful for your Dad filling in for me so tell him again I said thanks even though I told him already. Hope to see you there again soon and be sure to get your rest.

YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS DAILY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Daunette,

Thank you for sharing this info with us, it really reinforces us to be strong in our faith and prayer for Genre, your family, for others, and even ourselves. I sometimes start thinking about my own self and my own insignificant problems and forget about those who are truly suffering and are in greater need of help and prayer. Your updates bring me back to reality and I GREATLY APPRECIATE THEM!

Randy Wolfe

P.S. Love the Wristbands!!!!!!!!!!!!!! ;-)

jill carr

July 6, 2009, 5:59 PM

Hi Genre-i hope when you woke up yesterday, you felt better and enjoyed the nice day we had. That's really great that you got a new bike and helmet! Your mom does such an awesome job of keeping all of the people who are thinking about you updated on how you are doing. We all appreciate that because she is a very busy mom!

Love, Jill

Sandy Krivansky

July 6, 2009, 7:39 PM

Dear Genre,

I hope you're feeling better. I missed you at church yesterday. I am praying for you!

Love, Ashley

Kim Wingard

July 7, 2009, 1:43 PM

Daunette,

Thank you for openly admitting your fears & struggles and showing us through your words the faith you have in God. It's encouraging to me to see that in you and in Genre.

Genre,

Get all the rest your body needs to keep fighting this disease. Your fighting spirit along w/your Faith has done wondrous things for you. God is here for you and He is certainly answering your prayers.

Take Care,

Kim

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

July 8, 2009, 2:46 PM

GENRE,

I LOVE YOU

POPPY

Dante Pecora

July 12, 2009, 3:45 AM

Hey Genre I just had a minute at work so I thought I would say hey. I talked to Nanna today and she said you are doing well. Keep it up buddy!!! Love Uncle Dante

July 8, 2009

July 9, 2009, 12:29 AM

Today was a really long day at the clinic for Genre. Tonight he is just wiped out, but in a good way. It's not from any medicine - he's just plain old tired. His appointment was at 10:00 and we didn't pull in to the driveway until about 5:30. You know how that is sitting at the hospital...it just makes you tired, and you don't know why. The docs had expected Genre's ANC to drop this week. It did not. He stayed at 800. When Dr. Sidonio saw Genre he said 'I am just amazed at how well he looks.' When I told the docs that Genre had been light sabre battling in the back yard and swimming all week, they both smiled and said "Wow! Great!" Genre lost four pounds this week, but that was to be expected because he is no longer on the steroids. This week Genre will be taking a drug which has a high rate of fever associated with it. He will take the drug Wed. through Sat. He took the drug last week and he did not have a fever one time! Thank you, God. So far he has not had a fever today. He also had a spinal tap and a chemo infusion into his spinal fluid. Another chemo was injected into his port. When Genre's blood work came back it showed that his red blood count was a little low. They expect his numbers to drop even more this week, so they transfused him with red blood cells. Dr. Shaw felt that he would need the transfusion this weekend anyway. We are hoping that by giving him the blood now, he won't get as tired in the coming days. The transfusion takes two hours -just for the actual infustion. The nurse told me that we got 'lucky' today because the hospital had the blood tht Genre needed. She told me that it can take hours for the blood to be delivered to the hospital if it needs to come from the Central Blood Bank. She said we could be there until 8 or 9 pm in those instances! Good thing I pack him a lot of snacks!

After his spinal tap we had a lot of tears again. During the time when he didn't really know what he was saying, Genre invited Dr. Shaw to come over to swim and to play light sabres with him. Poor Dr. Shaw; he didn't want to lie to Genre! Genre kept saying to me 'What day is he going to come?' Dr. Shaw would say, "I'll look at my schedule, Gen." Because of the drugs, Genre would cry and say, "He's not telling me a day...he's not coming...why won't he come over and play with me...doesn't he want to play with me?" Dr. Shaw felt terrible. This went on for a good 3-5 minutes! Finally, I said, "Just pick a day, he won't remember when the meds wear off!" Dr. Shaw said, "Next Tuesday, Genre." Genre said, "Okay, next Tuesday is good." That was it. He never said another word about it. Thirty minutes later when we asked him if he remembered any of it, he just laughed and thought we were making it up. It's giving us a lot of cute stories, but when he's coming off of that medicine he is so upset. He just sobs and he doesn't have any idea why he is crying.

Genre is doing so well. We are so blessed and so thankful. Our son has leukemia - that is a fact. But, if this is how he is able to feel while he has leukemia and he is being cured, what more can we ask for? We are now forty four days into this journey. Our prayers have been answered week by week and day by day. (Sometimes minute by minute!) I personally battle two giant evils called worry and fear. Those evils are huge and dark voids from which I thought I would never escape. But, again, day by day, I can tell you that, unequivocally, God has built a ladder of baby steps for me to crawl out of that darkness. I can't tell you that I've reached the top of the ladder. I can tell you that I feel His presence at the top and I can almost hear Him cheering me on. I am not beating the fear and worry on my own. I couldn't. I am not strong enough. It is all God and it is all His strength, NOT MINE, that is allowing me to move forward every day. Thank you for praying for us. Thank you for loving us. You have all helped get us through the last six weeks more than you will ever know. We love you.

Messages

Tracy Seman

July 9, 2009, 1:21 AM

Genre,

You are one amazing little dude! And you have one BIG AMAZING GOD who loves you! Jaden was disappointed that he didn't even get a glimpse of you today and he said he would be HAPPY to stand in for Dr. Shaw and light sabre battle with you!! But he doesn't want to wait until next Tues. Check your social calendar and see when you are available, okay?

Daunette,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts/struggles/victories/faith with us. Your honesty about the struggles as well as the way you recognize the way the Father provides what you need along this path is such a faith lesson for all of us. There are so many of us who want to be there to walk with you as you walk this path and for you to lean on as you climb the steep parts but more importantly there is The One who has promised to carry your burdens - who loves you and Genre and John more than anyone else ever could - I pray that you rest well in His arms tonight (and that it takes a really strong cup of coffee tomorrow morning to wake you up :~)

Love to you all!

Tracy

michele weisensee

July 9, 2009, 1:41 AM

Genre,
I'm borrowing Luke's light sabre and will be over soon with the rest of the rebel alliance!! You continue to amaze us with your level of energy and especially your faith.

Love,
Mrs. Weisensee

Daunette,

It is often difficult to see God amidst a trial, but your vision seems to be 20/20. It is encouraging to hear your thoughts on worry and fear, yet know without doubt that God is bringing you through it. There was once a man thrown into prison, who did not let his inner attitude reflect his outer circumstance. He was full of joy because he knew Christ was with him. And he wrote, " Rejoice in the Lord always. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:4-7

Thank you for showing us that HE will get us through it. When our trials come, I can only hope that our foundation will be as solid as yours!

Love,
Michele

Kristie Deemer

July 9, 2009, 2:03 AM

Genre- Just wanted to tell you that even when we're away, you are in our every thought and prayer. We take you in our hearts wherever we go. We love you and will be looking forward to more stories of good news and good results when we get back!

Much love,
The Deemers

Janet Allan

July 9, 2009, 2:06 AM

Genre and Family,

God Bless you all! What a faithful family! I know it takes the whole family to get through this trauma and it effects all of you.

I wear your bracelet every day and pray all day long for all of you. So, when you're tired, scared, worried, lonely, or completely overwhelmed, take comfort that I and everyone else wearing your bracelet is covering you with prayer.

I love all of you deeply. You continue to amaze me with your faith and strength!

Love,
Mrs. Allan

donna weber

July 9, 2009, 2:15 AM

WOW what faith I read your messages to keep up and check on Genre and always come away with a lesson in being faithful. Thank YOU God bless you all Mrs Weber

Allison Murray

July 9, 2009, 2:18 AM

Hi Genre! We leave for vacation tomorrow, but I'll have my laptop with me, so we can check in on your Carepages. I'll have Lily choose you a souvenir (and of course one for James and Gionna too!) Don't worry...I won't let her pick one from Sesame Place!!! We'll bring you a beach souvenir instead!

We're so happy that you're are feeling so well...swimming is a MUST in the summer! We hope that you have a great week and we look forward to seeing you when we get back. (UH oh, Mr. Murray won't have Wii on vacation...he now has NO CHANCE of ever beating you!)

Love,
Mrs. Murray (Mr. Murray and Lily too!)

Mary M Russman

July 9, 2009, 2:22 AM

Hi Genre!

I haven't sent a note in while, but that does NOT mean that I don't think of you and pray for your every day! You are one of the first I pray for when I awaken and one of the last people I think about and pray for before I go to sleep! I just wanted you to know that!!!!

Sleep well sweet boy. You've had a rough day! Tomorrow will be brighter!

Hugs,
Mrs Russman

Joanne Fitz

July 9, 2009, 2:56 AM

Genre,

Hi! You just keep amazing those docs!!!You are teaching them about the amazing power of our God!!!!

Love,
Mrs. Fitz

Randy Wolfe

July 9, 2009, 4:26 AM

Genre, Hey man you are really amazing how you are getting through all this and still enjoy yourself swimming and playing light sabres. You are very brave and strong in your faith, keep it up! Glad you are doing so well! :-)

Daunette,

Again, thank you for your updates. Keep leaning on God cause He WILL carry you, as He is already. Keep talking to Him everyday, all the time. May he bless you and your family. You are all in our prayers everyday.

Randy Wolfe

Shirley Stahl

July 9, 2009, 10:23 AM

How amazing and wonderful. It sounds crazy to say that since we are talking about a child with leukemia but it's so reassuring to see God's hand in this. Amazing love! Genre, keep up the good work!

Amy Gratton

July 9, 2009, 11:37 AM

Genre,

All we can say is we love you. We love you and your family so very much. God has blessed us with you and your family. Thank you for being you and thank you God for the Baker family (and a lady named Pecora and a chick named Hook!)

Mrs. Gratton

mimi mcgeary

July 9, 2009, 9:57 PM

Dear Daunette, We are blessed by the faith that God is giving you and your family. It reminds us too that God is always with us, but especially in the darkest valleys of life. We will continue to pray for you all and especially Genre. May you all know the Presence of the Lord within your souls. With love and prayers, Mimi for the McGearys

anne novotnak

July 9, 2009, 10:39 PM

I'm so glad to here that everything went well and that everything is going well. God sure is working through you because your numbers should be lower and the energy you have is so surprising. I'm so proud of how you're progressing. Everyday is another day to being done fighting this. We're praying for you everyday. All of you

Marci Vickers

July 9, 2009, 11:51 PM

Daunette- FYI-If Dr Shaw says he will come and swim w/ Genre. Oh well, he will. That's the kind of guy he is. He is wonderful. Amazing, how your thoughts are so similar to mine-back in my dayw/ Connor. I remember waiting for the numbers to drop, waiting for the fevers... I remember asking Rose our nurse,"is this the bad stuff now? " "Is this as bad as it is going to get???" This is it right???" I guess I just wanted to get to the bad part and get it over with. --that way I could let my breath out that I had been holding for what seemed like years. And the part about the chemo going into the port--- same here. AND I used to stare at the papers with the diagnosis on it and his name. I just could not believe they were talking about MY son. I would look back and forth at his name and the word cancer amillion times to try and force it into my brain.I couldn't believe that they were both on the same piece of paper. But I am soooo different now. God has transformed me -and he will you as well.And that is what it is a trans for ma tion. Talk soon. Marci

tonya twigg

July 11, 2009, 3:49 PM

Daunette

i dont come home from camp often but when i do i make sure i check on here to see how things are going. your words are so encouraging to me and your strength...well its amazing!! i wear my braclet that i got at the church faithfully and that is now my favorite scripture. joshua 1:9. please know that you are still in our prayers. and please know that i will do anything i can to help! im home for the weekend due to a family reunion so im going to be in church tomarrow and hopefully i'll get a chance to just give you a hug. love tonya

Deborah Moore

July 11, 2009, 5:09 PM

Genre, So glad you're doing better. Thank God for being with you. Here's an old joke - What did one burp say to the other burp? Should we be good little burps and go out the front or sneak out the back and be little stinkers! I know, It's corny. Ms. Debbie (Moore)

anne novotnak

July 13, 2009, 8:25 PM

Hey I just read something that made me think of you guys. It takes a real storm in the average person's life to make him/her realize how much worrying he/she has done over the squalls.

July 9, 2009

July 9, 2009, 1:03 PM

Thank you for all your words of encouragement and love to go along with my post from yesterday. I just want to share one more thing with you. Even though we are home and now 45 days into this, God keeps smiling and winking at all of us. I have been feeling so much worry and terror (fear doesn't seem to cut it). One day this past week Joanne asked me if I had been keeping up with reading my Bible. When I thought about the time since we have been home, I was surprised to have to answer 'no.' I told her that I have been so busy praying, continually praying, that I hadn't picked up my Bible. Really, whatever I have read in recent weeks has been about cancer, healing foods, research, sibling reactions, etc. Yesterday, I took my Bible to the clinic. I was okay when they did the spinal tap and I was okay when he was given the blood. It just really flips me out when they put the chemo into his port. I don't know why. So, I sat and I read Phillipians 4:4-7 over, and over, and over again. Those words just meant more to me yesterday than any other time I have read them! It's like they were different words, and they got me through. Then, this morning when I read Michele W's message, she was talking about the same verse! I fought back tears because it felt like God wanted me to know that it is okay to come to Him and to ask Him to take this away from Genre and from all of us. As long as I do it with the thanks and the praise that He deserves, it is okay. What a weight was lifted for me this morning. It is true. None of us ever knows how God will use us to help someone else. So, thank you Michele. Your words really were His.

Messages

Teresa Anania

July 9, 2009, 1:20 PM

Genre, you are in our prayers EVERY day. I'm following your journey and amazed every day at the strength you have and your unyielding faith. We love you!

Joanne Fitz

July 9, 2009, 1:44 PM

Daunette,

My friend, you have received so many wonderful God winks that I can't help but picture God's right eye in a constant winking motion! Keep on looking for those winks of His love!

Love,

Joanne

Tracy Nagy

July 9, 2009, 1:45 PM

Good Morning Daunette,

Throughout these months there have been many times when I have had days when I have not had my transmitter tuned into God as I should (preoccupied like you say). The one thing I can tell you for sure is even though on the days we turn the station and are not tuned in, God understands it's for a good reason and you know what...as soon as we turn the station back and tune the transmitter back to Him, He is right there in all His glory waiting to give us comfort and peace. God never turns his transmitter away from us. Have a very blessed day. Love you...T

Jennifer Calabrese

July 9, 2009, 6:34 PM

Daunette,

Thank you for sharing all that you have in such a REAL fashion. You face the fear and worry that you explain and still manage to light every corner of every heart you touch. Your faith is such an inspiration!

Love,
Jen

Jennifer Calabrese

July 9, 2009, 6:38 PM

Genre,

You continue to amaze us! Glad to hear you're having fun swimming and playing with light sabres:) We are praying for your comfort and wellness.

Love,
The Calabrese Family

anne novotnak

July 9, 2009, 10:44 PM

Just keep being possitive. You can see it in Genre all the time and here it in his voice. He is such a possitive boy and always has been and his faith alllows him to come through this so well. We could all learn so much from him.

Sandy Krivansky

July 9, 2009, 11:09 PM

Dear Genre and Family,

I just want you to know that I think of you everyday (especially when I'm making dinner, after the nice compliments I received!!). And every night when we say our prayers, you are in them. Your courage, strength and faith are amazing.

Love,
The Krivansky's

July 11, 2009

July 12, 2009, 11:32 AM

Genre finished his first two weeks of consolidation therapy yesterday!!! How did those fourteen days go by so quickly? He didn't have any fevers at all over the last two weeks. We are so thankful and so full of awe about that. The nurse came in on Saturday (one that wasn't here all week) and asked Genre, "What days did you have fever?" He was able to answer 'none.'

The next two weeks do not include any home chemo so his port will not be accessed all week and he will be able to swim with his brother and sister. Genre will have a spinal tap/injection of chemo (into the spine)each of the next two Wednesdays. Those days he will also receive a chemo injection into his port. On the 15th he will get two injections of asparaginase. Normal cells are able to produce their own asparagine. ALL leukemic cells are unable to make the non-essential amino acid asparagine, but require high amount of it to survive. The leukemic cells depend on circulating asparagine. Asparaginase (the bacteria injected into the muscle of his thighs) basically eats the asparagine and deprives the leukemic cell of circulating asparagine. Hopefully this kills any of the cancerous cells that are lingering. The main side effect is allergic reaction any time you are given the asparaginase. It doesn't matter if you have received it once before, or ten times before. The chance is the same. Damage to the pancreas and clotting are two other risks. Please keep Genre in your prayers and ask that he will be able to take this medicine without any complications.

I'm off to wake him for Sunday school. He is excited to go today because he missed last week. Thank you for your continued prayers, love and support.

P.S. I thought that many of you would like to know that my cousin, Maria, came through her surgery well. All reports were good! Thank you for keeping her in your prayers!

Messages

donna weber

July 12, 2009, 12:35 PM

My continued prayers are with you all. I am so glad you did so well with the chemo. I pray for the next round to be the same. Mrs Weber

Jim Murray

July 12, 2009, 12:37 PM

Hi Genre

That is so awesome that you did not get any fevers these last two weeks!!! God is so good!! Just continue to be strong and courageous.

I hope that you have a good morning at church, and we will see you soon.

Mr Murray (and Mrs Murray and Lily...)

Jim Murray

July 12, 2009, 1:26 PM

Genre,

You can tell that Mr. Murray was up earlier than me this morning because he NEVER beats me to writing you a message! So glad to hear that you had a fever-free week and that you're off to Sunday School this morning. We are going to church at Delmarva Christian Church this morning in Delaware. I'm wearing my Genre bracelet...maybe someone will ask me about you!

Have a great day!

Love,

Mrs. Murray

anne novotnak

July 12, 2009, 1:40 PM

Hello it's me so glad to hear that Maria came through with flying colors. thank God for early detection. I am sure Genre is so excited to go to church this morning and that he is doing so well. I know it will only get better. Be strong and we live you and are praying for you all the time!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

susie condrasky

July 12, 2009, 2:13 PM

Good Morning Baker Family !

We've been away this past week, and even though we were far away in distance you all were still very close to us in our thoughts and prayers ! As we past by your house on the turn pike, Mr. Condrasky and I both said (practically at the same time) that we were wondering how you all were doing and we needed to check your website.

Yea !!! We are so thankful to hear that you are doing so well ! The Good News just keeps on coming !

It's going to be a beautiful week so enjoy your time swimming with James and Gionna !

Love to all,

Mrs. Condrasky

Sandy Krivansky

July 12, 2009, 4:27 PM

Hi Genre,

So glad you got to come to church today and that you haven't had any fevers! I sat next to your mom and dad in Sunday School class and they had some pretty amazing things to say about you and your trust in God! You are an inspiration to us all!!

Love, The Krivansky's

Joanne Fitz

July 12, 2009, 6:01 PM

Genre,

It was so wonderful seeing you this morning!!!

It's a good thing you were there to help out the boys with thier singing;))

Love

Mrs. Fitz

Jennifer Calabrese

July 13, 2009, 2:33 AM

Genre,

I'm so glad to hear that you have been fever free. That's great! God is truly watching over you. We will pray for your body to be very strong, when you start taking the new medicine. Have fun swimming!

Love,
Mrs. Calabrese

Randy Wolfe

July 13, 2009, 4:30 AM

Hey Genre! Soooo glad to hear that your chemo is going well. Glad to see you in Kids Kingdom this morning and I apologize for not making it over there to say Hi. I had to help someone with something after I took Brandon to his Sunday School class. I will be sure to catch up with you again. Have a good day tomorrow also. I agree with Mrs. Fitz. You keep them boys singing loud while they're praising God.
Mr. Wolfe

Leslie Quealy

July 13, 2009, 3:03 PM

Daunette and John,

Just a note to let you know we have been praying and praying for you. I went right to your photo gallery and immediately thought "wow... what a gorgeous perfect family so full of love." I cannot imagine the heartache you feel, but know that God is with you and you have a tremendous support system.

I will continue to keep you all in my prayers.

With much love,

Leslie Kattic Quealy

Janet Allan

July 13, 2009, 3:22 PM

Genre,

Wonderful news! God is soooo good!

Enjoy your week with "fun-in-the-sun" swimming with James and Gionna. I'm sure they enjoy you being with them as much as you do.

Sorry I missed you on Sunday, but I had to make sure my sister's SS Class was covered.

My Sunday School lesson was about telling the truth because that is what God wants us to do. The story was about Queen Esther. Do you know who told the truth and who lied? I'll bet you do. You'll have to tell me the next time you see me.

Love and prayers,
Mrs. Allan

Jodi Fowler

July 13, 2009, 4:36 PM

Hi Genre - so awesome that you have not had fever, and feeling great to swim with James and Gionna. We are thinking of you and continuing to pray for you. We missed seeing you at church on Sunday, and will see you next week.

When we had lunch on Sunday at the House of Blues, they wrote our names on the reservation list at the "Flower Family". Made me smile and think of you :)
Hugs!!

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

July 14, 2009, 1:19 PM

Genre,

You are always in my thoughts. I know you are strong, and I am sure you are a winner,.....KICK BUTT !!!!!!!
I Love You,...Poppy

angela sipple

July 14, 2009, 3:25 PM

HEY GENRE AND THE BAKER FAMILY. JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW HOW PROUD WE ARE OF YOU. YOU'RE A REAL TROOPER. WE KEEP YOU IN OUR PRAYERS EVERY DAY. TRAVIS MISSED PLAYING WITH YOU LAST WEEK. WE'LL HAVE TO GET YOU GUYS TOGETHER AGAIN. TRAVIS AND CLAY HAVE TO GET A TRIM ON THEIR BUZZ JOBS THIS WEEK. - MRS SIPPLE

Kim Parker

July 14, 2009, 4:34 PM

Hello to Genre!

Your mommy just sent Katie and I this link to your webpage. We have loved getting to know your family at the homeschool co-op group. Katie has really had a good time getting to know all the kids! Thank you for making us feel so welcome!

We are so proud of you and will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Keep up the good work, and we will keep checking in on your web page!

God Bless You!

Kim, Mark and Katie Parker

Ann Marie DeGennaro Ray

July 15, 2009, 1:24 PM

Hi Genre,

We are so happy to hear how well you are doing. You are in our prayers every day. We hope to see you soon.

Love You

Janice Smarto

July 17, 2009, 10:41 PM

Brenda Brown has told us at Prudential Greensburg about Genre. We are having a Make a Wish fundraiser next Friday for 10-6 pm. We are trying to tell MAW to give our donation to Genre. We are praying for him.

July 15th

July 16, 2009, 2:11 AM

Another week under Genre's belt. When Dr. Sidonio saw Genre today he said, 'I think he looks healthier every time I see him?!' Dr. Shaw came in and Genre told both docs about his week. He told them that he swam all week and played in the backyard. He told them that he was playing volleyball and having light sabre battles with his brother and the dog. He told them that he went to the drive in with his buddy, Jaden, and that they stayed out until 1:30 in the morning. (Yes...we kept our children out until 1:30 am...but so did the Semans!) They both just kind of smile and look at him. They say things like 'That's great/amazing/terrific!' I almost feel like they don't believe him and they are waiting for me to tell the real story. Next they say something like " So, nothing went on this week? It must have been okay because we didn't hear from you." Don't get me wrong - they are extremely happy that Genre is doing so well. I don't think I've met a more compassionate man than Dr. Shaw. I'm not talking about their concern for Genre, I'm wondering about their thoughts on why he is doing so well...Genre always has on his FBI Jesus hat and his Jesus Heals bracelet. Most of the time he has on a God Is My Hero or Jesus Rules tshirt. When they see these things, does it ever enter their thought processes that just maybe it isn't all about the medicine? I don't mean to imply that Jesus hats and shirts help make you better. Genre talks about faith; Genre prays with me at the clinic; and Genre believes that God has HEALED him. Not that he IS healing him. He believes that He IS HEALED. It's abundantly apparent when you talk with Genre. They hear me telling Genre that Jesus is with him when he is having his spinal taps or any other procedures. Neither doc ever makes a comment about God or our faith. Do they wonder?

Today Genre's ANC was 300. Yes, that is low. Below 500 is severely neutropenic. But, he feels great! His red blood and platelet counts were high enough that he did not need transfused. That means that he should have enough energy to continue doing the things he loves to do and that he is in no additional danger of bleeding. Obviously, large crowds are out. Dr. Shaw said that Genre can still have a buddy over to play as long as no one at their house is sick.

After the spinal tap, Genre spent a lot of time crying again this week. It wasn't as long as last week. His nurse, Kristen, gets so upset when he cries. He got the two shots of asparaginase in his thighs right after his spinal tap, so he doesn't remember getting them. Kristen put two camo bandages on his legs. Later, as the drug started to wear off a little, Genre looked at his camo bandages and he pulled the sheet up over his face. He was sobbing and he said, "I don't want camo bandages, I wanted pony bandages!" Kristen said 'No problem, Genre, I can find you pony bandages! Don't cry!' He pulled the sheet down and said "Got ya!" She laughed and 'scolded' him. To get him back, she put a Diego bandage on his chest when she took the needle out of his port. They are truly such wonderful people in the clinic. One person cares about the kids more than the next. Each person does everything in their power to keep the kids pain free and happy. They don't just work there...the place and the kids are part of their lives. It takes a special kind of angel to do what they do every day. The sights I see at the clinic let me know for sure that I am truly blessed and that things could be so much worse. My child WALKS into the clinic and WALKS out of the clinic. He is able to enjoy his time there because he is not so ill that he can not speak. My child is working toward recovery - some do not have that option. If there is one thing I have learned from all of this it is that whatever you are dealing with regarding your children - it could be so much worse. The things we think are so important just ARE NOT. Even when something really bad is going on, it could be worse. Never in my wildest dreams did I think that my child having cancer would NOT be my worst nightmare. But it isn't. He's here for me to hold and to love. So many other parents at Children's don't have that option. I feel blessed every time I get to hug and snuggle with him...with each of our kids. Not just Genre. We've learned that tomorrow can bring the unexpected and it can happen to anyone. I pray that we all learn a lesson from Genre's illness. I hope we all appreciate the time we have with the people we love just a little bit more, and that we do the

things we want to do now, rather than later. Hug your kids and tell them that you love them!

Thank you for your love and prayers!

Messages

Joelle Wilds

July 16, 2009, 2:39 AM

God is truly with you & your family Daunette...if Genre believes he is healed - he is! Who would dare argue with him - he knows - he just knows! I pray every day for all of you. God be with you!

Allison Murray

July 16, 2009, 2:45 AM

Genre,
So glad to hear things went well today. I've been wearing your bracelet out to dinner each night on vacation so that I think of you. We picked out your souvenir last night. Lily didn't really help. She tried to pick out something for Gionna, but it didn't even say Bethany Beach on it, so I made her put it back!!!

We miss seeing your smiling face and hope for a visit next week. We are all healthy, so maybe Mr. Murray and I will try for our traditional Tuesday evening visit...we'll call your mom next week!

Miss you!!!!!!
Love,
Mrs. Murray

Joanne Fitz

July 16, 2009, 3:03 AM

WOW Genre you are such a jokester hah. Glad to hear that the treatment went well. We will have to go swimming again soon!!!
love Krystal

Jennifer Calabrese

July 16, 2009, 3:35 AM

Hey Genre! You've got a great sense of humor! I'm so glad your treatment went well. It sounds like you have some pretty wonderful people taking care of you at the clinic.

Daunette - Thank you for your valuable outlook at the end of this update. It warms my heart:)

Love,
Mrs. Calabrese

Sandy Krivansky

July 16, 2009, 11:51 AM

Genre,

You are too funny!

Love, Miss Sandy

maria pellis

July 16, 2009, 12:06 PM

We love you soooooooooooooo much and continue to pray for you every single day, my loves! Maria

Sandy Krivansky

July 16, 2009, 2:42 PM

Daunette,

We have all learned from Genre's illness. The Lord has used your family, your words and your actions as an unimaginable example to me and my family and I'm sure to many others out there. I'm hugging my family today and sending one your way, too!

Much Love, The Krivansky Family

Kelley Skoloda

July 16, 2009, 2:43 PM

Genre's faith and yours will carry you through. His healthy mind has healed his body and he will come out of this just fine. Thinking of you.

Marci Vickers

July 16, 2009, 3:10 PM

Daunette- I know what you mean about feeling somewhat lucky when you see the other sights at CHP. I remember waiting for my car and all the kids I would see. Some of them will never get better. It was such an eye opening experience. I used to look up at the ceiling and say quietly "Thank you Lord" Isn't it strange how things work. Remember how I told you about your transformation?? It is already happening. I see it when I read your carepage. I also remember wondering why THEY (the doctors and nurses-We have Rose and Dr Terzak) were wondering why Connor was doing so well. It kind of kept me on guard. Anyway, I just wanted you to know that I think of you often and all of my children and I pray for all of your family. You are doing an amazing job. Why God chose our children I do not know, but I believe that something good will come from it. Call if you need or email. Marci Vickers

tony morelli

July 17, 2009, 3:47 AM

Daunette and John,
Dante has informed me of Genre. I have been following his progress through FBI, if there is anything I can do for you and your family, please let me know. God bless you guys.
Tony Morelli

Randy Wolfe

July 17, 2009, 9:50 PM

I BELIEVE YOU GENRE! He has healed you! AMEN, Be blessed. Sorry so late replying to this. I will go to Him now in prayer! :-)

Rock for Genre

July 16, 2009, 6:50 PM

Jason just came for a visit to let us know about Rock for Genre! We were just amazed when he told us that NCC would be having a Christian rock concert in Genre's honor. The last concert we had at the church was on May 24, 2009. Genre was at that concert but wasn't able to enjoy it the way he normally would. We knew he wasn't feeling well half way into the show. His back and his hips were hurting, but he didn't want to leave because he was enjoying the music so much. We had no idea that his body had been taken over with leukemia. His blood was actually 86% leukemia cells and he was dying that night. He was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia the next day.

Since the day Genre was diagnosed he has been a living example of faith, courage, and truly believing in what you say you believe in. Genre has never wavered in his belief that Jesus has been with him from day one. He knows that God was with him in the hospital and Genre KNOWS that God has healed him. I have struggled with this. My eight year old says what he believes and believes what he says. Have I always done that? I would have to answer 'no.' As Genre's parents, our lives are forever changed because of Genre and his faith. For the rest of our days this house will praise God for all the good things he has given us. We will put him first and we will work every day to say what we believe and believe what we say...with all of our hearts and our souls. That's the promise we have made to God, because of Genre. I can only hope that we are able to help Genre spread The Word. If I can do that by letting all of you know that we are having an awesome event at our church, I'd like to do it. NCC has been our life blood through this ordeal. I'd like to invite you to come and enjoy an evening at our church. I'd like you to meet some of the people who are so important to Genre and to this family. And, I'd like for Genre to be able to see all of the people who love him so much in the place he loves so much. If this concert is one way that God intends to speak to our friends and family we will happily use Genre's illness to do so.

The concert is August 9th at 5:00. There will be four bands. The Apprentice, Havannah Drive, and Aaron Greer Band are three of the groups that will be performing. There will be snacks and sodas available. Jason has created a 'real' web page for Genre. It is www.genrebaker.com. He has all of the concert information on that site. The site is up and running but not yet totally complete. We really hope to see you there.

Messages

Becky Cox

July 16, 2009, 7:57 PM

Daunette,

Genre's faith is such an encouragement. In today's world, to see a young life with such a faith is such a blessing. I know my life has been blessed by hearing of his faith. God will use this for His glory- He will use Genre, He will use you and John, He will use James and Gionna, as well as NCC to bring about something amazing. People do notice the difference a real faith makes in a life. Your strength, your faith is inspiring. I know it comes from God. Your family is covered in prayer. God will carry all of you through this time. While Genre's illness is a terrible thing, God can still use the bad for His Glory, and He can bring about good results. I'm sure the concert will be a big success and a great way for people to show Genre their love and support.

Becky

Joanne Fitz

July 16, 2009, 9:22 PM

ROCK ON Genre!

I can't wait to go on August 9th!!! I hope that I am not too old to come to the concert. Oh, you're never too old to listen to Christian rock ;)See you there!

Love Mrs. Fitz

anne novotnak

July 16, 2009, 10:04 PM

hey Genre we come back from vacation that weekend on the 8th and hopefully we can come. I'm so glad you are doing well and KEEPIN THE FAITH. I knew you would. You have an inner strength that we can all enve. I know I do and I learn from you everyday. We love you and are always praying for you.

Brenda Brown

July 16, 2009, 11:15 PM

Hi Sweetie,

I hope you will enjoy the concert and maybe sing a song for us. Pappy Freddy and I should be able to be there that night.

It was so great putting together your race car, that was really fun. Grammy B will help you paint it next time I come over.

Let me know what you are hungry for.

Huge hugs and kisses and love,

Grammy B, Pappy Freddy, & Skyepuppy

carol fanell

July 17, 2009, 1:59 AM

The Baker Family Please- Call on the Fanell family for anything you need and we will be there ready to help in any way- Enjoy your concert Genre-you are the star- Love Carol and Natalie Fanell

Amy Gratton

July 17, 2009, 2:04 AM

Dear Baker Family,

You all are amazing. Thanks for not only talking the talk, but for WALKING, LIVING, BREATHING, the talk. We love you guys.

Ed, Amy, Marisa, Jillian, Tara & Aaron

Sandy Krivansky

July 17, 2009, 12:39 PM

Good Morning Genre!

Andrew and Ashley will be so exited to come to your ROCK concert...they've never been to one before!! I can't wait to tell them!

Wishing you a peaceful day! Love, Miss Sandy

Kelly Barron

July 17, 2009, 2:14 PM

I think we can make it! Looking forward to it!

angela sipple

July 17, 2009, 5:48 PM

WOW! CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE CONCERT. GENRE YOU ARE TRUELY AMAZING. WE ARE SO BLESSED TO KNOW YOU. I TOLD TRAVIS ABOUT THE PONY BANDAID..... THAT WAS A GOOD ONE. YOU MAKE EVERYONE SMILE. TRAVIS CAN'T WAIT TO PLAY AGAIN. DAUNETTE, YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE SO STRONG, AN AMAZING EXAMPLE OF FAITH. I STILL THINK ABOUT ALL THE "GOD WINKS." NEED ANYTHING YOU KNOW YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND.....NOT JUST A FRIEND, BUT AS CLAY SAYS "TEN HUNDRED" LUV YA

Randy Wolfe

July 17, 2009, 9:56 PM

Genre,
Just spoke with Jason about this yesterday. This is awesome. Again, as I said before on the last update page. I BELIEVE! He has healed you. His mighty power and Grace are with you. Be Blessed! Amen!

Jodi Fowler

July 17, 2009, 11:44 PM

We can't wait - that's so cool!

Daunette - as I read thru your updates, I just think about how many lessons you and Genre have taught me. Thank you for always being so open and honest, and allowing us to share in this journey so that we can be more aware of God's presence, and appreciate every gift from Him, to love and hold our children more, to understand what is important, and to grow closer to him as our faith grows. You are an amazing woman, mom, and friend.

Genre is incredible - and his faith is a testimony to so many people.

We love you!

July 17th

July 18, 2009, 12:44 AM

Genre is feeling a little tired today. I had to take him for blood work to check his counts earlier today. His ANC has dropped to 150 from 300. His platelets and RBC are close to needing transfused. He has developed a few sores in his mouth. (That's a side effect from one of the drugs.) Dr. Shaw called in a prescription for a mouth wash to numb and help heal the sore spots. He's also thrown up a few times over the last two days. He doesn't have any nausea. He feels okay. I can't complain about any of it because he isn't. He is happy and he doesn't feel sick. He's just tired. The doc told me that the second half of consolidation is harder than the first half.

Genre doesn't have any taste at this point in time, so his appetite is close to nothing. I am trying to keep him eating at regular intervals so that he doesn't lose weight. God bless him...he just opens his mouth and takes whatever I give him. He never fights me on any of it.

Thank you for all the wonderful words that have been written on Genre's message board. We deeply appreciate every one of them. I just want to make sure that I'm clear about something. NOTHING I say or do is because of my strength, wisdom or courage. I have none of that. The only way I get through the day, let alone think about the fact that my son has cancer, is to pray continually. The strength I have is the strength God has decided to give me. I am not amazing, in any way. God is amazing. He has held me up like a puppet on strings. Without Him, I could not have gotten through the last seven weeks. My words are His. If there are any lessons to be learned from this illness, they are the lessons that God wants us to learn. I have nothing to teach. I just needed to be clear on who is really inspiring so many of you. It is not me. Thank you for continuing to support and love us. We appreciate you all so much.

Messages

Neil Jones

July 18, 2009, 1:26 AM

Genre - sounds as if you need to have some soothing foods for your mouth problems; foods like ice cream, jello, pudding, smoothies, milk shakes!! Keep Mom busy bringing those things back and forth! In watching you at swim practice over the past year, I know you have the strength, both physically and mentally to get through all these challenges. Keep your eyes on God and he will help lead you through all of this.

Daunette and John - don't forget to keep up your strength through this too (physically and spiritually). You both are doing such a great job of taking care of the kids during this tiring process, not just Genre but Gionna and James too.

Kristie Deemer

July 18, 2009, 1:34 AM

Genre-- Sounds like it's been a little tougher for you over the past two days. Keep taking things one day at a time, though. You've come a very long way in the last seven weeks. Keep smiling and praying. We love you.

Much love,
The Deemers

Kristie Deemer

July 18, 2009, 1:38 AM

Hey there-- It sounds like it just got a little harder, eh? Remember to lean this way when you need help taking that next step up the mountain. We won't let you fall off. And I know the climb up takes 3 to 5 years. I love you and your sweet little boy.

Love,
Kristie

Treasure Bertani

July 18, 2009, 2:20 AM

Daunette,
You are so right to say that God is the one that inspires but he is using you and Genre and your family....the same way he used many people

that we read about in the Bible. God is amazing and when we need him he is faithful. I will pray for you and Genre as you go to the hospital tonight. When I opened my bible this afternoon, I opened to this verse...

Isaiah 26:3-4 ;You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, whose thoughts are fixed on you! Trust in the Lord always, for the LORD GOD is the eternal Rock'
Huggs and prayers,
Treasure

anne novotnak

July 19, 2009, 8:15 PM

DAunette don't forget even though God is giveing you the strength,wisdom and Courage you are the one that is acting on it and m aking it through everyday functioning and taking care of your family and house. You are the one that is taking care of your son with Leukemia and doing it!!!! Remember you are teaching all of us new ways to handle stess,patience,encouragement and Love everyday. Thank-you

Janet Allan

July 21, 2009, 12:54 AM

Genre,

You are doing wonderful. Keep up the good spirits. It is so inspiring that you can still be happy with all the side effects you are experiencing. If I could take the bad stuff away, I would do it in a flash. You are such a beautiful, generous and fun-loving young man that I would do anything to help you keep smiling that contagious grin. You are going to get through this because Jesus is with you all the way.

I love you,
Mrs. Allan

Daunette,

It is so wonderful that you are not manufacturing worries. You are doing the best you can at taking your cue from Genre. Most of us moms could take a lot of lessons from you.

Yes, God is getting you through this, but you are doing exactly what the Bible tells us to do. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

As Terry taught us in the Wednesday night service, during a crisis we should first, seek help, second, seek hope, and third "Hang in there." You fit that lesson to a "T" and are an excellent example for the rest of us. We see it working with your family everyday. So thank you again for your willingness to follow God in all you and your family is going through. We love all of you, dearly.

With all that said, please remember we are here to help you in any way we can. Just speak the request and we will jump as high and far as you need.

Love always,
Janet

July 17th 9pm

July 18, 2009, 1:02 AM

Genre's temperature is 100.5. The docs want him to be seen at Children's ER so that they can culture his blood. My mom is coming over to stay with James and Gionna. I will let you know what they say as soon as we know anything. Please keep him in your prayers.

Messages

Amy Gratton

July 18, 2009, 1:19 AM

PRAYING

Lisa Beam

July 18, 2009, 1:27 AM

We are praying for you all.

Beam Family

Amy Gratton

July 18, 2009, 1:37 AM

Genre,

We know YOU KNOW Jesus is holding you ever so tenderly in His arms. Feel better guy.

Mrs. Gratton & "Edward" & Company

John and Daunette,

We are just SATURATING your entire family with prayer. FEEL the prayers. FEEL the love. FEEL the peace that passes all understanding. We love you guys.

Ed & Amy

Stephanie Scavnicky

July 18, 2009, 1:47 AM

We are praying.

Stephanie Kauffman

July 18, 2009, 2:22 AM

Praying for you....

maureen gratton

July 18, 2009, 2:35 AM

Our mighty God is holding you in the palm of His hand. I know you know that and feel His peace in the midst of your anxious hearts. You are in the BEST place, His hands and 2nd BEST, Childrens. We are praying. We love you deeply.

Russ and Maureen

Stephanie Scavnicky

July 18, 2009, 2:53 AM

Daunette,

Please know that we are praying for Genre and all of you. Please call me if you have any questions about antibiotics, medications, etc. I will be up late as usual.

Stephanie

laura schuchert

July 18, 2009, 2:55 AM

You are in my prayers Genre!!

Sandy Krivansky

July 18, 2009, 3:10 AM

We are praying.

mimi mcgeary

July 18, 2009, 3:41 AM

We'll be praying--may God sustain you and continue to heal Genre. Love, Mimi for the McGearys

Karen Leece (Baker)

July 18, 2009, 11:15 AM

You are always in my thoughts and prayers. '

Luv, Karen Leece

Kris Horvath

July 18, 2009, 12:35 PM

Dear Genre and Daunette,

Hang in there. We know with the faith that both of you have, everything will work out for the best. We continue to pray for you every night and hope to hear good news soon. Try to get some rest and stay strong. Our love to all of you.

Kris, Hannah, Colby and Troy

Mary M Russman

July 18, 2009, 2:15 PM

Praying and praying and praying....

Hugs, hugs and more hugs...
If you need ANYTHING, please call...

Amy Gratton

July 18, 2009, 2:19 PM

John & Daunette,

Woke up throughout the night thinking of Genre and you guys & prayed without ceasing. God filled me with a feeling of peace about Genre. We know He is in control and we know Genre is healed. God is good all the time and all the time God is good.

Love & Hugs,
Amy

July 18th

July 18, 2009, 4:19 PM

The docs allowed Genre to come home this morning after a long night in the ER and then on the 9th floor. They transfused him with platelets and red blood cells. Hopefully that will help him to regain his energy. He is having a difficult time eating and drinking. He is throwing up off and on so that makes him want to eat and drink even less than he already does. On a positive note, he doesn't feel sick. He is just throwing up. They gave him some medicine to stop the vomiting. We are praying that it stays down. (He started throwing up AFTER they deaccessd his port - right before we left!)

The docs are still pleased with his situation. They are not concerned at all. They say that they expected this. He is just stronger and complains less than a lot of kiddos. They told me today that a child like Genre makes care giving easier. Being that he never complains, we will know for sure when something is wrong. When you are very sick with a bacterial infection, you can't fight the shivering, the muscle aches, the stomach pain, etc. He will definitely complain when that is happening. They feel that this is probably something viral and/or a combination of the chemo side effects along with his low counts.

I think I had a wink to let me know that we'll get through this little set back. I don't know if I told you all about Halle. Halle was Genre's favorite nurse during our stay. Not just because she is such a skilled and loving nurse...he thinks she is so pretty. One day Halle told Genre that if he was twenty years older she would pick him for her boyfriend because she loves his sense of humor so much. John and I had never seen Genre blush before! He turned fire engine red and he couldn't even look her way. He talks about her here and there. Every Wednesday we tease him and we ask him if he wants to go visit Halle. He just smiles. Of all the nurses on the whole ninth floor, who do you think was Genre's nurse last night? She had been on vacation for two weeks and last night was her first night back!

I am so thankful for the doctors and nurses that spend so much heartfelt energy caring for these kids. I'm thankful that we live so close to a Children's Hospital. I am so thankful that God has helped to take away my worry and fear. Although I didn't want my neutropenic son to go to the germ infested hospital and have his skin broken with a needle last night, I wasn't panicked. I didn't feel the terror in my chest where I couldn't stop thinking 'what if?' There was peace...so much so that the doctor commented on how calm I was for our first fever set back. I just want to say "thank you" for that!

Please keep Genre in your prayers. He needs some strength and his appetite to return. He needs to avoid fevers and infection and he needs to get some rest today. Thank you!

Messages

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

July 18, 2009, 4:30 PM

Genre
I love you completely

Poppy

Cheryl Pesi

July 18, 2009, 4:31 PM

Feel better, Genre! Glad to hear you are back home already. I have been thinking about you all last evening and this morning when I read you had to go to the hospital for an unscheduled visit :((you just wanted to go see your favorite nurse, didn't you? :))
--Cheryl Pesi

maureen gratton

July 18, 2009, 5:08 PM

Hi Genre,
We are so happy to hear you are home. Sounds like a good day for R&R (Rest and Relaxation)! Not a great day to be outside anyhow. We're praying that you will feel stronger and your stomach will settle.
Love you,
Russ and Maureen

Marci Vickers

July 18, 2009, 5:15 PM

Daunette- I am glad that Genre is doing better. I have spent many a night in the ER myself w/ Connor. Eventually, you get kind of a little routine going. After a while, I learned a few things and I would like to pass them on to you if you don't mind to make your trips a little easier. What I started to do was try to make my ER trips in the eve if I could hold off. Many many many times Connor was absolutely fine except for his fever and the rule that you go when it hits 101. I would always go in the eve and pack our own pillows and blankets and comfort items. We even wear our PJ's now. The routine is always the same- access the port, chest xr, fluids, blood cultures and an antibiotic. Now when we go, after he is accessed and chest xr, we turn the lights off and go to sleep together on the stretcher. The nurses know our routine and they just have to wake us and tell us to either go home or stay. Usually, we went home. It was nice because the next day, we were both rested and I had the ability to care for Connor as well as my other two children. After a while, you get more comfortable and are able to do this. Also, I wanted to tell how I loved your statement how everything you do has nothing to do w/ your strength. That is sooo true. I would always tell people that I am just like them. We are the same. If it were you, you would do the same as I am doing. I am just a normal person and no stronger than anybody else. God has just called on me to do this and I do it. Good luck and I will keep praying for you. Hope asome of my experiences can make your road a little easier. Marci Vickers

Tammy Sisti

July 18, 2009, 6:31 PM

Glad to hear that your night was improved by your favorite nurse, she must be an angel sent to you by God!
Chin up Kiddo. You are in our thoughts and prayers always. We love you!
Miss Tammy & Brandon

JAMIE SABO

July 18, 2009, 10:02 PM

Glad to here Genre is home. I have been thinking of him all day.

Jamie Sabo

mimi mcgeary

July 18, 2009, 10:08 PM

We are so glad; it reminds us so much of John's situation 16 years ago--the faith God gave him to walk the valley, the continual reminders of God's Presence, the blessing of knowing as a parent that our son is safe in God's hands. When John couldn't eat, it seemed that Wendy's frosties could still go down, spaghetti too without sauce worked. We'll keep praying --Love, Mimi and Dave for the McGearys

Randy Wolfe

July 18, 2009, 11:20 PM

Genre,
Sorry to hear about the bad side effects and sickness from your treatment. It still doesn't change anything about what I said. God has great plans for you! Hope you feel better and have a good nights rest.

carol fanell

July 19, 2009, 1:21 AM

Genre, Get well soon! You have great genes
from great granpap to great grandma not to mention mom and day and gram Donna and poppy Vince. The Fanells ---- Carol and Natalie

Amy Gratton

July 19, 2009, 2:04 AM

Glad everyone is home tonight all snug as bugs in their own beds. Sleep with Jesus.
Ok. I know mom wants no bugs in the beds, but you know what I mean.

Kristie Deemer

July 19, 2009, 2:40 AM

Genre-- This is a tough journey for you but you just made it through your first bump. You did a great job with it. Your attitude throughout all of this is amazing and one of the reasons it is so easy for the rest of us to see how God is working through you. Keep up the good work. We're all praying for you constantly.

Much love,
The Deemers

anne novotnak

July 19, 2009, 8:08 PM

Hey Hey. I hope you are feeling better. Sorry I didn't know that you were in the hospital. My computer was down and I wasn't getting the care pages. Mr Bob just got the computer working. I think I am more proud of your Mom than you for getting through this one. I knew you could do

it. Your faith is unbelievable and I know you'll make it through anything. I am just glad you are home safe and sound. We're praying for you everyday all the time. Hang in there. Lots of love

Jennifer Calabrese

July 20, 2009, 12:49 AM

Genre,

Hi there. Hope you're feeling a little better today. Our family thought of you all day, yesterday, at the Relay for Life event of Norwin. Mommy will have to tell you what that is. You were on our minds and in our hearts all day. At night there were many candles lit with the names of many people fighting cancer. There was a candle for you. We prayed for you, when we found the one with your name on it. We walked around the track looking at all of the candles lining it. In the bleachers there were candles lit to spell the word HOPE. We just prayed hard for you, during that. You've had to be really strong with all the medicine you've been taking, right now. This is obviously a hard part of the fight. You have a great team to help you, a great family, friends, doctors and nurses...the best team captain ever, GOD. He's so much bigger than the leukemia. It's wonderful to hear that he's still tickling your funny bone, too!

Love,
The Calabrese Family

Susan Salopek

July 20, 2009, 12:15 PM

Dear Daunette,
You have an amazingly strong little boy, with an amazingly strong mother! We continue to pray for you all!
Love, Sue

Dante Pecora

July 20, 2009, 3:54 PM

Genre, we love you and can't wait to see you. You are in our prayers. Love Avery, aunt Carla and uncle Dante.

Joanne Fitz

July 21, 2009, 3:35 AM

Genre,
Hope you are feeling better! you need to get your appetite back, so that we can eat that Romanos Pizza that I promised you! YUM!!!
Love Ya,
Mrs. Fitz

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

July 21, 2009, 2:18 PM

Genre,
I love you
Poppy

Kris Horvath

July 21, 2009, 5:47 PM

Genre,
Perhaps Hannah Colby and I will drop off something from Dairy Queen for you when you're up to it. I know that anything from DQ helps when their bellies don't feel quite right. You just tell your mom to give me a ring and we'll make a special delivery. We're thrilled to hear about the Make a Wish program and would be honored to support it! I'm sure that Genre's wish will be unique and special, just like him. Daunette, as always, our prayers are with all of you for continued strength and healing. Lots of love
Kris, Hannah, Colby and Troy

July 21, 2009

July 21, 2009, 4:47 PM

Genre is feeling well today. He is still tired, but smiling! This post isn't about Genre's health. It is about more kind and generous people that want to help him. Throughout these last weeks my eyes have been opened to the goodness that exists in this life. So often I have been overcome with feelings like 'What is happening to this world?' or 'What will my children have to deal with?' We watch the evening news and listen to talk radio and I feel like sometimes I don't hear anything that is good. I can tell you, first hand, that there is good left in this world. There is an abundance of it.

Grammy B called me to talk to me about a fund raiser that Prudential Preferred Realty will be hosting this Friday. Every year Prudential in Greensburg holds a Christmas in July and they donate the money to Make a Wish. Brenda (Grammy B) and Janice Smarto spoke with me about their benefit and the possibility of it paying for Genre's Make a Wish.

Well, it's happening. This Friday, July 24th, Prudential will be having a Christmas in July from 10:00-6:00. There will be vendors available with items

such as Vera Bradley and Silpada (along with many others). They have also opened up the event to include flea market tables. All of their proceeds will be donated to Make a Wish and they will pay for Genre's wish. If you are wondering what Genre's wish is, we haven't gotten that far. A Make a Wish coordinator will be meeting with him soon so that they can decide what would make him happy. His first thought is to star in any upcoming Power Ranger movies??!!** I told him that might not be an option!

Prudential is located below Westmoreland Mall, behind Boston Market. If you have any questions the number is 724-838-3660. You can ask for Jan. We are so grateful to Janice and all of the agents at Prudential Preferred Realty. Their kindness and generosity; their reaching out to this family; and their concern for sick kids is priceless. Priceless...that's a word I use a lot more now. I really understand the meaning of the word much better than I did before.

Messages

George Sharp

July 21, 2009, 4:59 PM

Genre, when you decide on your wish please let us know. I would love to hear about it!! You are an exceptional young man that in the short time I have known you, I have learned a lot. God Bless - The Sharp Family.

Ed Gratton

July 21, 2009, 5:02 PM

Hi everyone -

I guess being tired is way better than being sick & tired any day! Glad you're doing better Gen! See you soon. Way to go Prudential! Lots of good people out there, Daunette... ;-)

Karen Mastalski

July 21, 2009, 6:24 PM

I read these postings because I care about Genre and want to know how he is doing. Yet everyday I get so much out of what is being said. I am inspired by Genre's courage and the courage of his family. I see Christ everyday working thru so many people doing so many things. God uses everyone who will allow him and is with each of us everyday. Thank you for sharing your journey and letting us see Gods work. Hope you have a good day.

Miss Karen

anne novotnak

July 21, 2009, 8:03 PM

Genre glad you are doing well. Daunette.... I was the 700 club flipping today and Matthew West was on a singer and he had something traumatic happen to him I missed that part but anyway He Quoted C.S. Lewis and it made me think of us and you. God whispers tous in our pleasures, speaks to us in our conscience, but shouts in our pains. Is is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.

We are hearing him through Genre's and your family's pain and we are learning so much from you. Matthew also stated that even 2 years later he is still learning from his incident that happened and learning from and saying God that is why you lead me down this path. I think for the rest of our lives we will learn and grow from all of this and the winks will be endless as long as we accept them . We love you and you all are in our prayers always.

Randy Wolfe

July 21, 2009, 8:21 PM

Yes! Even though we live in a fallen world, through all the decadence and evil, Goodness will still prevail! Praise God for He is Good! Glad to hear you are doing well Genre! :-D

Doreen Baldrige

July 21, 2009, 8:37 PM

Hi genre

I didn't for get about you .Just was on vaction and doing thing with ricky. WE have some things in the car for you . Will get them to over the week end . Have vaction bible school at FMC this week so we will get your bag over to you this week end .Tell mom i will call her and make sure I give it to the right neighbor. We love you vary much . Ricky sends his love always :) love Mrs Baldrige and Ricky.

Kristie Deemer

July 21, 2009, 9:06 PM

Genre-- It sure was good to see you up and around today! I'm glad you have a little more energy and I hope Kamryn didn't tire you out again with all her chattering and laughing! Save some strength for Friday so we can all go to see a Christmas in July! And don't forget that if we're celebrating Christmas then, you can always get me a birthday present. Nothing fancy. of course. We love you.

Much love,
The Deemers

July 22, 2009

July 22, 2009, 9:02 PM

We just got home from the clinic and Genre is in his room resting. It was another long day for him. His spinal tap went well and so did his exam and infusion. Today Genre completed the first one half of the consolidation phase. He has four more weeks to go in this phase. In order to continue with this phase, his ANC needs to be 750 and his platelets need to be 75 on their own - with no transfusions. His ANC was only 100 today. The nurse said that chances are he will not be able to begin the next phase one week from today. They don't usually see that big of a jump in ANC when taking all the factors of his blood work today into consideration. The PA gave us a prescription to have blood drawn on Tuesday here in N. Huntingdon. If his numbers are still very low, he won't go to clinic on Wed. These weeks off are totally expected. Some kids have more 'weeks off' than others do. I told our nurse, Kristen, not to count Genre out! He surprises us- all of the time!

With Genre's ANC being so low, I have to ask that you use caution when visiting Genre. Of course, if you feel sick at all, we ask that you don't visit. If anyone in your home isn't feeling well, or if you've been around anyone who is sick, please wait to see him until we make sure that you aren't coming down with something. Obviously, he doesn't wear a mask when he is in our house so he will be able to pick up the germs that are brought in more easily.

Hopefull his numbers will bounce back up quickly. He is a strong little guy with a lot of spirit so I can't imagine this will hold him down very long!

We discussed for a long time today whether or not Genre should go out. Dr. Shaw is a big advocate of letting him go. The PA, Whitney, and our nurse, Kristen, not so much. They are on very different ends of the spectrum. John and I are to the point where we know that Genre is fragile, but we do not have the heart to keep him locked up in his room. (Although that is what my heart wants to do!) We are not going to take him out to Heinz Field or to some Jonas Brothers concert, but we are going to let him go to Sunday school and to events like the concert at church. As long as he will wear his mask, with in reason, we will let him go out. It's the best we can do. If he does get sick, we will have to deal with. On the other hand, what if he doesn't get sick and we never let him do anything throughout the next three years? What will we look back and say? How can we rob him of three to five years? We've decided that we can't. Whatever is going to happen...God already knows. So, we'll just ask Him to watch over Genre ever day and we'll use our best judgment on a day by day basis. And we'll pray a lot!

Messages

Joanne Fitz

July 22, 2009, 9:39 PM

We will be praying right beside you!

Love

Joanne

anne novotnak

July 22, 2009, 10:17 PM

Your strength is amazing. The little decisions that you have to make everyday. Thank God we have him to help on the road you are traveling. we keep praying everyday We love you.

kevin manko

July 22, 2009, 10:22 PM

May God guide your decisions weaving your way through the next several years. Your family is and will remain in our prayers.

The Manko's

Marci Vickers

July 22, 2009, 11:20 PM

Daunette- i know your struggle. It is a tough decision. you want your kid to be a kid yet he needs protected. I know you will figure it out. If you get Genre's blood drawn at Quest on Rt30, that's where I take Connor. Miss Connie is there (and Miss Melissa) and they know Connor well. They are familiar w/ Bev and the girls at the clinic. They will draw blood even when your script is expired. They will call and get it re ordered for you as well. They are great. tell them we said Hi if you decide to go there. We are praying for you. Marci Vickers

maureen gratton

July 23, 2009, 12:08 AM

Hi Genre,

We were so happy to see you, James and Gionna at the concert last night. Someday we may be coming to see you in a group singing praise to God. I can see the love of Jesus shining through you wherever you are. I know Wednesdays are rough. Just let Jesus hold you in His arms for awhile and rest. We're always praying for you.

Love,

Maureen

Randy Wolfe

July 23, 2009, 1:41 AM

Jesus will be right there with Genre holding him by the hand when he goes out. God will give you "that gut feeling" to know when he should not

go out. God tends to let us know things that way. We will also be praying for His guidance and healing. Still looking forward to seeing you play that guitar Genre!
Randy and Mary Wolfe

Treasure Bertani

July 23, 2009, 2:20 AM

Genre,
Hang in there. We continue to pray for you. Besides praying the obvious that the cancer stays away, is there anything else specific that you would like us to pray for?
Huggs and prayers,
Mrs. Bertani and Luke.

maria pellis

July 23, 2009, 2:45 AM

Relax my loves, because you know that HE is in control...Advice I am trying to follow as well!!!! I love you guys, Ree

Shirley Stahl

July 23, 2009, 12:26 PM

Praying right there with you!

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

July 23, 2009, 1:31 PM

Genre,
You are a tough young man. You have been through so much, and you have excelled at every obstacle. That is just you, YOU ARE A WINNER, and your faith in the Lord will insure your success.

I LOVE YOU
POPPY

angela sipple

July 23, 2009, 4:10 PM

Hang in there Genre. You're such a tough guy. Remember God is carrying you through all of this. Right there with you. Your faith is strong. We pray for you every day...and then some more. We love you. Clay's birthday is Saturday. He is bringing in a big chocolet chip cookie for sunday school class. Stop in and get a piece or we'll send you and James some home with Gionna. Hang Tough! Mrs Sipple

Dante Pecora

July 24, 2009, 12:35 AM

Genre, you are in our thoughts and prayers everyday. We love you and can't wait to see you. Love Avery aunt Carla and uncle Dante xoxoxo

donna weber

July 24, 2009, 12:58 AM

you guys are so strong. I am in awe. my htoughts and prayers are with you

Becky Sharp

July 24, 2009, 4:17 AM

Hey Genre!

We are still keeping you in our prayers!

Love,
Gary, Becky, Taylor & AJ Sharp :)

mimi mcgeary

July 25, 2009, 10:40 PM

Dear Daunette, John, and Genre, We will continue to pray that God gives you His wisdom as you all work through this healing time. Our John was home a lot the first few months but was able to attend our small Christian Academy for school for those 21/2+ years of treatment. Just to give you an idea... He was able to attend school regularly and we were thankful for God's care. We will pray for a quick rebound for his ANC and God's protective Hand around him. God bless you all, you are in our prayers!! Love, Mimi for the McGearys

Amy Gratton

July 26, 2009, 7:56 PM

Hi Genre,

Aaron and I were thinking of you and your family as we had our own little church time today at home. We read about another fella in the Bible who strong and courageous, Joseph. Aaron's hoping to be feeling better soon, so we can see you and your family soon! Have a great evening buddy!

Love,
Mrs. Gratton

July 26th

July 27, 2009, 1:58 AM

Just wanted to let you know that Genre has been feeling great! He has been out back playing all weekend. His friends Alexis and Hannah came from DuBois to visit him today. He's eating and drinking a lot - getting stronger and stronger! Maybe he'll be able to get his treatment on Wednesday. Last Wednesday, Kristen told Genre, "Hey, maybe you'll get a week off next Wednesday!" Genre replied, "Every week that I don't have to come to clinic is one week longer that I have leukemia." He's right. He just wants to get it over with.

Over the weekend I heard a great phrase from my friend Tina. She sells Tastefully Simple and this weekend was a fund raiser for Jodi's marathon. Tina was telling a quick life summary of the owner of T.S. The woman had much tragedy in her life and when she had moved past all of it she said 'You can be bitter or you can get better.' WOW! I was so glad that I went to that T.S. party! You can be bitter or you can get better. We are choosing to get better! Genre, John and I have decided NOT to sit around and wait for Genre to get better before we give something back. When we think about what got Genre through those twelve days in the hospital - the answer is easy...his Nintendo DS and the Wii. The DS gets him through every Wednesday and all the days when he doesn't feel so strong. We have talked openly with Genre about the money that our friends are raising for him/us. He knows that the money is for circumstances that could arise in the future where we might need that money. He doesn't know about any of the circumstances that would dictate our needing to use those funds. He doesn't need to know all the bad things that could happen just around the bend. Anyway, I am positive that we will never need any of that money! I just know it. So, together, we decided that we would turn around and give that money to the oncology clinic. We would ask them to use it to buy things to entertain the children.

Slowly but surely the idea has evolved. Genre thinks that it would be 'awesome' if every child who is newly diagnosed with ALL at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh could receive some kind of hand held electronic game. The social worker can fax us a form and we can over night a game to the child. Better yet, Genre can deliver it! Wouldn't it be great for the child's mom and dad to see a 'seasoned' ALL patient delivering a present to their newly diagnosed child!!?? What encouragement! Even if the child has a DS, he can pick something else. The fact that he was just diagnosed with blood cancer makes us think that he should receive a nice new game delivered right to him/her. No matter what - you get a game! We can do VS miles for the littles kids, Leapsters, DS games, PSP's...maybe even laptops for the big kids. Who knows, maybe we do enough fundraising for this and we wind up giving out college scholarships to ALL survivors!!!! We are all so excited!!

So, everyone is always asking what they can do to help us. I need information, please. If you know anything about starting an organization that we want to call Genre's Operation Electronics, I would appreciate the input. Genre and Jaden came up with that name the other night! I've been looking into it little by little after the kids go to bed, but it would be a big help if someone already knew what to do. Please let me know.

At first I felt so awkward and afraid when my friends started selling Genre's bracelets...then they started with the t shirts! They have done one thing after another. Each one of them is an amazing, kind, and wonderful friend who I love. While I am so appreciative, we don't need the money right now. Genre is feeling well and we are fine. That was the awkward part. The 'afraid' part came in to play because I knew WHY they were collecting that money. It's been hard to even talk with them about any of the fundraising issues because that money represented a future ordeal that I feared. However, because of Genre, I have been able to turn that fear around. Now, I am so excited about the money that is being collected from bracelet and t shirt sales! I know that when we DO NOT need it, we can use those funds for Genre's Operation Electronics!

Many of the foundations that have helped Genre have been started after a child was cured or they are memorial foundations. We want to put together some kind of organization now. We don't want to wait until Genre is cured. I think that helping other kids who are just starting down this path would be a great way for Genre (and the rest of us) to get through the next three to five years. It's something I can see us doing for the rest of our lives! We are planning (hopefully)on being set up before fall arrives.

Genre is dreaming BIG! Not only does he want to start Genre's Operation Electronics, he has other plans. He says that he wants every kid with cancer to be able to get free golf lessons somehow. Genre is thinking putt putt, driving range, par 3, and indoor lessons all winter long!!! I told him to write it all down and start planning. You never know what is possible!

I'll take him for his blood work on Tuesday and I will let all of you know about his ANC /treatment then. Friday night Jaden was here and we were all sitting around the kitchen table after dinner. We were taking bets as to whether or not Genre would have his treatment on Wednesday. I said that I think he will get to go to the clinic. Jaden said 'I think he will definitely get to go to the clinic and have his treatment.' I asked Genre what he thought. He said 'If God is on my side, of course I will have my treatment!' He turned to Jaden...Jaden said 'Yeah!'...and then they high fived! Believe like a child.

Messages

Jodi Fowler

July 27, 2009, 2:15 AM

Way to Go Genre - we love the idea of Genre's Operation Electronics. What a blessing you are, and will be to so many more families. There are our ideas... and then there are God Ideas, and this is one of them!! Are you going to give them cheat codes too? :) We are so happy that you

are feeling well, playing, and surrounded by friends. We will be praying while you're at your appointment on Wednesday, too.
Love, The Flowers

Mary M Russman

July 27, 2009, 2:35 AM

Hi Genre!

I L-O-V-E the idea of Genre's Operation Electronics!! You can count on our support!!!

We picked up our bracelets but I have to ask your mom where to get the T-shirts!

Good luck with your treatment on Wednesday!

Hugs and more hugs,

Mrs Russman

Joanne Fitz

July 27, 2009, 2:57 AM

Genre,

Great idea for "Genre's Operation Electronics"!!! I love it! You are such an amazing little warrior of God!!

Love ya

Mrs. Fitz

Karen Sharp

July 27, 2009, 12:41 PM

All I can say is WOW! Genre, you and your family just keep amazing me. To have that kind of strength through it all, well, that is rare. I have never known anyone like you all, and I am truly blessed for being able to know you now. You are so right about the "be bitter or get better" statement. I'm glad you didn't choose bitter. If there's anything I can do to help with Genre's mission, please let me know. God Bless.

Karen

Shirley Stahl

July 27, 2009, 1:02 PM

Daunette - I'm putting a call into a good friend of mine who is an attorney who's son was diagnosed with Juvenile diabetes and he is always doing fund raisers so maybe he can help. I'm so excited for all of you.

Bill Llewellyn

July 27, 2009, 1:32 PM

Daunette,

You should operate the business as a non-profit 501 c3 so that any donation to the non-profit will be tax deductible. As long as you keep the total annual revenue under \$250,000 you will not need to have an audit done. Now this is how non-profits work in Connecticut but any local attorney or CPA should be able to help you.

You may also want to contact the Norwin Rotary club to see if they can help you as well. I am a Rotarian so I could reach out to the club in Norwin.

I think it is a great idea and I am sure once you establish the non-profit it will take off. You may also ask people if they want to donate their electronics for kids outside of the area as well. Just something to consider down the road.

Anyway, if you have any questions please give me a call. I am not a CPA or an attorney but I do work with a lot of non-profits here in CT.
203.400.3111

Good luck & I hope to talk to you soon

Bill

anne novotnak

July 27, 2009, 2:05 PM

I'm so glad to see and hear Genre doing well. He is truly a miracle and he is an inspiration every minute of everyday. Love you all and of course we're praying

Sue McGuire

July 27, 2009, 9:49 PM

Awesome idea from an awesome kid!

July 27th

July 27, 2009, 1:51 PM

Just got some pictures from the Christmas in July fundraiser that Prudential Preferred Realty did for Make A Wish and Genre this past weekend!! What a wonderful day the event turned out to be. There was so much support for all the agents who put so much effort and hard work into the day. We went up in the morning and the place was really crowded. Santa and the Chick-Fil-A cow were waving people into the Prudential parking lot! They had food from one end of the office to the other - Gionna had a field day with the sweets tables! I enjoyed the purse section! There were jewelry sales, home furnishings, candles, and flea marketers. We didn't take Genre with us because his ANC was down so low, but Gionna didn't mind stepping in to represent him!! Prudential arranged with Chick Filet (on the highway) to do a Make A Wish/Genre fundraiser part II on September 29th. That is Genre's birthday and Chick Filet will be donating 20% of their profits from 4-7 pm when a special Make A Wish for Genre coupon is presented. (I have them.) Thank you to Prudential and Chick Fil A for part II!

A special thanks to Grammy B, Helene, Jan, Janice, Sugar, Pam and all of the other agents that we might not have met that day. We also want to thank Bill for donating his time to HO HO HO people into the parking lot! When Genre's wish finally comes to life, I'm hoping that the wish will be one of his greatest ALL memories, not all of the needles and times that he felt so lousy. Thank you for making it happen! Thank you also to all of the people who donated towards the day. We appreciate your kindness and generosity more than you could ever imagine. We know that your office raises money for Make A Wish every year and we have always thought that was a wonderful thing to do. We have always known that Make A Wish is an important charity to support. But this year it is for our son... Never in our wildest dreams did we think that an event like this could mean so much to all of us. Thank you again!

Messages

susie condrasky

July 27, 2009, 2:16 PM

We love the idea of "Operation Electronics", what an awesome way to give to others! What ever we can do to help, let us know!

So wonderful to hear how well you are doing. We will be thinking about you on Wed as always. Let us know where we can get a Tshirt!

The Condraskys

Brenda Brown

July 27, 2009, 3:05 PM

Genre,

Grammy B is so glad she could be there for you. If it were my wish, I would wish all of this to go away, and all of us be the way it use to be.

Pappy Freddy & I are so proud of all the accomplishments you want to get completed. We will be there to help in any way we can, just let us know what we need to do.

Always remember how much we love all of you, and our prayers are with the entire family.

Huge hugs and kisses,

Grammy B, Pappy Freddy & Skyepuppy

jill carr

July 27, 2009, 3:10 PM

Hi Genre! I'm glad you had a good weekend and got to see Alexis and Hannah. I wasn't able to come to the Christmas in July fundraiser on Friday but we will definitely come to Chik-Fil-A on your birthday. That's one of the kids favorites! I also want to get tshirts. I'll call your mom later to see who has them. Have another great day!

Janet Allan

July 27, 2009, 11:18 PM

Genre,

It was good to see you at the concert Tuesday. You look terrific! I love your idea to help other children like yourself with Operation Electronics. Although I'm not a player of electronic games, I know it is a great way to pass time for kids. I just can't wait to hear your "Wish" idea. It will probably amaze us just like every other idea you have had. You are truly blessed by the Lord and are a wonderful young man.

I'm praying you get your treatment on Wednesday to eliminate any delay in your progress.

Love,

Mrs. Allan

P.S. Daunette, as always you give great hugs!

July 27th

July 27, 2009, 9:09 PM

I've had a lot of emails about Genre's FBI t shirts. Tracy (aka Jaden's mom) is coordinating the t shirt sales. If you would like more information please contact her at tshirts4genre@comcast.net. Thank you!

Messages

Karen Sharp

July 28, 2009, 12:38 AM

Thank you. Joanne Fitz sent out a mass email with the contact info. and a file showing the design too so that should help.

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

July 28, 2009, 1:35 PM

Genre,
You are a leader, and you are destined. I Love You.

Poppy

Debbie Javor

July 28, 2009, 2:27 PM

Hi Genre, I just want you know I think about you all time. Your strength and courage through this difficult times just shows to others that we can get through anything in our lives as long as we have God. Just hang in there and know that Jesus has his loving arms wrapped around you.

Love
Mrs. Javor

Esther Tinz

July 29, 2009, 11:04 AM

Genre
As awful as this disease is, how awesome it is that God is using YOU to reach so many. Stay strong ~ Esther

Brenda Brown

July 29, 2009, 4:48 PM

Hi Sweetie,

I just forwarded your Care Page to Santa Claus, and he is excited that he can keep in touch with you.

Glad you are feeling better, I will call mommy to see how your treatment went today.

Lots of hugs and kisses,

Grammy B, Pappy Freddy & Skyepuppy

melissa stein

July 30, 2009, 1:59 AM

Genre,

You are an amazing fellow! Keep that faith and positive attitude buddy.
Our family prays for you everynight and everyday.. My goodness you are a very popular boy.

Missy

melissa stein

July 30, 2009, 2:18 AM

Net

It was so nice talking to ya the other day.. I told you that I was having trouble getting into the pages.. Something was wrong with my password.. It is up and running now.

From talking to ya sound like your in good spirits and your doing well.

Please if there is anything that you need help with I am here and willing to help you in anyway.. I already have 3 people for the westmoreland city show.. Let me know when you get more information. I will spread the news and recruit people...

Your family is in my thoughts everyday .. love ya Nette! Hope you have a peaceful night ..

Missy

July 28th

July 28, 2009, 8:25 PM

I just got Genre's blood work back. His ANC is 418 and his platelets are 350,000. His ANC needed to be 750 and his platelets needed to be 75,000 to get the next chemo treatment. No big deal...we'll go next week. I look at it this way - we have seven days of Genre feeling pretty great to enjoy ourselves! Have a good day!

Messages

Kristie Deemer

July 28, 2009, 9:50 PM

Hey Genre-- Sounds like God wanted you to take a vacation. Even God took one on the seventh day! We're hoping that we get to enjoy you a lot, too, over the next seven days. Let's start thinking of some good stuff to do...

Much love,
The Deemers

wendy coates

July 29, 2009, 12:25 AM

Genre, Hope you and your family has a good week off from treatments!
Mrs. Coates

Amy Gratton

July 29, 2009, 1:16 AM

Genre,
God's plans sure aren't our plans! There's a reason why things worked out the way they did this week and it's all a part of God's big plan for you and your walk down this road! Isn't it great to know that He knows exactly what's going on and exactly what's happening every step of the way, even when we don't? The hard part is waiting when we don't have the answers.
So, relax knowing that God already has this day, this night, this week, this year, this wonderful life of yours planned out for you, minute by minute, Genre Baker! You are in His precious Hands! Have a wonderful week, sweet boy...

Love,
Mrs. Gratton

Joanne Fitz

July 29, 2009, 2:31 AM

Genre,
Enjoy the vacation from Chemo!
Love ya
Mrs. Fitz

maureen gratton

July 29, 2009, 1:44 PM

Hi Genre,
Enjoy the day and hold on to Jesus, he doesn't take a vacation and holds you in His strong and loving arms. His love shines through you in all that you do. Your Operation Electronics will reach out to so many children. There will be God Sightings all over the place because of your selfless spirit and desire to touch the lives of others.
Love,
Maureen

Sandy Krivansky

July 30, 2009, 12:59 PM

Hi Genre,

Just thinking about you this morning and hoping to start your day with a smile!

Love, The Krivansky's

kevin manko

July 31, 2009, 2:36 PM

Daunette,
I was so touched by your families' desire to help other children during this difficult time I had to find a way to be part of it. I loved Genre's idea of the golf lessons for the children who are going through treatments. I contacted my cousin who is the pro/teacher at The Practice Tee in Jefferson Boro. He too was very touched by Genre's idea and is willing to donate his time giving free lessons to the children that you would

refer. They have the driving range, miniature golf, and a par 3 course once the children get the hang of it. Please let me know what I can do to help make this idea come to life.

Kevin Manko
mankomath@yahoo.com

Amy Gratton

July 31, 2009, 11:21 PM

Thinking of you all and praying for you all this week...

Love & Hugs,
Edward, Amy, Marisa, Jillian, Tara & Aaron

August 5th

August 6, 2009, 1:28 AM

We went to the clinic today. Dr. Shaw wanted to see Genre even though his ANC was only 540 yesterday. When we got there today his ANC was 900! He had lots of baby white blood cells (called monocytes) floating around in his blood yesterday and Dr. Shaw predicted that his ANC would increase over night. When there are lots of monocytes in the blood the docs predict significant increases in ANC. Dr. Shaw was right. No spinal tap today, or for the next three weeks! Yeah! Genre was infused with Cytoxin and ARA-C today. It was a long day because he needs so much fluid along with the Cytoxin. The fluids should help prevent any bladder bleeding. We are now on the same four week schedule he just finished. He will have a home nurse give him chemo on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. It's the same schedule next week. The third week will be an injection of the aspariginase bacteria and one chemo drug . The fourth week will be just one chemo infusion. "Just one chemo infusion"...we've come a long way, haven't we? After that, he will need to have an ANC of 750 to move into the INTERIM MAINTENANCE phase. From day one of the Interim Maintenance phase, Genre will receive chemotherapy for exactly three years. That's 1095 days. Then he is done.

We are so excited about so many things that are happening. Pieces of this puzzle have been falling into place in such an amazing way. I mentioned that Genre wanted the kids at the clinic to get some free golf lessons in my July 26th post. We have had a golf pro in Jefferson Boro offer to give golf lessons to these kids. Schenley Park's golf program has volunteered to participate in this charitable work also. Someone has volunteered to pay for a portion of the golf simulator cost at Schenley Park so that the kids can golf in the winter or in the rain. We may have a golf connection near the airport, too. When Genre began talking about this, John and I were a little worried. Although we didn't want to ever discourage Genre, we knew that building a golf facility would cost millions. How would WE raise that money? How would WE make this happen for Genre? Well, WE don't have to make it happen. God, and all of these people who want to help kids with cancer, will make it happen. He is putting it all in place and WE will just shuffle the paper and help Genre to see the good in his illness. We are now looking for any golf connections within a forty five minute to one hour circle around Children's Hospital. That way, most of the kids who come to the clinic will be able to get to a facility once in a while and play some golf.

Genre's baseball coach, Coach CJ, has made Westmoreland Fire Station available to us on August 23rd for an LLS/Genre's Operation Electronics event. Jodi will be doing a fund raiser there to support Team in Training and LLS. All of the proceeds from this vendor show will go to LLS. I will post more information about the event as I receive it. So far, I know that there will be vendor tables, baked goods, 'garage' sale tables, and a chinese auction. People have donated exceptional prizes for the event, including the new 2009 American Girl doll - Rebecca! (I know where Gionna will put her tickets!) The firemen have offered to do a BBQ that day, and to donate the money to Genre's new idea! The same day that Jodi and I received confirmation for this event, which will be called 'Heroes helping Heroes', the K Love Encouraging Word for the day was this - "For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?... ~ Isaiah 43:19, NLT Wink?

We are moving as fast as we can to start the charitable organization Genre's Operation Electronics. Now, Genre has some concern about the name because he doesn't want to 'just give sick kids electronics.' I agree, but I think I will always favor that name because it was the first idea in this whole big chain of events. Our lives are changing so quickly. God is just putting everything and everyone into place. It's exciting, but a little frightening. Of course I want to make my child's dream come true. Of course I want to help kids with leukemia. I just want to make sure we are doing it the right way. There are so many options available and so many legalities. I am still open to opinions and help, if anyone has some to lend. So many good things are happening - I know that all of this isn't the result of some random act of cell mutation. There is a plan for the good that will come out of Genre's disease! With the good, God's word will be spread also. Genre's thought is to include a Bible, or a Bible story, with each game that he gives. We haven't hammered out all of the details yet. Somehow, some way, these kids are going to hear about Jesus. Did I mention that he wants Jason to go to each golf lesson and tell each child about Jesus? Yes, he asked Jason if he would make one of his very cool DVDs and show it to the kids before each lesson. Can you add that to your schedule, Jason?

Now that the Steelers are at St. Vincent's, James was excitedly telling Genre that Troy Polamalu is back in Pittsburgh. James knows that Polamalu, along with many other Pittsburgh athletes, visits the sick kids at Children's. James is just busting for one of the Steelers to be at the clinic when Genre is there. He thinks Genre should take his Steeler shirt in our back pack every time we go, just in case. This is how different our boys are. Genre said," Troy is a Christian, do you think he would sign my Bible?" My point is that John and I didn't make Genre understand his relationship with Jesus the way he does. We have raised each of the kids the same way. I am able to get through my son's illness with a little bit of peace because I really think that God plans for Genre to spread His word. I know He has a plan for each of our children - all of our children. I just mean that I feel it in my heart that Genre is meant to spend his LIFE spreading God's word. Not just a few short years. It gets me through.

James asked today if he would be able to put up signs to make some extra money either dog sitting or doing some odd jobs for different people. When I asked him why he needed money, he said that he wanted to raise money for Genre's project. This type of giving is what makes this whole leukemia situation bearable. While I can't say to you that I'm glad our son has cancer - of course I don't want our son to be sick - the generous, selfless acts of love are overwhelming! People are moved to help these sick kids, and it is amazing. There is so much good.

Genre is looking forward to the concert at our church this Sunday. (Again, the people who have helped and the people who have donated prizes to the event have just gone beyond what anyone could have expected.) I was hoping that he'd be able to go without a mask, but that won't happen now that he has begun his second round of ARA-C. I just want him to be able to go, with or without a mask! The ARA-C is a drug that causes fevers.

Genre only ran a fever once during the last cycle. Maybe he'll do even better this time!

We are so thankful to all of you for the prayers you have offered up and the love you have shown us. These next four weeks and then the ten days that follow the treatment will be difficult for our son. Please keep him in your prayers. We ask that his body is protected from the side effects of the medicine and that he is able to eat and keep his food down. We pray that he is able to feel well and that he will need few, if any, blood transfusions. Thank you again for your love and the support you have shown our family.

Messages

Jennifer Calabrese

August 6, 2009, 3:05 AM

Genre,

Great...your numbers were up!!! It's, also, amazing to hear all of the wonderful ways God is working through you to help others. We will continue to pray for your strength and peace.

Love,
Mrs. Calabrese

Lisa Beam

August 6, 2009, 4:27 AM

Baker Family,

Wow to think that something good can come out of something bad is remarkable. I am really happy that things are going so well now. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Take Care
Beam Family

Kristie Deemer

August 6, 2009, 10:40 AM

Genre-- I bet God is so proud of the work you are doing. It's encouraging to all of us to see another Christian so passionate about spreading God's Word and it's a great reminder to all of us how exciting and cool it is to be doing God's work. Be sure that you keep letting all of us know what we can do to help, too.

Much love,
The Deemers

Becky Cox

August 6, 2009, 12:17 PM

God is amazing. I'm so encouraged by your reports. And so glad to hear that Genre's ideas are being acted upon. I think his project is wonderful, and I think that God will use it and Genre to spread His message. Not only would the kids be getting an electronic device to help them through their illness, they would also be hearing how Jesus can carry them through as He has been getting your family through this. What a testimony Genre has. I can't even begin to imagine the struggles that this involves, but I know that you have been relying on the Lord's strength to get through. To share that with others would be remarkable. we will continue to join in prayer for Genre and your entire family, for his physical needs, emotional needs, as well as God's direction in Genre's project.

Amy Gratton

August 6, 2009, 1:11 PM

WOW

Joanne Fitz

August 6, 2009, 1:27 PM

Genre,
You have so many GREAT ideas! You will make many children @ CHP smile with your project ideas and in addition I KNOW that God is smiling right now!!!
Love ya
Mrs. Fitz

Neil Jones

August 6, 2009, 3:17 PM

Daunette:

Two local golf resources I can think of are Rocko Mediate and Arnold Palmer. The Palmers have a foundation and Cancer Program at Latrobe Hospital and it may be something that he would be interested in. Mediate is a local big time pro that could draw interest also.

Neil

Neil Jones

August 6, 2009, 3:19 PM

Genre:

Sounds like you are doing a great job fighting this battle. Remember, you have a lot of people and God on your side and that is an "army" that is pretty hard to defeat!!

Coach Jones

Janet Allan

August 6, 2009, 6:27 PM

Genre,

I am so happy for you! You have had more excitement in these last months than most people have in a lifetime. Remember all the great God winks you've seen when you aren't doing so well. Keep the best one on the "front burner" of your brain for any time you need a "lift." Very few of us receive more than one God wink, let alone the multitude you have had. What is even more wonderful is the God winks that others have received because of you!

I'm on vacation next week, so I will miss your concert, but I will be praying for you everyday that God protects you from the side effects. I'll even bring you a seashell. D.J. and I will find you a good one. See you when I get back.

Love you bunches,
Mrs. Allan

Dawnette,

All I can say is WOW! You are so gifted! Boy, have you and your family come far! God is soooo GOOD!

Love,
Janet

Sandy Krivansky

August 7, 2009, 5:08 PM

Hi Genre!

Andrew and Ashley are so excited about the concert on Sunday!

Love, The Krivansky Family

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

August 7, 2009, 5:09 PM

Genre,
I think about you each and every day.
I love you.

POPPY

Amy Gratton

August 7, 2009, 11:54 PM

GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING!!!!!!!!!!!! Genre, Can you see, can you feel, do you KNOW things are happening for the Glory of God Almighty through you, through your family, through your friends, through strangers, through your illness, through your healing, through your faith, THROUGH YOUR SAVIOR!!!! GOD IS SO GOOD. ALL THE TIME. ALL THE TIME HE IS GOOD. See you at church you mighty warrior.

Love,
Mrs. Gratton

anne novotnak

August 8, 2009, 11:41 PM

Genre we love you and you are in our prayers. Hang in there as I know you will. Not too much longer until maintainance. It will go by fast I hope. Hang in there and our unending prayers and love are with you. P.S. Stephen missed you and can't wait to see you.

wendy coates

August 10, 2009, 1:24 AM

Daunette,

How wonderful that God is providing you with the people and resources to help make all these great ideas come into being. I'm overwhelmed just reading about it all! :-)
Wendy Coates

August 9th Rock for Genre

August 9, 2009, 6:20 PM

Tonight is the concert at Norwin Christian Church which was organized in honor of Genre. He is very excited to go and he can't wait to eat the cookies that he knows are waiting for him! For those of you who won't be there with us, I thought you might like to see the video that Jason, our Youth Minister, put together. It means so much to me...I hope you love it too. You can view it at: www.genrebaker.com

Genre finished up his four days of chemo this week with just a little tiredness and nausea. Overall, he is feeling well and looking forward to playing outside tomorrow and Tuesday!

Messages

Neil Jones

August 9, 2009, 6:57 PM

Genre:

I am sorry I can't make it to the concert tonight. I will be at a swim practice with all the kids that made the AMS All-Star team. We leave for Penn State on Tuesday to compete against the best kids from Maine to Virginia on Wednesday through Saturday. I will see if I can get a swim cap from one of the other Zones for you to have. Take good care and keep your eyes heavenward. That is where the most amazing things come from. Coach Jones

wendy coates

August 10, 2009, 1:29 AM

Genre,
Troy, Megan, Lauren, and I had a great time at the concert tonight! Our favorite was definately the Aaron Greer band (not sure about that spelling). We'll have to find them on I-Tunes. I also loved your video - thank you for your willingness to speak so honestly with us about all you've been experiencing. And, thank you for being so willing to tell people about Jesus! Keep it up! I'm praying you get lots of opportunities with your ministry ideas.
Wendy Coates

Jodi Fowler

August 10, 2009, 2:24 AM

What a great night tonight!! We especially liked your dad's part in Sweet Home Alabama! This is only the beginning, Genre - God is doing amazing things through you and your family. Kids are going to love the golf lessons, the Nintendo DS, and most of all, you will share God's word with so many people. You are strong, you are courageous, and we are so proud of you.

Mary M Russman

August 10, 2009, 2:53 PM

Hi Genre!
Looks like everyone had a BLAST last night! So sorry we couldn't make it. Luke and his brother and Dad went away for the weekend and didn't get back in time. We continue to pray for you and your family. Great job on your you tube video too!

Rock for Genre

August 10, 2009, 2:42 PM

What an amazing night last night!!! This whole family is just completely amazed by what so many people did for Genre!! I don't think I can list everyone for fear that I might forget someone! You know who you are and what you did for our son. No matter whether you are the guys that organized this, the women who organized bracelets & t shirts, the women who sold t shirts and bracelets, worked the door, baked cookies, donated snacks, helped clean up/set up, or even if you just came and enjoyed the evening - thank you for making it such a special night for Genre. He never stopped talking about how much fun he had until I finally shut out his bedroom light. Please know that he had more fun and enjoyed himself more last night, than he has since he has been diagnosed! He had so much energy, mostly from excitement, and it was overwhelming to see him rockin' out with his friends and the bands!!! From the time Genre arrived at the church he was a VIP! Each band that came to play made sure that they spent some time with him. He got shirts, CD's and posters. Each one of the guys wrote him a special note and he was so excited! All of the bands were so great, but I especially want to thank Aaron Gree for the time he took with Genre. I want to thank him for the amazing worship time he spent with all of us. We are looking forward to taking Genre to a Saturday night service when Aaron leads worship at his church! Thank you again if you helped or if you came to enjoy the great music and fellowship. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. What an especially moving evening!

Messages

Joanne Fitz

August 10, 2009, 5:28 PM

Rock on Genre!!!!!!!!!!

We had an awesome time last night with you & your family (plus all of the bands & people)!!!!!!!!!! We love you all!!!!!!!!!!

Mrs. Fitz, Justin, Matt & Krystal

Rock 4 Genre

August 10, 2009, 6:04 PM

This is from Genre:

Dear Friends,
Thank you for putting together my rock concert and inviting all the bands to come. I had a really great time yesterday. I especially liked meeting Aaron Greer and the food. Thank you for coming to my rock concert. I hope you enjoyed the music.

Love,
Genre

Messages

Ed Gratton

August 10, 2009, 6:20 PM

Hey Gen--I am so glad that you had a good time last night! Hope you're not too tired today! See you soon.

Becky Cox

August 10, 2009, 9:38 PM

So glad to hear that the concert was great! Sorry we were unable to go - we had something with our church last night.

The Coxes

anne novotnak

August 10, 2009, 9:44 PM

Dear Genre,you're very welcome.I'm glad I could come to your concert,it was amazing.And remember I'll always have time to be with my best friend.Sincerely,Stephen

Susan Stephenson

August 10, 2009, 9:57 PM

Genre, James and Gionna

HI GUYS!!!!!! We miss all of you so much and miss seeing your smiling faces playing in the backyard. We think of you often. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Did you guys hear that we got a dog!!!! I can't believe I gave in but Eddie is the love of my life and my little buddy. He travels with me everywhere!

Love,
Your favorite former neighbors
Randy and Susan

maureen gratton

August 11, 2009, 12:05 AM

Hi Genre,

I'm glad you had so much FUN last night and are feeling good. We had fun, too. You are a really special guy. You are glorifying Our Lord with all that you are and all that you do. It is such a privilege to have you in our life and church family. We love you,
Russ and Maureen

Debbie Javor

August 11, 2009, 12:43 AM

Genre whoever wasn't there sure missed out on some great bands. I really liked Aaron Greer and the acoustic band, and of course who doesn't like food. Your so awesome and God is smiling down on you. Love Mrs. Javor

Amy Gratton

August 11, 2009, 12:55 AM

Dear Genre,

What a great night last night was! Our whole family had the most awesome time at the concert! It was great to see the outpouring of love and support for you and your family from family members who love you, members of your church family who love you, friends of yours and your mom and dad's who love you, and even total strangers! It's amazing how many lives you have touched throughout this whole journey! Genre, your video was outstanding. You are such a brave young man and God's love and perfect peace are reflected in your sweet, beautiful face. Job well done! I know you put a smile on God's face, once again. You are one unique kid and we are proud to call you our friend. We pray for you daily and you and your family are always in our thoughts, hearts and prayers. You inspire us all. See you soon buddy.

Love,
Mrs. Gratton

P.S. Aaron had to sleep in his Rock for Genre shirt last night.

Sandy Krivansky

August 11, 2009, 1:58 AM

Boy Genre...what a great time we had!! Hope Ashley didn't follow you around too much...she was especially tickled to be there!! You must feel like one cool dude having a rock concert in your honor....Hope your day today was a good one.

All our love...the Krivansky's

michele weisensee

August 11, 2009, 12:49 PM

Genre,

The concert was great!!! We were so glad to make it and be a part of it. Luke and Jordan thought the bands were so cool!!! The Aaron Greer band was awesome, as well as your video!!! The strength and courage and selflessness that God has given you throughout your journey is simply amazing.

With much Love,
Michele, Dale, Jessica, Luke, Jordan, Mark

Karen Mastalski

August 11, 2009, 6:24 PM

Genre

We had a great time at the concert. I think everyone who was there was blessed in some way.
Miss Karen and family

Kris Horvath

August 11, 2009, 7:42 PM

genre,
as always are prayers are with you. we're so glad to hear that you enjoyed your concert. you're an awesome kid. have a wonderful day and we'll see you soon.
kris, hannah, colby and troy

susie condrasky

August 11, 2009, 10:13 PM

Hello Baker Family!

Wow! What a concert! YOU ROCK GENRE!!!!!! It was so nice to see you all. What a great turnout and outpour of love and support. Genre, what an awesome video clip ! My goodness, you are wise beyond your years ! (That means you are one smart cookie !) Thanks for inviting us, Tyler and Nicholas LOVED it !
Love to all,
The Condraskys

PS. Your Nana said you really like our jokes, so here's one Tyler wants you to try on James.....

What did the rug say to the floor?

I've got you covered ! HA HA HA

Brenda Brown

August 12, 2009, 1:03 PM

Hi Sweetie,

Pappy Freddy & I are looking forward are looking forward to the event on the 23rd.

I am so glad you had a good time at your concert, there will be many more opportunities for you in the near future. Enjoy them all.

Huge hugs and kisses,

Grammy B, Pappy Freddy, & Skyepuppy

August 12th Clinic

August 13, 2009, 1:14 AM

We went for a "quick" visit this morning at 9:00. Genre only needed one chemo treatment injected into his port. I didn't pack him a lunch or any snacks, and I didn't bring anything for me to do. Today was the first time I went to the clinic with only one bag! It was going to be an in/out visit so I thought it would be a good day for Gionna to see where her brother goes every Wednesday. Not so. He wound up needing a red blood transfusion and the day turned into six hours! That's a lesson well learned. I'll go prepared every week - from now on.

Dr. Shaw thought Genre looked great today. His ANC is down to 300. It will probably drop even lower because he started his ARA-C treatment again today. Same thing - four days of chemo, deaccessed on Saturday. In seven to ten days we will see another big drop in his counts. This is the cycle when he had a fever last time around. Prayerfully, this time he won't have any fevers. Today, Dr. Shaw told Genre that he is one 'resilient' little boy. He even took the time to explain to Genre what resilient means. I can't say it enough...Dr. Shaw, Dr. Sidonio, and Kristen were a gift. For them to be Genre's caregivers is nothing short of a blessing. When Kristen wasn't there last week (vacation) Genre questioned everything the new nurse did. She was very nice - she just wasn't Kristen. She used different tape; she gave the medicine at a different time; she didn't check on him as much...he noticed everything different. These people really become important to you. I have to say that I was even a little apprehensive when I realized that Kristen wasn't there last time. I don't really like anyone else accessing Genre's port, even though I know the other nurses are perfectly capable! We were glad she was back this week!

Genre is feeling great this evening. He's a little bored so that is a good thing! Mr. and Mrs. Murray were here last night for a heated Mario Kart battle. I'm a little sorry to say that Mr. Murray beat Genre two out of three times! Excited and psyched are the words that James used to describe Mr. Murray when he beat Genre. James stepped up to the plate to defend his little brother. James whooped Mr. Murray over and over again. When Mr. Murray finally had enough, he left. The boys are looking forward to their next encounter with their thirty-something friend!

Will you please pray that Genre doesn't have much nausea this week. Last week was a little more difficult on him. He did not lose any weight from last week which makes me very happy. As long as he can maintain his weight with healthy foods, I feel like he's better equipped to fight this fight. (Might just be me?) I'd also like to ask God to protect Genre's body as this medicine runs through him all week. I pray that He allows the medicine to do only what it was formulated to do. No unintended harm. Thank you for keeping him in your hearts and prayers.

Messages

Joanne Fitz

August 13, 2009, 4:53 AM

Hi Genre,

I wanted to let you know that Krystal has requested that we lift you up in prayer every day during our dinner time prayer. So, if you feel especially great around that time; you know why ;)

We love ya!

Mrs. Fitz

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

August 13, 2009, 12:15 PM

Genre,

I LOVE YOU !!!!

POPPY

Sandy Krivansky

August 14, 2009, 7:52 PM

Hi Genre,

I just got one of your bracelets at the concert on Sunday and every time I look down, I think of you and hope you are feeling good...Oh, and tell your mom that I found Ashley's other one yesterday...she told me "Now I have two, just like Gionna!" I guess she must have talked to your mom about that at the concert, too! You and your family are in our hearts and prayers today and everyday!

Our lesson at youth group last night was about Noah and how God always keeps his promises, so I'm sending a rainbow your way!

Love, The Krivansky's

Bob Stein

August 14, 2009, 9:38 PM

Hi Genre

Hope you are having a good day pal. You are in our thoughts and prayers everyday. The girls and Missy say hello.

Take Care

Bob

August 16th

August 16, 2009, 10:30 AM

The doctor called last evening to say that Genre's platelets had dropped significantly. He needs to go to the hospital this morning to be transfused. I am leading Kid's Kingdom this morning because Kristie is still (living it up) at the beach. As I was making some phone calls to ask someone else to step in Genre said, "I don't know why you're doing that... I'm going to Sunday school and THEN I'm going to get a transfusion." (That's not one I ever planned on hearing??!!) So, we'll go to Sunday school and then he can go get his platelets. This was completely expected. The ARA-C drug knocks his counts down to almost nothing. His red count is on it's way down also. I'm thinking this might wind up being a really long day because they may say he needs reds also. The red infusion takes three hours. I'm thinking the platelets take the same amount of time. Thank goodness for Nintendo!!! Please keep him in your prayers.

Messages

Debbie Javor

August 16, 2009, 4:22 PM

My prayers are with you and your family. Genre hang in there God's wings are protecting and shielding you. Love Mrs. Javor

August 16th

August 16, 2009, 10:15 PM

It's 6 pm and Genre is sound asleep on the 9th floor again. We came in around 11:00 am for platelets. That transfusion only takes one hour - I was wrong. The doc decided that Genre should have red blood cells also. (That one takes three hours.) During the red blood transfusion, Genre had some type of allergic reaction. He broke out in a rash from his waist up to his ears. They stopped the transfusion and gave him Benadryl. He is completely passed out now. Seven hours and not one complaint. He just goes from one thing to the next - from his DS, to a book, to the tv, to my lap. He never says a word. Today was our church picnic at Oak Hollow Park. The little guy was really looking forward to going. When we got here this morning, he and I assumed we would make it to the picnic later in the afternoon. When the doc said that Genre needed reds today or tomorrow, I could see that he was really disappointed. I told Genre that I would bring him back in the morning if he wanted to go to the picnic. Normally, I would not allow my eight year old to make decisions about blood transfusions. But, he never asks to do anything. He never complains. If he wanted to go home to make the picnic and then come back tomorrow morning, I would have done that. Genre said he would just get the blood now, since we were already here. He didn't want to come back two days in a row.

They just restarted the red blood transfusion. He has about 1.5 hours to go. Please keep him in prayer...he's had so much pumped into his little body.

August 17th

August 17, 2009, 1:28 PM

Genre is home. They let him leave at 8:30 last night. After he had an allergic reaction to the red blood he received, they gave him Benadryl. He reacted to the Benadryl with vomiting, nausea, dizziness, increased blood pressure, and shaking legs and arms. Once he was able to get out of the bed by himself, they let me bring him home. He had a really hard evening. He was really frightened by the way he was feeling. He kept asking why he felt so terrible and how they could make it stop. But, at the end of the day, God was watching over Genre the whole time. I had no idea that his ANC was 0. I would have taken him to our church picnic that afternoon. Not that I would have thrown him into a crowd of a hundred people without a mask, but I definitely would have let him play around. He didn't belong going to the picnic and we didn't make it! There was nothing seriously wrong with the little guy...just enough real discomfort to keep us at the hospital. God is good.

Messages

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

August 17, 2009, 1:38 PM

Genre,

You are a born fighter, it's in your genes.

I love you dearly.

Poppy

Amy Gratton

August 17, 2009, 1:46 PM

Dear Genre,

I'm sorry you had such a tough evening guy. Mom, you too. Thank goodness you were with all the good people down at Children's taking good care of you and thank GOD that HE was taking care of you... He is always with you. Rest up today sweet boy. We love you.

Mrs. Gratton

P.S. The picnic wasn't the same without you and mom not there, but we're glad you weren't there!

Jaison Wojdyla

August 17, 2009, 1:49 PM

Genre,

Keep fighting, you are the most amazing person I know. The lord is watching over you always. You are in our prayers, stay strong. Coach Jaison, Amy, Elijah, Emma and Luke

maureen gratton

August 17, 2009, 2:07 PM

Hi Genre,

I'm so sorry you had such a rough day. Yesterday is behind you and today is a new day. You are one day closer to completing your healing. When you feel the weakest Jesus is holding you in His arms. Rest in His arms and let Jesus renew your strength. We love you and are praying for you every day.

Russ and Maureen

maria pellis

August 17, 2009, 2:32 PM

That gave me chills, and am so thankful too!!!!

anne novotnak

August 17, 2009, 2:34 PM

Genre I am sorry to hear that you were sick but everything works out for a reason. Thank God it was onky something minor and that you didn't have to stay over night and was able to come home. Another first to record and now you know what that is. I am praying for you always. We love you Anne Bob Stephen DAvid and Emma. Hang in there.

jill carr

August 17, 2009, 3:13 PM

Hi Genre-i'm glad you got to come home last night and wake up in your own bed this morning. I bet you are feeling better today! I can't wait to come to your fundraiser this weekend. Tell your mom HI!

Kristie Deemer

August 17, 2009, 4:58 PM

Hey Genre-- Sounds like you had a rough weekend. We missed you while we were gone and can't tell you how many times we thought about you. You are on our hearts, on our minds, and in our prayers constantly. I'm glad you are home safely now and hope you are resting. We missed you all.

Much love,
The Deemers

Karen Leece (Baker)

August 17, 2009, 6:24 PM

Dear Genre,

I'm sorry to hear you had such a tough time yesterday. I hope you are feeling much better today and everyday. You are such an awesome kid, I think about you everyday, and pray that you will be completely better soon. Love, Karen

Jim Murray

August 17, 2009, 8:37 PM

Genre

Sorry to hear that you such a rough day yesterday. Today is new day, and God is always with us in our time of need. We missed seeing you, and I can't wait to beat you in MarioKart again!!!

Mr. Winner (Murray)

Ann Marie DeGennaro Ray

August 17, 2009, 11:01 PM

Hi Genre,

We are so glad to hear that you are back home feeling much better. You are always in our prayers. We miss you so much.

donna weber

August 18, 2009, 1:59 AM

I am glad you are feeling better. Our prayers are with you

Jennifer Calabrese

August 18, 2009, 3:27 AM

Hi Genre- Sorry to hear about the reaction you had and how it made you feel. We're glad to know that you're at home, now, and more comfortable. We send all our love and prayers your way...we're thinking of you always:)

Love,

The Calabrese Family

Joanne Fitz

August 18, 2009, 5:00 AM

Genre,

I just read all of the updates from the weekend. Gee, I go away for a few days and hope to return hearing about your great weekend. Well, I am sad to say that I missed the NCC picnic too. Genre, next year will be even better and hopefully cooler! We can enjoy it together :)

Hope you are feeling well & I'll see you on Sunday.

Love

Mrs.Fitz

Kristen Morgan

August 18, 2009, 2:30 PM

Hi Genre!

Sorry to hear that you didn't get along well with your benadryl (or your blood!). I'm glad that you got to go home. You are so brave-- definitely one of the toughest kids that I know. :)

Kristen

Beverly Gorr

August 18, 2009, 6:34 PM

Glad to hear you are home and doing better Genre. We continue to keep you in our prayers.

Bev

Sandy Krivansky

August 19, 2009, 12:19 PM

Good Morning Genre!

We like your new pics from the concert! We missed the church picnic too. Hope you're feeling better.

Love, The Krivansky's

Tammy Sisti

August 19, 2009, 9:44 PM

You are a truly amazing little man! Your faith and trust in the Lord are an inspiration to me. Sorry you had such a rough weekend, hope things are looking brighter today.

Much love, Tammy and Brandon Sisti

Treasure Bertani

August 20, 2009, 3:49 AM

Daunette,

saw something jodi posted about needing platelets. figured this was the best way to reach you...i am o positive. if you need plt's you can have mine anytime. let me know. 724-689-5215. i'll try to call you tomorrow.

Randy Wolfe

August 21, 2009, 2:42 AM

Hey Genre,

Sorry to hear you had a rough time. Glad to hear your feeling better. Sorry I haven't replied sooner. Sometimes for some reason the updates are going to the spam folder and I don't see them right away. Remember God is with you, rejoice in Him! Amen!

Mr. Wolfe

P.S. Oh yeah, If you go to see Aaron Greer at Cornerstone. Ask him if he really put ketchup on his ice cream cone. (He'll know what your talkin about.) lol :-)

Sandy Krivansky

August 21, 2009, 8:21 PM

Genre,

Saying special prayers for you today...Andrew and Ashley are both wearing their FBI shirts. We hope you are feeling better soon.

Love, The Krivansky's

Cindy Weinberg

September 7, 2009, 11:53 PM

Hi Genre, I am C.J. Weinberg. I was at your church for the Christian Rock Band. I was the one who won the basket of prizes, and you gave them to me on the stage. That was so nice of you. My family and I always have you in our prayers. I wanted to do something for you in return to help out. On Sunday at our church I had a lemonaid stand for you, and raised \$60.00! Also our youth group of the church has been selling your bracelets, they raised \$120.00! We are going to sell more this coming up Sunday. Pastor Doug Burns from Christ United Methodist Church is going to write out a check for what we raised for you. Let us know if there is anything else we can do for you. We hope you feel better soon. By the way I was wondering what you were interested in. Do you like sports? Do you like to collect anything. What do you like to play? Get better soon. your friend, C.J.

August 21st

August 22, 2009, 3:33 AM

Genre developed a fever of 102 this afternoon. The doc said to bring him into the ER. Because he has a fever and he is severely neutropenic, he was admitted. He will be here at least forty eight hours. They drew blood for a culture. If nothing grows in forty eight hours, he may be able to go home. Sometimes they make the kids stay until they see two consecutive days of an increase in counts. Tomorrow will be seven days after his last Ara-C treatment. As I have said, they expect his counts to be the lowest seven to ten days after that treatment. He still has to get through Tuesday or Wednesday when his counts can be their lowest.

Gen has really felt lousy the last few days. He never really got off of his bed yesterday and he was really too tired to come down the hallway today. He's been throwing up over the last two days and hasn't been able to eat much. True to Genre, there isn't any complaining. As a matter of fact, after one of the residents examined Genre, she called the attending doc to discuss his treatment. The attending doc told the resident to pay special attention to Genre's lungs and any reactions he may have because the child never complains.

He's sound asleep now after a dose of Benadryl to pre treat him for his platelet transfusion. He's always looked so beautiful to me when he's sleeping. I'm praying that he gets a good night rest tonight and that he is able to eat something tomorrow.

I'd like to tell you another way that we've seen God working on this journey. Another God Wink, if you will. A friend went to donate blood for Genre last week on Friday. The person at the blood bank told her that her blood wouldn't be compatible with Genre's. There was some element in the blood that wouldn't work with a child whose immune system was compromised. I frantically called another friend and asked him to go out the next morning and donate. He did. On Wednesday when we got to the clinic, Genre needed three units of platelets. The Blood Bank told Dr. Sidonio that both donors who gave were absolutely compatible with Genre. The woman who said that they weren't had made a "mistake." They got two units from each of the donors so four units were available! Dr. Sidonio said that it was fortunate that we were doing the directed donor program because there was a shortage of platelets and he wasn't sure when platelets would have been available for Genre. So, I worried on Friday (again) and there was no need. Once again, what I thought was a problem was really God taking good care of Genre. If the woman had not made a "mistake" in saying that the blood wouldn't have been compatible, we would have only had two units available, not four! Friend number two would never have donated that Saturday morning. When I think about what God did to make Genre's path smoother, I am truly moved beyond words. What can I say about that? It is truly a grand design and He is in control of every single aspect of our lives. Why do we so easily forget or ignore that!

Thank you so much for your prayers. I will keep you posted as we find out what is causing this fever.

(PS If you have some free time on Sunday, don't forget that Jodi is hosting a Leukemia and Lymphoma Society fundraiser at Westmoreland City fire hall from 12 -4!)

Messages

Amy Gratton

August 22, 2009, 3:42 AM

Rest and sleep in the peace and warmth of God's overwhelming, unshakable, constant love and devotion to you, Genre Baker. You too, Mom and Dad.

laura schuchert

August 22, 2009, 4:04 AM

Hope you are feeling better soon Genre!!! I know God is taking good care of you! And make sure you remind Mom and Dad to eat and sleep, too!

Joanne Fitz

August 22, 2009, 4:18 AM

Hi Genre,

I wanted to let you know that Krystal baked all afternoon to make cookies & brownies for "Genre's Operation Electronics". She chose to bake instead of school shopping because she wanted to help out and support your terrific idea! I have to say that the cookies & brownies look delicious & and am sure people will but them.

We are praying for you ;)

Love you

Mrs. Fitz

Jennifer Calabrese

August 22, 2009, 5:13 AM

Genre,

Hope you start feeling better soon! We're praying for you:)

Love,

The Calabrese Family

P.S. Daunette and John - We're praying for your strength and peace.

Kristie Deemer

August 22, 2009, 11:43 AM

Hi Genre-- We are all hoping that you start to feel better. I bet your house is too quiet right now with no one there playing Star Wars and Power Rangers like you do. I think God would be so proud of you for not complaining about things. Even grown ups mess that one up all the time, but you seem to have it down! You are one cool kid and we're always amazed to see your "heart for God" in action. Rest up and feel better. We love you.

Much love,

The Deemers

Kristie Deemer

August 22, 2009, 11:46 AM

Daunette- I'm sure I'll talk to you soon. I just wanted to send a little love your way. I know that God is there with you. It's still hard watching your little one feeling lousy, though. I'm glad that your eyes are open and you are able to see God all around you. And I'm glad that you share that with us all. I'm pryaing for you anyways, though, even though you seem to be doing great. Keep your eyes on Genre, though. If he starts acting strange, it could be the little bit of Mike running through him.

Take care,

Kristie

Allison Murray

August 22, 2009, 12:48 PM

Genre,

Rest up and feel better soon! We will miss seeing your smiling face at church...but know we will all be thinking about and praying for you!

Love,

Mrs. Murray

Ed Gratton

August 22, 2009, 1:42 PM

Wow, your next career will have to be a writer, Daunette. Gen, you are writing an incredible story as all of this continues to unfold. Hang in there. See you soon!

Tammy Sisti

August 22, 2009, 1:52 PM

As always ,Genre, you are in our prayers.We love you! Feel better and we're looking forward to seeing that wonderful smile @ church!
Tammy and Brandon Sisti

Janet Allan

August 22, 2009, 2:05 PM

Genre,

You are in great hands! Only God could take this good of care of you and your family! We should praise Him continually for how He is answering all our prayers on your behalf. Your journey is proof of God's great love for all of us. Thank you for sharing your journey with all who are willing to listen. We love you, Genre, more than words can express. You truly are an example of God's warriors. I pray for you and all your family continually.

When you get home and are well enough, I would like to bring over a special seashell we found for you.

All my love,
Mrs. Allan

Daunette,

Keep hanging in there. You are an amazing mother! I sure hope you are writing down all these God winks. It would make for a great read for everyone.

Next time I see you, you can count on a great big hug!

Love,
Janet

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

August 22, 2009, 2:21 PM

Genre,
I love you,.. Stay strong,...You inspire all those around you, !!!!
Poppy

Joelle Wilds

August 22, 2009, 2:38 PM

God has "HIS" arms around all of you - HE will keep Genre safe...

maureen gratton

August 22, 2009, 2:47 PM

Hi Genre,
These are the times when you just lay back and rest in the strong's arms of Jesus. He will carry you through these hard days when the chemo makes you feel so yucky. We love you so much and are praying for you and your wonderful family.
Love,
Russ and Maureen

Amy Gratton

August 22, 2009, 3:28 PM

Dear Genre,
We are praying that God will wipe out the source that is causing your fever ~ He is awesome, He is powerful, He is God, He can do it! So, you just rest up, and let Him do His work. This morning Aaron and I laid in bed for about a half an hour talking about you. He wore his FBI shirt to the picnic last night and he sure missed seeing you! I was trying to explain to Aaron all the different parts of the blood and all the details that go with chemo. He had a lot of questions. He wanted to know what color the chemo was! I said I didn't know, but we would sure try to find out! He was concerned about where your mom slept when she stayed down there with you. I told him she was comfy cozy right in your room with you. When you are feeling better, he would like to come play with you. Rest up guy and let the doctors, nurses, and medicine and most of all, GOD do their work for you! Give mom an extra hug from us! See you soon!

Love,
Mrs. Gratton

Amy Gratton

August 22, 2009, 3:32 PM

By the way, Genre, you put us all to shame with your lack of complaining! We should all be as strong and courageous as you in our daily life. You, at such a young age, are FULL of the FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT! God has such an unbelievable plan for your life and is working so much

through you it blows me away.

donna weber

August 23, 2009, 2:21 AM

our prayers for finding the source of hte fever, I am forever amazed wiht God winks He is an awesome God imagine him planning for you to gget athe blood you needed in a timely fashion

August 22, 2009

August 22, 2009, 3:44 PM

Genre had a high fever through out the night so he won't be able to go home tomorrow. As of now, he will defintely be here through Monday. He can't go home until the fever is gone for a certain period of time. That time is different with each child. He was able to eat some cereal this morning and he kept it down. (He even kept choc. milk down!) Dr. Sidonio is the doc on call this weekend. That makes Genre very happy! (Mom too!)

Genre doesn't like change when it comes to his docs and nurses. The nurse in the ER yesterday afternoon was very sweet and kind. It didn't matter. Genre said, 'Can you call upstairs to the clinic to see if Kristen is there? I want her to access my port. She's the only one who knows how to do it so that it doesn't hurt.' Heather tried to persuade him that she would be as gentle as she could. It didn't matter. Genre was not rude but he was certainly firm in that he wanted Heather to call Kristen. Kristen wasn't in the clinic that day so Heather was the one to poke him. It was very funny - Genre told Heather that Kristen cleans the port site in circles, not back and forth. He told her that she uses gauze for pillows to put under the butterfly clamp - one on each side. He even told her that Kristen puts the tape in a big X, not in two straight lines. Heather was so sweet and she asked him how to do each part before she did it. He kept telling Heather that he didn't think the site was numb. When she poked him, he said "Owww!" (It's the same thing he did with a new nurse last time.) Funny - the numbing medicine only works when Kristen puts it on????

One more time, thank you so much to everyone who keeps praying for Genre. Knowing that he is being lifted up all day long truly gives a certain peace through out the day. Much love to all of you who are checking on and taking care of James, Gionna and my mom. (The love you send my way means so much too!)I don't know how we would get through each of these battles without all of you. Please continue to ask God to lift from Genre's body whatever is causing this fever. I will update as soon as I know anything.

Messages

Treasure Bertani

August 22, 2009, 6:10 PM

Keeping you all in constant prayer.

Huggs!

Treasure

beckie wiltrek

August 22, 2009, 6:18 PM

You are in our prayers. Hope that Genre can come home on Monday.

Beckie Wiltrek

Sandy Krivansky

August 22, 2009, 8:02 PM

We are praying for all of you.

Love, The Krivansky's

Joanne Fitz

August 22, 2009, 9:11 PM

Genre I think kristen is very lucky to have you as a patient you are a blessing to everyone around you sending hugs and kisses your way love Mrs.Fitz and Krystal

michele weisensee

August 22, 2009, 9:33 PM

Genre,

We will continue to pray that God provides comfort and peace to you every day.(even on days when surrounded by unfamiliar faces)

With much love,
The Weisensee's

anne novotnak

August 23, 2009, 12:02 AM

Han in there Genre and Mom Dad James and Giona. We are praying for you all always and want nothing more than for you to come home as soon as you are able. WE LOVE YOU!!!!!!

donna weber

August 23, 2009, 2:26 AM

i read so much about how brave Genre is and i am so proud of him on the other hand Daunette you blow me away I am so impressed with you . yOu are an awesome mom and are so stong. I know there are at least times when you don't feel strong or brave but you are!!! love Mrs Weber

Jennifer Calabrese

August 23, 2009, 2:46 AM

Genre,

You are such a sweet and unique boy:) Surely, God treasures you! We are praying for your body to stay strong, so the fever goes away.

Our love,
The Calabrese Family

Randy Wolfe

August 23, 2009, 5:13 AM

Hey Genre,

You are so brave. Most of us grown men would not be able to tolerate what you are going through. You must really have God's strength on your side. We are praying for you and your family always. Thanks for the updates Daunette. See you soon.

Randy and Mary Wolfe and family

Kathi Horwat

August 23, 2009, 4:43 PM

Daunette,

Even though I have only known your family a short time, being around you has brought me closer to God, and filled with love for all of you.
Kathi Horwat

verna sipple

August 23, 2009, 8:55 PM

Dear Genre and Mom, It's Travis and Clay's "nanny" and I'm keeping posted on your updates, Buddy. You are always in my prayers and thoughts, hopefully this is a better week for all of you. Lots of love and prayers coming your way!!!!

August 22, 2009 pm

August 23, 2009, 1:18 AM

I just wanted to let you know that Genre still has a fever. He is feeling a little better and he was able to eat some cereal tonight. His temp is lingering around 101. Nothing grew in the first set of cultures that were drawn in the ER. For every twenty four hour cycle that he still has a fever, new cultures are drawn. When each culture is drawn, he will be in the hospital for about forty eight hours from that time. If nothing grows and his fever goes away, they will most likely let him come home. However, his ANC was zero today. His body has no monocytes, neutrophils, or bands at this time so, as long as he has a fever, there is no chance of them letting him go. That's okay, though. This is probably the best thing for him right now. Even though he's not too happy to be there (and neither am I), we both know that he is there for a "good" reason. The chemotherapy is doing it's job. It is killing everything. That's what we want it to do. Genre is not in any type of critical situation - he just has a fever and he is tired. There are many children on the floor who are not so fortunate. Believe me, every day I look around and I know how blessed we are.

Messages

maryalice newborn

August 23, 2009, 1:27 AM

We'll keep you all in our prayers. I'm sure that your time will be short in the hospital. God's blessings on you.

Amy Gratton

August 23, 2009, 2:06 AM

PRAYING WITHOUT CEASING

angela sipple

August 23, 2009, 1:57 PM

Hi guys. Been thinking about all of you and keeping you in our prayers. We love you and know God is seeing you through this.

Kristen Morgan

August 23, 2009, 4:50 PM

Hi Genre!

I hope that you'll be home by the time I get to work tomorrow (Monday) but if you are still there I will be coming over to see you. Glad you are feeling a little bit better-- hang in there, you are doing such a good job through this chemo. It is really tough stuff and I am proud of you!

Kristen :)

Sandy Krivansky

August 23, 2009, 7:39 PM

Hey Genre,

Thinking of you today!

Love, Miss Sandy

August 23rd

August 24, 2009, 1:53 AM

When I got to Genre's room this morning there was a completely different child sitting, not laying, on his bed!!! The color in his cheeks and the sparkle in his eyes were back. I was greeted with "Mommy!!!!!!!" He joked with me and teased me about having some good 'guy party time with a lot less sanitizing time.' I brought him some chinese food and some of Grammy B's home made buns. He ate three of them! He hasn't had a fever since last night and nothing has grown in any of his cultures. It's a good day.

Thank you to everyone who helped in some way to support Jodi's LLS fundraising today. Thank you for all the home made baked goods that were so lovingly prepared. Thank you to all the vendors. Thank you to everyone who came and donated an entire afternoon to help raise money for Jodi's race and Genre. I can't list all of you for fear that I will accidentally leave someone out. Thank you to Coachs CJ & Tom, Jamie and the other firemen who so willingly gave their time today. We truly appreciate everyone who came out to shop or just to take home a meal - your contribution matters very much. Thank you Jodi for putting so much time, effort, and love into raising money to fight this terrible disease. We will never forget the things that all of you have done to help. Finally, thank God for the peace of mind that comes from knowing that all of this is really in His hands. As we let Him lead this illness and everything that goes along with it, good things will flow from it. We are already witnessing that.

Messages

Gaylene Merritt

August 24, 2009, 2:01 AM

This morning? I think you mean this evening. Boy you must be tired. (or is this just one of your senior moments?)

Gaylene

Sandy Krivansky

August 24, 2009, 2:04 AM

Yeah, Genre!!

Amy Gratton

August 24, 2009, 2:18 AM

Genre,
We are so happy that you are feeling better! God had things under control, didn't He? We just prayed for Him to bring that old fever down and He is LARGE AND IN CHARGE. Of course, we know YOU know that. God is good. We will have many prayers of thanksgiving tonight for God's blessings on you and your family. I hope that tonight's sleep is that much sweeter for you, Dad, Mom, James, Gionna, Nana, Kaitlyn, and everyone who knows and loves you! Sweet dreams, mighty warrior!

Love,
Mrs. Gratton

Joanne Fitz

August 24, 2009, 2:57 AM

Genre,
Boy O' Boy did I miss your smiling face in KK today! Did you feel the power of prayer covering you around 9:15 am???? We were praying for you my friend ;) We love ya,
Mrs. Fitz

August 23rd

August 24, 2009, 2:22 AM

Gaylene was right...I got to Genre's room this evening, not this morning. Did I mess up anything else?

Genre was feeling terrific this evening at dinner time. He hasn't had a fever since last evening 8/22.

Messages

Amy Gratton

August 24, 2009, 2:23 AM

Ahhh...but you were certainly there in heart and spirit this morning, weren't you??

Mary M Russman

August 24, 2009, 2:44 AM

YEA!!!!!! What WONDERFUL news! Our prayers are working!!!

beckie wiltrek

August 24, 2009, 4:25 AM

So glad to hear that Genre is doing better.

Beckie Wiltrek

Ed Gratton

August 24, 2009, 5:14 AM

Glad you're feeling better :-)

Amy Gratton

August 24, 2009, 11:02 AM

Good morning Genre,
Prayed for you through the night. I hope your night (and mom's and dad's) was a restful one and I hope you are feeling better! We hope you come home soon! We are going camping for a couple of days; we will roast a marshmallow for you !

Love,
Mrs. Gratton

michele weisensee

August 24, 2009, 12:49 PM

What awesome news!!! Praise God!!

Mrs. Weisensee

maureen gratton

August 24, 2009, 1:31 PM

Hi Genre,
We're so glad you are feeling better. We missed you yesterday. The BBQ Chicken from the firehall was really good. We're praying and hoping you get home soon.
We love you,
Russ and Maureen

Jaison Wojdyla

August 24, 2009, 2:18 PM

Hi Genre,
Hope you are feeling better today, You are in my prayers daily. We all miss you and cant wait to see you again soon. Coach Jaison (NAC) Elijah say's keep fighting. You are a true inspiration to all of us.

Kim Parker

August 24, 2009, 3:18 PM

So glad to hear the fever is gone. Keeping you all in our prayers! Keep on fighting the good fight, and we hope to see you again soon!

Kim, Mark and Katie Parker

jill carr

August 24, 2009, 3:23 PM

Hi Genre. I'm glad your fever is gone and you are feeling better. There were alot of people at your fundraiser yesterday. I got to meet Jodi- she is great and very excited about the marathon! Have a good day today!

wendy coates

August 24, 2009, 5:09 PM

Hi,

Just getting caught up on e-mails...sorry to hear about Genre's fever, but very glad it is already gone! Hope that means you are home soon Genre!

Wendy Coates

August 24th

August 24, 2009, 8:46 PM

Last night before we went to bed, Genre thanked God for feeling better and for Mrs. Flower and all the people who raise money to fight leukemia. He thanked God for his brother and sister and told Him that he was missing both of them.(*!!!*) After I silently wiped the tears from my eyes, we both had a peaceful night's sleep.

Genre hasn't had a fever at all today! He is feeling great! His buddy, Jaden, came down to play the Wii with him today. The kids will be starting back to school so the play days won't be so frequent.:~(Pappy Freddy surprised Genre for a quick visit too. It really broke up the day for him. When he was sick ,all he did was snuggle with me on the bed and watch movies. Today, he feels well and he wanted to do something! The visits helped the day to go by a little more quickly for him.

He also had a surprise visit from Kristen, his nurse from the clinic. How sweet was that?

The doc who saw Genre this morning (an attending we had not seen up to this point) said it's not likely that he will get to go home any time soon. Because Genre was admitted with a fever, they will need to see his ANC start to increase before he will be sent home. His ANC was still zero today. Kristen said she was in full agreement with that determination. I tend to think like Kristen does when it comes to neutropenia, so I was extra glad she stopped by today!!

For those of you who have been emailing to ask where you can see the video Jason made of Genre, or how to go to Jodi's Nike Team in Training web page, the best way to find those things is to go to www.genrebaker.com (which Jason also created).

Thank you for all your prayers and love!

Messages

Jodi Fowler

August 24, 2009, 8:53 PM

We thank God for you. You have a special place in our hearts, and we pray that your ANC # begins to go up, that you continue to feel well and enjoy happy visits with people you love.

We love you!

The Flower family

Teresa Anania

August 24, 2009, 8:53 PM

So glad to hear this news, Daunette! Please tell Genre there are so many that love him and are praying for him every day.

Joanne Fitz

August 24, 2009, 11:40 PM

Great to hear that there was no temp. today!!!!!!

Stay "Cool" Genre!!!!

Lots of Love

Mrs. Fitz

wendy coates

August 25, 2009, 12:07 AM

Hang in there Genre and Daunette...Praying that those numbers go up and you get to come home soon!

Wendy Coates

Kristie Deemer

August 25, 2009, 12:15 AM

Glad to see you are starting to feel better. The people on the 9th floor will be glad that you are able to entertain them again with your sense of humor. Too bad you don't have your farting toy thing with you. Hopefully, we'll be able to see you soon.

Much love,
The Deemers

Chris Brogna

August 25, 2009, 12:32 AM

Genre,
We're glad you're feeling better today. We're praying for you and hope you're ANC goes up quickly.
Natalie wore your FBI shirt today. She asks about you a lot.
We love you!
The Brognas

Sandy Krivansky

August 25, 2009, 1:19 AM

Hi Genre,

Glad you're feeling better and hoping you get to come home soon. Sending a hug your way!

Love, The Krivansky Family

laura schuchert

August 25, 2009, 2:13 AM

We just sent you a big hug... Did you feel it??? Here it comes again! Keep resting and taking good care of you... I hope you get to eat more cool stuff while you are there! We are praying for your strength!

Love to you all ~
Laura, Chuck, and Addison :o)

Jennifer Calabrese

August 25, 2009, 2:55 AM

Genre,

It's great to hear you're feeling better and had a good day! We're praying for you:)

Love,
The Calabrese Family
Jen, Brian, Tegan and Haven xoxo

kaitlynn hook

August 25, 2009, 3:45 AM

Genre John,
I have been missing you around the house lately! Tomorrow is the day- the end of the countdown- I am leaving for school!!!:(Although you are quite happy, I WILL STILL MISS YOU! I had such a nice time with you tonight and I will watch that show on Cartoon Network with you anytime:) You crack me up..Anyway, stay healthy and have fun with that *pee sucker upper 3,000!!*(Sorry Aunt Daunette, I had to!) I love you very much and will see you soon<3

Aunt Daunette- I LOVE YOU!!:)

Debbie Javor

August 25, 2009, 1:55 PM

Genre I am so glad you are feeling better and you got to spend some time with your friend Jaden. Hang in there buddy you will be home soon. Just always remember God answers prayers, and you have so many prayers coming your way.

Love
Mrs Javor

Amy Gratton

August 25, 2009, 4:39 PM

YEAH! ANC NUMBERS ARE STARTING TO COME UP TODAY ! (Tuesday!) REDS TOO! YIPEE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Prayin', prayin', prayin' for the boy :)
Prayin', prayin', prayin' for the family :)
Lovin', lovin', lovin' the boy:)

Lovin', lovin', lovin' the family :)
PRAYING TO AND LOVING OUR MERCIFUL GOD ALMIGHTY FOR HIS WONDEROUS WORKS AND FOR TAKING CARE OF THIS SWEET ANGEL BOY.

August 25th

August 25, 2009, 4:53 PM

We have ANC!!!! Genre's ANC went from 0-8 today! Okay, I know that's no big deal, but he's excited. Actually, his red blood cells went from 7.3-7.7 without a transfusion so that is a REALLY good thing! He hasn't had any fever and the doc was just in. He said that an ANC of 8 is actually no different than 0. Apparently the new cells only last 6-8 hours. So, in 6 hours he could be back to 0. There were no monocytes or any other 'baby whites' in his blood. That's okay - I can see his body rebuilding day by day. He's definitely not leaving today or tomorrow.

Genre is back to cracking up the nurses and PCT's. Frank is one of the PCT's here. He is SO QUIET. He can sneak in through the night and take Genre's temp and check the urine and we don't even know he did it. Genre calls him 'the stealth'. (Let me warn you...if you don't want to hear bathroom humor, just stop now!) When Frank goes into the bathroom to sample/culture the urine he always has something in his hand, but it's in paper. Yesterday, Frank opened the paper in Genre's room where Gen could see what it was. It looks like a giant plastic eyedropper. Genre asked Frank what it was and asked what he did with it. Frank explained that he used the tool to sample the urine. Genre fell on his bed and laughed hysterically! He said, "So you get to use the new Giant Pee Sucker Upper 3000?" I can't explain to you how hard Frank laughed. He's a BIG guy and he was doubled over laughing. Of course, now everyone who comes in has to make a comment to Genre about the new pee sucker upper models that will be coming out some time soon - or something like that. It lightens up the day :~)

Messages

Mary M Russman

August 25, 2009, 6:53 PM

Yea!!! You have ANC! That's a start Genre! I can't wait to see the new "Giant Pee Sucker Upper 3000!" I'll be sure and check Target!!!

Hugs,
Mrs Russman

Sandy Krivansky

August 25, 2009, 7:12 PM

YAY GENRE!!! Andrew is LOL-ing at your update!!! You were on our minds today, then, we went to Eat'nPark for lunch and both Andrew and Ashley saw the flyer posted for your blood drive. I love that picture! Hope your day is happy!

Love, The Krivansky's

beckie wiltrek

August 25, 2009, 10:18 PM

Thank you Lord that Genre is doing better. We are laughing at the story. I hope that Genre keeps doing better. GO GENRE!! My kids Sara and Alyssa ask how he is doing every few days. I told them that he was in the hospital, they asked how does he go to school? I pray that the blood levels keep going up. Slow and steady wins the race, as well as prayers.

The Wiltrek Family

Brenda Brown

August 25, 2009, 11:38 PM

Hi Sweetie,

I know you were looking forward to coming home today, but we want to make sure that you are okay before you leave the hospital.

I think you are having a great time and have met some wonderful people at the hospital.

Just remember how much Pappy Freddy and I love you all.

Grammy B

donna weber

August 26, 2009, 11:51 AM

Go Genre That is just too funny humor is the best med. Hope that the ANC keeps going up Love Mrs Weber

Kelley Skoloda

August 26, 2009, 1:57 PM

so glad to hear about Genre's continued progress. Everything will be OK -- just hang in there!

wendy coates

August 26, 2009, 2:13 PM

Maybe you can help do an infomercial for them Genre..."Call now and you can get your own Giant Pee Sucker Upper 3000 for just 29.99..plus we'll throw in the fabulous fart machine for free!" (Remembering back to your last adventure!)
Wendy Coates

Jean Halza

August 26, 2009, 4:11 PM

Hi Genre! I am glad you are cracking up the hospital people & your family!! When I get your mom's texts, I stop what I'm doing & say a prayer...sometimes parked in the car...sometimes in the bathroom!! (that's the only place the kids don't follow me (-: more potty humor!!! I know that God is always with you & so many of us are back here in NH saying many, many prayers for you!!! I hope some of the books will be interesting to you...heard you are into history...my kids, too. Keep getting stronger a little bit at a time! Love, Mrs. Halza

Amy Gratton

August 27, 2009, 2:37 AM

Hi Genre,
Just checking in kid. We got home from camping today and had a great time. We talked about you alot! Maybe when you're feeling better, you guys can come up and get the cabin next to us and we can camp and roast marshmallows together! And guess what? We could do it any time we want to because we all HOMESCHOOL!!!! YEAH FOR HOMESCHOOLING!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Mr. and Mrs. Jones who own the campground even said they could help us work in some homeschooling activities while we're up there! Hope you're getting stronger and stronger every day. We know you are because GOD NEVER RESTS. Sweet dreams.

Love,
Mrs. Gratton

Randy Wolfe

August 27, 2009, 5:25 AM

Hey Genre,
Just catching up on the updates and I am so gald to hear that you are doing sooo much better. This is great and I am so grateful to the Lord for being with you all the time and guiding you. O PRAISE HIM! Can't wait to see you again, Hopefully Sunday?
Randy and Mary Wolfe

Kristie Deemer

August 27, 2009, 12:06 PM

Hey Genre-- It sure is nice of you to entertain everyone while you are there. We're glad to hear that you feel well and all that is left is for your body to start making those white cells! We'll pray for that for you. Keep smiling!

Much love,
The Deemers

Sandy Krivansky

August 27, 2009, 12:52 PM

Morning Genre! Hope you have a good day. Ashley wore her bracelet to school yesterday...yes we found them...both of them!!! Hope your day is happy!!

Love, Miss Sandy

August 27th

August 27, 2009, 7:33 PM

This morning, the doctor was saying that Genre might be able to come home tomorrow because he hasn't had a fever since Saturday. We went down to the music room with Nicole who is the music Child Life Coordinator. Genre was playing the bongos and I noticed he had started to shiver. When I felt him...I knew. We came back up to the room and I asked the PCT to take his temperature. It's 102. They just took more cultures.

I was optimistic that he would be home for Gionna's birthday on Sunday, but there's no way that will happen now. It's okay, we can eat cake and sing Happy Birthday anywhere. (I enjoyed my birthday back in June - and we celebrated it here!) I can tell he's so disappointed, though.

We'll see what's going on as soon as the cultures come back. He had no recovery when his blood work came back this morning. ANC is still 0 and no baby anythings were on the report.:(This all sounds really bad to those of us who are not oncologists, but none of the docs are surprised by any of this. They keep saying, "His numbers will eventually go up." It's the eventually part that bugs me. You know, I need to know a time frame! Please keep Genre in your prayers. God willing, his numbers will start to increase SOON!!!!

Messages

Kristie Deemer

August 27, 2009, 9:09 PM

Hey Genre-- Don't get discouraged with the fever again and the amount of time it is taking for those cells to grow. Remember that God sees the big picture and probably has a really good reason for wanting you to stay right there in the hospital for a bit longer. Besides, if you go home now, your mom will just make you start school!!! So enjoy that video game time now... because it won't last for much longer! Rest up and know that we love you.

Much love,
The Deemers

Kristie Deemer

August 27, 2009, 9:15 PM

Daunette-- I'm sure you're disappointed, too, right now. It's got to be really tough trying to be there for Genre and feeling that pull of wanting to make things special for Gionna on Sunday. I'm feeling for you. It is true, though, that God's plan is to keep Genre right where he is. It's a good plan, I'm sure, even if we can't see it. I know that you know all that... and that the human part of you that isn't always able to smile and feel like super mom, is still disappointed. Gionna's day will still be special. God is just changing the definition of that word for everyone. Let me know what you want me to do to help you out for this Sunday. Here's an over the computer hug for you until I can give you a real one...

Kristie

Jodi Fowler

August 28, 2009, 12:12 AM

hey Genre, we're thinking of you and pray you'll come home soon. You are so kind and thoughtful to think about Gionna's birthday - I know you and your mom can come up with some fun ways to celebrate on Sunday.

Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. 1 Peter 5:7, NLT

Amy Gratton

August 28, 2009, 3:22 AM

HANG IN THERE ANGEL BOY

donna weber

August 29, 2009, 1:32 AM

oh i am so sorry but i know it will all turn around our prayers are with you love Mrs Weber

August 28th

August 28, 2009, 8:20 AM

As I'm sitting here typing, the ICU doctor is in the hallway talking to the 9th floor docs. I can't believe how quickly things can change...

They were unsuccessful at bringing Gen's fever down until about fifteen minutes ago. It just kept creeping back up all night. At about 1 am he said he felt like he needed to throw up. When he did, there was obviously blood in the vomit. The nurses are very good at not panicking, but you can tell when things move outside the realm of normal.

They've determined that Genre's platelets have slipped to a level (12)that is dangerous for spontaneous bleeding, especially with his Von Willebrands. They have the platelets ordered and will run them first. His red blood count has also dropped below his transfusion number, so he'll get that next. They are also giving him a clotting factor incase he is not managing that well himself. If there is a GI bleed, they're hoping that these things will help to alleviate it. If there are any more signs of a bleed, the GI docs will see him in the morning.

The ICU doc was here. He feels that Genre is fine where he is. He said they wouldn't be doing anything differently for him in the ICU. I asked if I should call Genre's Dad and they all assured me that this was not a life threatening situation and there was no need to wake him. Genre is easy to wake up and his heart rate is starting to come back down to where it should be. He is sleeping well now because his fever has finally broken.

It's hard for me to deal with the residents and the doctors that don't know Genre. I know they have to learn and I know they have to work, but I just want to scream, 'Call Dr. Shaw! Call Dr. Sidonio!' Our whole family feels so comfortable with 'Genre's doctors.' I just want Kristen to be the one taking care of him. She knows him.

As we all know, it's so hard to watch your child be sick. This has been such a stressful night, but we've gotten through it. I feel like it's a miracle every

time God gives me the strength to handle one of these episodes. Each time I don't panic and I'm able to focus on the fact that God has a plan for Genre, I am truly amazed and I feel so blessed. He allows me to stay calm and ask the questions that need to be asked. He allows me to support and care for Genre in a way that doesn't upset or scare him. That is not my nature. I worry. When it comes to my children, I panic. God pushes that aside for me and lets me see things more clearly.

I'm asking God to heal whatever, if anything, is bleeding in Genre's body. I'm asking him to clear Genre's body of any infection and to allow his body to begin to rebuild itself quickly. Please lift Genre up in prayer today. The little guy may have a rough day ahead of him.

Messages

Esther Tinz

August 28, 2009, 9:23 AM

Keeping you all in my constant prayers and thoughts today. Try not to think about which doctor - which nurse. You guys are in good hands ~ You're in Gods Hands!

Michelle Oddo

August 28, 2009, 10:02 AM

Genre You are definitely in our thoughts and prayers everyday but today even more so. You and your family are so brave. Hang in there. Better days are to come.

Karen Leece (Baker)

August 28, 2009, 10:29 AM

I'm praying for you Genre. I've asked my Joey up in Heaven to talk to Jesus for you, and bring you a full recovery. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers everyday.

Mary M Russman

August 28, 2009, 11:26 AM

Stay strong Daunette. God is with you on this journey. Genre is in our thoughts and prayers (and you are too!). He is an amazing little boy.

Hugs

Lisa Beam

August 28, 2009, 11:29 AM

I am sorry to hear that the night was hard for you and Genre. I will be thinking and praying for you two and all the Bakers today and everyday. Love to all.
Beam Family

anne novotnak

August 28, 2009, 11:38 AM

Genre is a fighter and will be ok. I know in my heart he is strong even now and his love and faith will get him and your family through this time and it to will pass. Another learning experience especially with patience because I know how I would feel dealing with the residents and it has to be so frustrating for you. Hang in there and we love you all and are lifting Genre up every minute of everyday. Stephen said to tell Genre even when he is pooping he's thinking of Genre. I know Gross but he just wants to let him know it's all the time. I think you get the picture. Lots of love and prayers.

laura schuchert

August 28, 2009, 12:02 PM

sounds like a really rough night, my prayer is that Genre's day is calmed by God's love, and that Daunette and John continue to find peace in knowing that

" the will of God will never lead you where the grace of God cannot protect you. You have reminded all of us to "be strong be courageous" and I pray that you keep repeating that as you move through this day.

Tammy Andrew

August 28, 2009, 12:10 PM

Hi Baker family:

Keeping you all in prayer.

"Thou wilt keep him [or her] in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he [or she] trusteth in thee." (Isaiah 26:3)

Love in Him,

The Andrew Crew: Keith, Tammy, Nate, & Jonathan

Kristie Deemer

August 28, 2009, 12:15 PM

Genre-- It sounds like it was a really rough night. I'm glad that God brought you and Mom through it okay. We're praying for you and thinking of you all the time. We love you.

Much love,
The Deemers

Kristie Deemer

August 28, 2009, 12:18 PM

Daunette-- I just wanted to tell you that I love you and am praying for you throughout these lowpoints. I'm glad that you felt God with you and were able to keep from suffocating through your own fear. I think that's more of the promise about not fearing because God is with you. I'll call you later today if you can talk. Until then, know that I truly am thinking of you and praying for you constantly and all day long.

Love,
Kristie

beckie wiltrek

August 28, 2009, 12:20 PM

We pray that Genre has a better day today. We will keep your family in our prayers. I always say that God does not put us through anything that we can't handle, without his loving arms around us. I hope that you both have a better day. Remember that God is the almighty doctor, and we ask that he give the knowledge so that the doctor can help Genre.

The Wiltrek Family

Susan Salopek

August 28, 2009, 12:37 PM

Daunette,
We are always thinking of and praying for you all. Genre is a strong and amazing little boy. I hope today is a better day!
Love,
The Salopek Family

Allison Murray

August 28, 2009, 12:51 PM

Genre,
Lots of love and prayers that you'll be feeling yourself again soon! Hang in there buddy and remember how much God loves you and is ALWAYS watching over you.
Love,
Mr. and Mrs. Murray and Lily

Debbie Javor

August 28, 2009, 12:53 PM

Daunette & Genre, hang in there. Genre I hope you have a better day today. I am praying for you to be healed by God's hands. Daunette, strength to get through every day.

Love
Deb Javor

Sandy Krivansky

August 28, 2009, 12:56 PM

Daunette,

We are praying for you and your family today and hoping things turn around quickly for Genre. I worry, too, but He always sees us through..."The Lord is my rock." Psalm 18:2.

Love, Sandy

Karen Mastalski

August 28, 2009, 12:58 PM

Genre-
Sorry you and mom had a hard night. Hope today is better. Praying for you always- Miss Karen and family

Randy Wolfe

August 28, 2009, 1:04 PM

Hey Daunette,
Keeping you all in extra prayer time today. Hope you feel better soon Genre.
Randy & Mary Wolfe and family

Marci Vickers

August 28, 2009, 1:08 PM

Daunette- I just read your carepage and I can hear the stress and panic. I must tell you, I have been in situations w Connor where I DID say, Call the Oncologist on call. I will do nothing without them calling the shots. Yes it is a teaching hospital and I am aware of that. however, we live in PGH, they are ALL teaching hospitals. We have no other options. They do use this educational excuse many times and I just respond respectfully. I have even said that there are plenty of other patients to learn from, however now that my child's medical condition is more serious, i would like an MD who has completed their training to be in charge. I let them know that they can certainly be involved in his care, however I prefer a specific person to be in charge. I understand your upset from both a mom's perspective and a nurse. I am always very nice and respectful to them in asking them to understand my situation. I let them know it is nothing personal-even if inside I feel as if they are uncertain as to what to do. I had a resident once who wanted to give a transfusion and gfluids and I could not see why. I did refuse nicely and said that if Dr Terzak said to give it, then that would be fine, but I wanted to wait for her approval. They ended up NOT giving either saying he did not need them. Listen to your inner voice. You are his mother. You know him. You know I can tell when Connor is neutropenic just by looking at him??. Amazing. Hang in there. call or email if you need. I am praying for you and Genre. You are doing a great job. Marci Vickers. Oh and also, yesterday, i refused Connor's spinal tap b/c it was the wrong anesthesiologist. He was going to gas him and not access his port. Connor has very bad reactions to this and has a specific anesthesiologist who does his taps. (we go to the OR b/c he is allergic to versed and has to be put out as if for surgery). I just knew this MD was not going to follow the protocol. So I was very polite but stood my ground. I have too many bad taps in the past. Stay strong.

JAMIE SABO

August 28, 2009, 1:30 PM

My thoughts and prayers are with Genre and your family. Yes it is very hard to see your child so sick. Daunette you are such a strong person. God will see you through this. Try to take care of yourself as much as you can.

Joanne Fitz

August 28, 2009, 1:49 PM

Praying all day for you!
Love
Mrs. Fitz

Carlos Navarro

August 28, 2009, 1:51 PM

My thoughts and prayers are with you now and always. God has and will continue to give you strength.
Love, Carlos

maureen gratton

August 28, 2009, 1:55 PM

We'll be continuing to lift you all before the throne of Our Mighty God who loves you deeply. Remember He is our strength and our refuge. Rest in His arms today.
We love you,
Russ and Maureen

Becky Cox

August 28, 2009, 2:02 PM

We'll be praying along with you.

The Coxes

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August 28, 2009, 2:02 PM

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Stephanie Kauffman

August 28, 2009, 2:51 PM

Daunette,
I am a worrier too. I am so thankful that he is there for us because I would be a mess daily. Thank goodness for his perfection and our

imperfection that he comes to the rescue....I would be lost without that. I am so thankful that you have God to help you...I always think of those that don't and wonder how do they get through. My thoughts and prayers are with you and I as read your message my spirit was hurting with you. I think about your family so much.

Janet Allan

August 28, 2009, 2:57 PM

Genre and Daunette,

Let Jesus hug you both and surround you with His love and comfort. I will pray all day for you both. Tomorrow will still come and the Lord will be there too!

John,

I pray for you too. I'm sure it must be hard to keep the normalcy at home and leave your son and wife completely in God's hands. Please know that we do think and pray for you too.

Love and prayers always,
Mrs. Allan

wendy coates

August 28, 2009, 3:08 PM

Daunette,

Praying God will continue to hold you up. Praying that God will pour strength and healing into Genre's body.

Wendy

Jean Halza

August 28, 2009, 6:12 PM

Daunette, Genre, & family,

Have been praying for you all...praying for peace, strength,wisdom, and healing...also am keeping anyone who attends to you (genre) in my prayers so that they have the wisdom and sight to do what is the best for you!!! You are not alone. Love, Mrs. Halza

Sue McGuire

August 28, 2009, 7:56 PM

I'm a worrier, too! When it comes to our kids, it just seems to happen naturally. But, I'm praying that God will continue to give you strength and keep you calm, and to heal Genre of any bleeding or infection. Stay strong!

Beverly Gorr

August 28, 2009, 11:01 PM

We continue to keep Genre in our prayers. He is in good hands. We also keep you and the rest of your family in our prayers also. Hang in there.

donna weber

August 29, 2009, 1:41 AM

We continue to keep Genre in our prayers I hope today was as easy as could be./ YOu are all so brave, I know how hard it is for you Daunette I remember how you worried in fact i think i teased you a few times. this time though you have every right to be worried but God is an awesome God and he will give you the strentgh you need and Genre the strentgh he needs. I am in awe of you all.

Kris Horvath

August 30, 2009, 1:11 AM

Genre and Daunette,

A few weeks ago, Colby was in Childrens Hospital, and I too, was very frustrated with the constant "learning" sessions from the interns, but keep in mind, that it may be one of these young docs that finds a cure someday! hopefully, this will be the case for Genre! We continue to pray everynight for all of you and we promise, not only to pray for Genre's health , but for strength and understanding. Please know that we are with you all in spirit and if you need anything from us, we're just a phone call away! Hang in there. With all of our love,
Kris, Hannah, Colby and Troy

August 28th evening

August 29, 2009, 12:20 AM

Genre didn't have a fever from 2:30-6:30, with no Tylenol. He's been feeling pretty well all day but just recently spiked a 102.2 temperature. Evenings are, of course, the worst. The doc put him on three antibiotics and one antifungal medicine. They aren't sure if he has either type of infection yet, but this is the standard line of treatment. Drs. Shaw and Sidonio were in. They thought Genre had greatly improved from last night's reports. I think Genre was as glad to see them as I was. Kristen was here three times today. Genre's access needed changed so she did it. That made Genre happy.

Overall, he is feeling much better than he did yesterday and last night. He still has a fever and he doesn't feel that great, but it's so much better than last night.

Messages

Kristie Deemer

August 29, 2009, 12:27 AM

Genre-- We're glad you are improving. Sounds like it will take some time... Hang in there. Keep smiling and praying. And know that we are praying for you and loving you all the time.

Much love,
The Deemers

beckie wiltrek

August 29, 2009, 12:31 AM

Genre---

Glad that you are doing better. Its nice to see the nurses and doctors that you like. Hope that the new meds help alot.
The Wiltrek

Sandy Krivansky

August 29, 2009, 1:11 AM

So glad some of your favorite people from the hospital were there for you today. I know that makes Mom feel so much better, too! Andrew started school at Hillcrest this week and he's seen a lot of the kids wearing your bracelets! Even another boy in his class has one, although he's just getting to know everyone and couldn't remember his name. Be strong and hang in there!

Love, The Krivansky's

wendy coates

August 29, 2009, 1:42 AM

So glad things are looking a little more up for you! Praying you both get a good uneventful nights sleep and that Genre feels even more better tomorrow.

wendy coates

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

August 29, 2009, 1:51 AM

Genre,

I love you....Stay strong. You inspire those around you.....Poppy

Neil Jones

August 29, 2009, 2:06 AM

You are all in my prayers.

Coach Jones

kaitlynn hook

August 29, 2009, 2:28 AM

Hey Genre- I'm glad you are feeling a little better. I've been thinking and praying about you non- stop!
Love You!

laura schuchert

August 29, 2009, 3:00 AM

I'm glad to hear you're feeling a little better, we pray for your strength!

Lisa Beam

August 29, 2009, 4:20 AM

Great to hear you are feel a bit better. Every little bit counts. You are always in our thoughts and prayers.
Beam Family

Randy Wolfe

August 29, 2009, 5:09 AM

Hey Genre,

You hang in there cause Jesus is right there by your side and He will help you as much as you are willing to let Him. You are in our prayers. Randy and Mary Wolfe!!

Tracy Seman

August 29, 2009, 1:20 PM

Genre,

I have been praying that your temperature goes down. Mom said I can call later this morning and if you feel up to it we can play webkinz online together. Thursday was my first day back to school. My teacher's name is Mrs. Moser and I really like her. Our family watched Stars Wars "Attack of the Clones" last night and mom said I could watch "Revenge of the Sith" this afternoon. Can't wait to play with you again. Feel better soon.

Jaden

Hey Gen,

We have been praying that God will help you feel better today! We know that He is with you every step of every day and He knows what each day holds. Fight on young warrior!!

I have been keeping an eye on your total messages, I think you are going to hit 1000 this weekend!!!! Maybe even today! What a loved young man you are!

I see you are charming your nurses, too. How about Nurse Kristen coming in to check on you - THREE TIMES :~) - you are one cool kid!

Our love and prayers are with you Genre.

Love,

Mrs. Seman

Karen Mastalski

August 29, 2009, 1:29 PM

Genre-

Glad you are feeling a little better, we pray that continues today and you will be feeling a lot better.

Miss Karen and family

Kim Parker

August 29, 2009, 3:47 PM

Dear Genre and family,

We will continue to send up prayers for you all. You have the best medical care available and we will also pray for the wisdom of these doctors and nurses.

Daunette, your strength is an inspiration. As a mom and another (terrible) worrier, I am amazed at they way God does give us the strength to get us through whatever comes our way. I know the Lord is holding you all close.

God Bless You All !
The Parker Family
Kim, Mark and Katie

Amy Gratton

August 29, 2009, 4:50 PM

Dear Genre,

It was good to see you and mom yesterday. We were so glad that you woke up feeling better. I was loving the musical instrument you were playing; we need one of those in our house! What loving, caring nurses you have. It was great to be able to meet Kristin. You are right, she is awesome. I'm glad she was able to see you so much yesterday. You know, Genre, God has the film of your whole life in view and not just the snapshot of your present situation. HE IS IN CONTROL. Hang in there buddy.

Love,
Mrs. Gratton

Amy Gratton

August 29, 2009, 5:02 PM

Dear Daunette,

How weary you must be my friend. This is one of those tough times we were talking about. What can I do for you? Really, truly, what can I do to make your life a wee bit easier? I wish I could take some of this from you and put it on my shoulders and carry it for you. Please know that you, Genre and your whole family are CONSTANTLY in my thoughts and prayers. CONSTANTLY. No, not in a stalker kind of way. I love you my friend.

Fear not, for I am with you,
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.
Is. 41:10

Hugs,
Amy

Jodi Fowler

August 29, 2009, 7:21 PM

Dear Genre,
We are thinking of you and praying that you are feeling better this afternoon. It sounds like you have awesome caregivers there. They have a very special patient!

Love, The Flowers

Amy Gratton

August 30, 2009, 2:13 AM

Hey Genre,

Did you and Dad get to watch the Steeler game together? It was on kind of late, but I bet if you were awake, Dad let you watch it! I hope your fever is gone and you and Dad have a peaceful night.

Love & Hugs,
Mrs.Gratton

August 29th

August 30, 2009, 2:37 AM

Genre is feeling somewhat better today. He has had fevers throughout the day but they have been easily managed with Tylenol. He's played on the computer and played with his action figures a little. That's more than I've seen him do in a few days. He ate a little today and kept it all down. His ANC is still zero, even with the drug to boost his white count. Dr. Shaw feels that may be indicative of a virus. He said that a virus frequently knocks down white counts. So far no cultures have shown anything. We are just so thankful that he is sitting up and making jokes. Thank God.

I want to clarify my comment about dealing with the residents. Several people have mentioned this and I don't want anyone to misunderstand what I meant. Each and every doctor, nurse ,and PCT on this floor faithfully helps these children battle cancer. They unendingly care for and support each child. They have special gifts from God - gifts which I certainly do not possess. I in no way meant to imply that there was any lack of care. However, as a mom who has recently had to watch her child be severely ill while dealing with a life threatening illness, I can say that it's extremely hard to watch people make decisions about your child's treatment when the person has not finished all of their medical training. I, of course, want these doctors to learn medicine and go on to practice and do great things for children. But, if I'm honest,(and that's what I've tried to be on this page) it is much easier - especially in a stressful situation - to know that an experienced doctor is taking care of your child. It's difficult to watch your child 's health steadily go down hill any time of the day. Two o'clock in the morning seems even harder. Patience and tolerance are qualities you have to concentrate on at that time. They do not come easily.

Genre obviously can not go home while he has fevers. Since he has been so sick they will not be able to budge on his discharge criteria. He will have to show them a steady increase in his ANC. One day up and one day down won't cut it.

Reggie is Gen's nurse tonight. She is such a sweetheart. She is kind and gentle. She treats each child as if they are her own. She is from India and she is difficult to understand. My mom said to Genre, "Honey, if you didn't understand something that Reggie said, would you say 'Excuse me' and ask her to repeat herself?" Genre said, "Of course not! I would just smile and nod a lot until she was done hooking up my medicine. " We laughed!

Thanks one more time to all of you who have helped my mom so much. How will I ever tell all of you thank you enough? Thank you for lifting Genre and our whole family up in prayer. Thank you , Jesus, for keeping our baby in the palm of your hand.

Messages

Lisa Beam

August 30, 2009, 2:56 AM

It is great to hear that he is getting better everyday. I understand how you feel with the doctors we had the same experience with Aiden and all you want is to have the person there that you know and that knows Genre and exactly what he needs. I think about all of you everyday and

always hope to hear good news about Genre. My heart literally aches when I hear that his health has slipped and I always just think positively that things will get better each and everyday. Take Care and I will keep all of you in my prayers.

Lisa Beam

maureen gratton

August 30, 2009, 3:02 AM

Hi Genre,

We'll miss you tomorrow but we know you are in the BEST place and right where you need to be, in Childrens and in the palm of His hand. "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12 We are praying.

We love you,
Russ and Maureen

donna weber

August 30, 2009, 3:55 AM

Hi First John says Hi to you all and he is praying for all of you and hope Genre is doing better, He knows what an awesome God we have though his own experince, now just a note for you Daunette from a Mom and a nurse i knew exactly what you were saying everyone in the medical field has ti learn and be that inexperienced resident or student even Dr Shaw and Kristen that being said as mom we think yeah but why my child!!!! what you said was a normal mom response that everyone should understand. i read your note with tears because I felt you pain

y prayers for you and John to continue to be brave and strong

anne novotnak

August 30, 2009, 2:12 PM

We're praying for you always and love you. hang in there and soon you will be home and this will be behind you and another first will become another learning experience that genre will be able to use later to teach and help children what he went through to make is easier for them. Always Always do what makes you feel best in treating your son and you know what you need to do. WE LOVE YOU ALWAYS.

Neil Jones

August 30, 2009, 6:36 PM

Daunette:

I know your concerns regarding residents. Working there for 20+ years I had many dealings with your same feelings. Don't ever be shy to ask for an attending though. That is all part of the system.

Neil

wendy coates

August 30, 2009, 10:39 PM

Hi! Glad you are feeling a little better Genre! We will keep praying for those ANC numbers to go up. Any Steeler sightings? I know you were hoping one might come visiting.

Daunette, keep holding on tight to God's precious hand. The strength he is giving you through this continues to amaze me.

Wendy Coates

Brenda Brown

August 31, 2009, 2:15 PM

Hi Sweetie,

It was so good to speak with you yesterday. It sounds like you and Steven had a wonderful time. I bet Nana spoiled you by giving you food and treats.

Grammy B has her buns made and I will get them down to you. I have not make the cookies yet, but since it is to be cooler this week, that project may be completed yet.

Remember how much Pappy Freddy and I love you.

Huge Hugs & Kisses,

Pappy Freddy, Grammy B & Skyepuppy

Treasure Bertani

August 31, 2009, 7:03 PM

just sending huggs and prayers to you Genre

Mrs. Bertani

August 30th

August 31, 2009, 2:44 AM

Genre was fever free last night! He slept so peacefully. After Dr. Graves (a patient, understanding, and very insightful attending) spent more than a half hour with Genre and me this morning, I felt confident that it was perfectly sane to leave my child in the hospital and to spend the day with Gionna. He told me that the families who seem to do the best through out, and after, this disease are the ones who keep things as normal as is possible. He said that he would never tell me to leave if this was Wednesday, but Genre is getting fewer fevers and they are farther apart. He said the severity of the fevers is decreasing and they are being managed well with Tylenol. He said that today is Gionna's day and that she deserves to be with her mom. So, Genre and I spent the morning together. After church, my mom came down to spend the day with Genre. Gionna wanted to go to Kennywood, so John and I took Gionna, James, Kaitlynn and Kamryn to Kennywood. Our friends, the Merritts, met us there. Before I left the hospital, AnnMarie called to see what we were doing about Gionna's birthday. I told her we were going to Kennywood. Guess who got to Kennywood around 12:30???? They drove two hours to come spend Gionna's sixth birthday with her. Gionna was happy to be with Alexis and Hannah for the day too!! The kids had a blast and they were all so good. James hung out with Breanna, Sara, Alexis and Hannah. The dads joked saying that James' friends may think it's funny that he spent the day with four girls NOW...but they'll be thinking that's pretty cool in about five years! Yuck :(

It didn't feel right leaving Genre behind. I was so sad. I knew he was in loving hands with my mom, but he still wasn't coming with us. Thankfully, Anne was on top of that one! She brought Stephen to play Wii with Genre for a few hours. The nurses all knew the situation and they were so glad that Genre had a buddy for the afternoon!

When we were done at the park, we came back to the hospital so that Genre could have cake with his sister and brother. We did what Dr. Graves said to do...When Genre said, 'Hey, you went to Kennywood without me!', even though he was joking, John said, 'It's your sister's birthday and that's what she wanted to do today.' I told him that for the last eight years we've been celebrating his birthday however he wanted. I told him that he's had me here with him since last Friday - today was Gionna's day. He said, 'I know. I had fun with Stephen today. He treats me so kind because I have leukemia. He let me pick what game we would play all day.' It was easier than I thought.

Messages

laura schuchert

August 31, 2009, 4:37 AM

You are all truly amazing individuals~ the love within your family and friends is awesome! Glad to hear you all had a wonderful day and that Genre is feeling a bit better.

Tina Baker

August 31, 2009, 11:24 AM

Daunette,

Thanks for taking the time to write on Genre's CarePage and for keeping us all informed -- we are so glad to hear that Genre slept well and no fever last night. You are such an awesome mom - will be praying for a good day today!

anne novotnak

August 31, 2009, 11:24 AM

goodmornin dude. I am glad you had a good time. I did too. It was awesome to get to hang out with you and when you come home I will come over and you can do what you want all day the whole time I come over. Hang in there and I hope you are home soon so we can build legos. love ya dude have to go and get me shoes on i'm getting yelled at to get moving.

Karen Leece (Baker)

August 31, 2009, 11:38 AM

Dear Genre, So glad to hear you're feeling better! I'm sure you'll be goin on the next Kennywood trip with your family, and many more after that. Have a good day, thinkin of you and your family always.

Lisa Beam

August 31, 2009, 11:43 AM

It is great to hear that everyone had a great day despite the situations. Life does keep moving everyday and you have to keep up with it with every situation you are in because you do not want to miss any of it. Good and bad because every situation shapes our lives. God bless you and keeping you in my prayers everyday!

Lisa Beam

Sandy Krivansky

August 31, 2009, 12:33 PM

Morning, Genre!

Gionna is a lucky little girl, to have such special big brothers like you and James! I would love to spend a day with your nana...she's so much fun and lovable! Wishing you a day full of happy things!

Gionna - sounds like your birthday was so much fun...glad you had a nice day! Happy Happy Birthday, to you!

Love, The Krivansky's

maria pellis

August 31, 2009, 1:04 PM

I'm so glad you guys did that!!! What a great day weather-wise too. Genre sounds on the upswing here...Thank you God!Call me if you get this today! Love ya, Ree

Treasure Bertani

August 31, 2009, 7:07 PM

Daunette,

Thanks for sharing this. As hard as it is, to leave the one for the other, it is necessary at times. You are a wise mom to know when is ok to do this. What a great day for Gionna and how admirable of Genre to be ok with it all. God has blessed each and every one of you. Praying for you today.

Treasure

Marci Vickers

August 31, 2009, 10:30 PM

Daunette- I think of you and your family daily. I am praying for you constantly. I had to leave Connor as well when he was in the hospital. You know, there are wonderful volunteers-many whose children had cancer in the past- that will stay with your child as well. I did that w/ Connor and he loved it. And she was a great comfort to me as well. hang in there. Marci Vickers

donna weber

September 1, 2009, 2:32 AM

I can't say it enough You are all awesome you did the right thing Donna Weber

8/31/09

August 31, 2009, 5:31 PM

Genre had a 102.2 degree fever at 2 am. Of course, they drew more cultures. The docs are beginning to believe that no bacteria is going to show up. They are moving on to viruses and they've already begun the process to test him for several of the most common. We won't know those results for a few days. He is getting platelets again as I type. His nurse just told me that his temp is 101.3. He's sleeping from the Benadryl he gets with each transfusion. His red blood count is holding steady so they're not worried about a bleed at this time. He is FEELING better. He's eating, playing and teasing the nurses. In the middle of the night he asked his night nurse if Halle was working in the morning. He said, "I haven't got Halle for a nurse one time since I've been here!" Guess who his nurse is today? That made him smile. She was so nice to him when we were here back in May. Halle is the nurse that told Genre he was cute and it made him blush. She is a sweetheart. Well...we will keep praying and the doctors will keep treating...hopefully he'll be home soon.

Messages

George Sharp

August 31, 2009, 6:02 PM

Good News to hear. Will continue prayers. I am glad to see he is feeling well enough to tease the nurses. That's a good sign. God Bless and your family is my thoughts & prayers.

- The Sharp Family

Joelle Wilds

August 31, 2009, 6:59 PM

We will keep praying for Genre & your entire family. Sounds like his spirits are great - we need to pray for the fever to go away so you can all come home.

Treasure Bertani

August 31, 2009, 7:09 PM

Nothing like a pretty girl, to make a boy feel better! LOL! Keep your chin up Genre....

We're praying for you!

Mrs.Bertani

Kelley Skoloda

August 31, 2009, 7:20 PM

we are thinking of and praying for you. Feeling better is a good first step and we know the rest will follow.

donna weber

September 1, 2009, 2:34 AM

Hang in there My prayers for a fever free night Donna Weber

anne novotnak

September 1, 2009, 11:11 AM

Hang in there WE are praying for you and we love you. Maybe you'll have an answer soon to find out what virus it is. Try to be patient God is keeping him safe in so many ways.

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

September 1, 2009, 11:53 AM

Genre,
All my love.....forever
Poppy

angela sipple

September 1, 2009, 4:44 PM

GENRE, TRAVIS TOLD ME HE WANTS TO MEET THIS HALLE SOMETIME (DON'T TELL HIM I TOLD YOU). HANG IN THERE BUDDY. LET THIS MAKE YOUR FAITH STRONGER. WE ARE ALL PRAYING YOU GET BETTER AND GET TO COME HOME SOON. WE LOVE YOU.
MRS SIPPLE

Amy Gratton

September 2, 2009, 12:21 AM

Trials are not enemies of faith but are opportunities to prove God's faithfulness.

Trust the Lord and sincerely worship Him; think of all the tremendous things He has done for you.
1 Sam. 12:24

9/1/09

September 2, 2009, 1:08 AM

Genre's fever just stayed at 102-103 today, all day. Nothing has grown in any cultures. They've taken him off two of the antibiotics and the antifungal drug. At this time he's just on one antibiotic and protonix. His blood work showed 20% monocytes today! Monocytes will develop into white blood cells. His monocytes have been zero since we came in. I'm hoping that is a precursor to a little ANC tomorrow. Hopefully, he will start to make some whites and fight off whatever is causing these fevers. At this time the docs are still leaning toward a virus. This could also have something to do with the Ara-C drug he took. This Saturday will be three weeks since the drug. Most kids don't take that long to bump back up. That could be working along with a virus to cause this problem. There are many different variables and the docs have come up with a few ideas as to what is happening. Mostly, we just have to wait and see.

Dr. Shaw was in today. He could only stay a few minutes. When he was leaving he asked Genre if there was anything he could do for him. Genre said, "Let me do a Jedi mind trick on you..." He put his fingers up like Obi Wan Kenobi and waved them in front of Dr. Shaw. Dr. Shaw replied, "The force is strong with me - you can't make me do it!" Genre thought that was so funny!

No matter how long we are here, Genre teaches me something every day. I have to admit - I have been getting really frustrated with being here, away from James and Gionna. I'm not the one who is sick, so I can't imagine how Genre feels. This afternoon we turned off the tv and spent some time snuggling and praying. Before he prayed for himself, even with blood cancer, he prayed for other people in need. He prayed for Jaden's cold to go away. Okay...maybe that was for Genre too...But he prayed for the Sharps to not be too sad about their grandfather. The child has been here for twelve days and HE can still think about others. That wakes you up! I've been slipping into feeling sorry for him, but he doesn't feel sorry for himself.

I think God wanted to give me a little kick in my rear end today anyway. Mike had representatives from Gilda's (Radner) House here today. No parents were going into the room to talk to them, so he asked me if I would go for just a few minutes. I said I would since it was just down the hall. He had to make me a deal and stay with Gen. I went to the room to do Mike a favor, but I wound up meeting two moms that were probably intended to make me realize just how blessed we are. One of the moms has a twenty month old with an extremely rare tumor in his hip. There is a twenty eight percent chance that chemo will shrink the tumor. If not, they will remove his hip and leg. The other mom's nine year old daughter had a tumor in her knee. Her femur shattered in January and she hasn't walked since. She had a femur and knee replacement and she is just now starting to use a walker. I GOT IT!!! It's fever - so far that's all it is! What's twelve days in the grand scheme of life? Other than these fevers, he's well. I am going to remember that and praise God for it instead of concentrating on exactly what day we will get out of here. I think it will do both of us a lot of good.

Please keep Genre in prayer. He needs marrow recovery and a renewed immune system along with an end to these fevers. Thank you for remembering him!

Messages

Debbie Javor

September 2, 2009, 3:11 AM

Genre, you are such an encouraging inspiration child of God putting others before yourself. I am writing you this with tears streaming down my face after I just read what your Mom wrote on your care pages. God is with you and I know you will be coming home soon. I just wish everyone in the world including myself could be as strong as you are. You truly are a blessing to everyone. Thank you Genre. Daunette keep hanging in there you have a strong little boy.

Love,
Mrs. Javor

kevin manko

September 2, 2009, 10:27 AM

Not quite sure how to respond to that posting. Wow! Genre is so amazing! Praying for others while so sick himself...how special is that. Our family continues to pray for Genre's healing as well as God's strength for his family and friends.

The Manko's

Kelly Knieling

September 2, 2009, 12:18 PM

Hi Daunette,

Though I haven't written in regularly, I want you to know I follow The updates on Genre faithfully, reporting the news to Eric. We are waiting to hear that you are bringing that sweet boy home! I will be spending time in prayer this morning specifically for Genre and your family.

I also want you know what a witness you have been to me. I am struggling with hearing God in an real and tangible way concerning his will for me in few things going on in my life. Everytime I read your posts, I see God speaking clearly to you, Genre, and the family, and it touches me because I know that he CAN make himself clear to us! As I read how he lead you to the realization that it's a fever... it gives me the hope that I perhaps I will be soon be able to discern his message for me!

I'm sure that after almost two weeks in the hospital it becomes smaller and smaller for you, and your frustration is great. But, Praise Jesus, he has provided a place for Genre where he is protected from all the world could be infecting him with! A refuge of sorts. I marvel many times that we are so blessed to be living in the USA and with all that affords us, even as we complain about all it's shortcomings! Think of all the things that had God had to supervise for you (and Genre) to be in that room, with those doctors and nurses, the medicines and treatments, the people from Gilda's House and so many caring people...He is A GREAT GOD!

I hope this find that you all rested well last night, and this day will bring all the news you have been waiting for.

Much Love,
Kelly Chiado

maureen gratton

September 2, 2009, 1:48 PM

Hi Genre,

You have no idea what a blessing and encouragement you are. We're praying that God will give the doctors wisdom and guidance. We are lifting you and your family in prayer.

We love you,
Russ and Maureen

Tracy Nagy

September 3, 2009, 1:11 PM

Good Morning Genre & Daunette...I got the text message for your counts this morning while I was driving to work and I almost drove off the road with excitement!! I am so happy for you that I wish I could hug you and do a big party dance!! I know that all my prayers and the prayers of everyone who knows you are being listened to and answered. Even though I don't write alot (I'm shy..just kidding)you are on my mind constantly throughtout the day and I know how boring the hospital can be. You know Genre, there are many many times when I look down at your bracelet and read the words over and over again BE STRONG..BE COURAGEOUS and that is really what you need to be when you are the person that is sick, but you know what? Your bracelet has helped me too because I need to be reminded to stay strong everyday. Your strength has inspired me more than I can ever explain. I hope you have a really good day and those little white cells keep climbing and climbing. Love to you both. Miss Tracy

Tracy Nagy

September 3, 2009, 5:21 PM

Oh my gosh Genre...1000 messages...I was playing a game to be the 1000th but I missed it! Just think 1000 messages of love and encouragement...you are deserving of every one of them....hope your feeling even better this afternoon....Miss Tracy

9/2/09 early morning

September 2, 2009, 1:13 PM

This is early - the doc hasn't even been in to see Genre yet, but HIS FEVER BROKE THIS MORNING!!!! Oh, I prayed all night. I just kept telling God that the docs can't fix this. They just really don't know what it is! He needs YOU to step in! Please step in! Even more than me crying out for help, I think God needed me to meet the two women I met yesterday. I think He needed to tell me, 'You asked me to handle this and I am. (Wow - "I AM")

Now, let me do this MY way and on MY time line!!!! I have him." I try so hard to pay attention...but I really found myself feeling so sorry for Genre. I know what all your messages will say - you're human; you're a mother, etc...But, if I am going to talk the talk about faith, I have to be willing to walk the walk of faith. That doesn't mean that just because we are stuck in the hospital for two weeks that it's okay to get frustrated and start to be discouraged. My son's favorite Bible verse says 'Do not be terrified. Do not be discouraged.' It's clear. It's not even a verse you need to interpret. 'DO NOT BE TERRIFIED. DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED.' God said it. do it. One more time, I'm going to set my sights on standing firm and not allowing myself to slip. Today, I feel renewed with hope.

Genre's counts increased slightly since yesterday. He actually is producing whites today. His white count is 700. A 'normal' person's white count could be anywhere from 5,000-10,000. He's behind but he had less than 300 yesterday. He has two neutrophils (attack/killer whites) and he actually has an ANC. It's 14. That really is not super significant, but it has been zero. Hopefully, it shows that his marrow is working.

After the docs come by, I will update with any news. Thank you for praying for our son! Thank you for your love.

Messages

jill carr

September 2, 2009, 4:23 PM

Great news!!! Hoping things continue to improve and you get to go home soon. Keep feeling better Genre!

Amy Gratton

September 2, 2009, 5:37 PM

I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, DECLARES THE LORD, PLANS TO PROSPER AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE.

JER. 29:11

Amy Gratton

September 2, 2009, 5:40 PM

Hey Daunette,

For some reason I am not getting an e-mail whenever a new update to FBI is posted. I have been in the past and checked to receive e-mail alerts. I'm not sure why. I just happened to check in and saw a new update. YIPEE!!!!!!!!!! Good talking to you this morning :)

Hugs,

me

Sandy Krivansky

September 2, 2009, 7:07 PM

Hi Daunette,

I am thinking of you and a verse from the song "The Power of Your Love", where it goes like this:

Lord renew my mind
As your will unfolds
In my life
In living everyday
By the Power of Your Love.

It was one of my dad's and my favorite songs. It reminds me of him every time we sing it and when I get down, for some reason, this song always pops into my head. And now I will think of you when we sing it, too!

Love and Hugs, Sandy

Marci Vickers

September 2, 2009, 11:33 PM

Daunette- I didn't remember this but my friend reminded me the other day that Connor also had fevers like this w/ negative cultures and was on multiple antibiotics etc. This was just in March. And of course we spent a week in the hospital because his anc was 50 and then went to 20 and then 8. Even with no chemo, he kept decreasing. how frustrated I was. He had no monos. They were going to transfer him to the ICU because he heart rate was up and his breathing was erratic (but of course this will happen w/ fevers and his went as high as 103). Thank god we stayed on the oncology unit. Anyway, he turned out to be fine and recovered although it took weeks for his anc to rise. I hope this comforts you a bit. Soometimes it helps to know others have walked in your shoes and are still going strong. Im glad things are looking up a bit. hang in there. We will continue to pray for all of you. Marci Vickers

9/2/09 evening

September 2, 2009, 11:51 PM

Genre developed abdominal pain this afternoon. A CT scan showed that he has Typhlitis. It's not common, but Genre has it. He has a cluster of bacteria and/or fungus at the end of his colon. It can be very painful. As his white cells begin to 'come back' they are rushing to the sight of infection

and that causes pain. It's a double edged sword. We want him to produce white blood cells but as he does he will have more pain. This is not something that typically shows up in blood work. It seems to happen when the patient is neutropenic with fever for an extended time period. He will be fed intravenously for a few days to give his digestive system a rest. They've changed his medicine and the doc feels that he will probably continue with the fevers for a few more days. He said it will get worse, regarding fever and pain, before it gets better. But, once it begins to get better, we should see drastic improvement quickly. They have to rest his colon because they need to be careful about a bowel perforation. That would require surgery and they absolutely do not want him to go through any surgery with his counts so low.

Genre is very sick tonight. He needs prayers for strength and for the courage to make it through the pain. I'll let you all know how he feels in the morning. Thank you for your prayers.

Messages

anne novotnak

September 3, 2009, 12:15 AM

I don't what to say other than unending Thoughts and prayers are with you all and we are just lifting you all up right now to God for sTrength Healing, and patience. WE love you and are praying for you. Be strong with God and he will do great things.

Kristie Deemer

September 3, 2009, 12:24 AM

Please keep being strong and courageous. God will get you through this night as he has the past few. You now have a light at the end of this tunnel because the drs. now know exactly what they are fighting. We will keep praying for you just as you have been praying for everyone else. We love you.

Much love,
The Deemers

Kristie Deemer

September 3, 2009, 12:39 AM

Genre-- I hope you feel better.

Mommy-- Hope Genre has a good day. I love you.

Gionna

Lisa Beam

September 3, 2009, 2:08 AM

Just wanted to let you know I have been thinking about you all day and will continue praying and you all try to keep strong.
Love, Lisa Beam

Tracy Seman

September 3, 2009, 2:24 AM

Precious Faithful Father,

We know you are holy, compassionate, merciful, and loving. This night we bring before Your throne the Baker family. Father, may your Holy Spirit's presence be so immenseley felt in that hospital room that there is no room for anything but comfort and rest. Fill that room at Children's with Your peace, with Your strength, with Your grace, and with Your mercy. Bless Your children with sweet rest this night. Father, please strengthen Genre's body from within - You alone know exactly what is happening within the body that You created and we ask loving Father that you guide every decision the doctors make about Genre's care. Lord, we don't welcome pain but You have created it to let us know when something is wrong and Father I thank you that they were able to find the problem, now Lord I ask that You relieve the pain that Genre is experiencing as they work to help him fight this infection. Jesus hold him in Your arms tonight as he rests. May the love that You have for him be a blanket wrapped around his little body. Almighty Physician I ask that you protect Genre, protect him from the negative side affects of the medicines that are there to help him. Thank you Father for the knowledge you have given us to be able to treat illnesses and disease; but You alone are the Creator and Designer of these bodies. We come boldly before you and make our requests known. Please heal this precious one.

Merciful Father please surround John and Daunette with your loving arms as they are separated from one another. Help them through this time while they are apart - keep them close as they walk this difficult path and help them turn to each other and you for strength and support. Guard them Lord as they undergo this stressful time. Please help John as he leads his family. Give him wisdom and reassurance as he tries to keep everything running. Please bless him with restful sleep that his body will remain healthy as he carries such weight. Lord, may Your Holy Spirit gently encourage and remind him to turn to You for Wisdom, Strength, and Power that comes only from You.

Father, you know a mother's heart and You alone can truly know the depth of love that Daunette has for Genre. Thank you for the knowledge and wisdom she has shown in playing an active role in Genre's treatment. Thank You for the way she has shown You to others. But Lord, as days pass while watching one that you love so deeply struggle has to be draining. Pour out Your Spirit into her soul that she may drink her fill of the Living Water. May her soul will be encouraged and renewed to face the new day. Sharpen her mind, help her as she absorbs all of the info. that is given to her. And finally Lord, help her to continue to rely on You and trust You.

Lord, I also want to bring James and Gionna before Your throne. I know this will be difficult for them, being separated from their Mama and

their brother. May Your Holy Spirit speak peace to their souls that all things are in Your hands. Pour out Your love so that they may know how special, precious, cherished and loved they are. Lord, you have a plan for each one of these Baker children, continue that work in them that they may find the plan that You have for them.

Gracious Father, we thank you for providing an incredible Nana who is willing and able to step in and help fill a necessary spot within this family. Bless her Father for her servant heart, for her unending love, and for willingness to do whatever needs to be done. Father, we remember how just months ago her own health was at risk but You graciously restored her and enabled her to have the physical ability to help with this situation. Lord, I ask that You keep her strong and healthy. Give her the stamina, energy, and creativity to manage two young children each day. Bless her with peaceful sleep that she will be renewed each morning.

Father I lift all of these requests to You and my spirit continues to cry out to You that You will work all things for good. I give You all praise - the Creator of heaven and earth and our Hope.

Amen

carrie Botkin

September 3, 2009, 2:38 AM

I'm so sorry to hear that Genre is still not feeling well. I hope you all find comfort in the fact that so many people, people you do not even know, are praying for Genre's recovery. I will be praying through out the night.

Amy Gratton

September 3, 2009, 3:01 AM

People are like stained glass windows; they sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in their true beauty is revealed only if there is light within.

Baker Family, Your true beauty is being revealed more and more every day.

We love you.

Ed, Amy, Marisa, Jillian, Tara & Aaron

Amy Gratton

September 3, 2009, 3:04 AM

Daunette,

Here is something for you and John to remember when either one of you has to be away from each other, or from your other children: Those we love are with the Lord, and the Lord has promised to be with us. If they are with Him and He is with us, they cannot be far away.

angela sipple

September 3, 2009, 3:29 AM

I AM ON MY KNEES PRAYING FOR YOU NOW. GOD HAS A PLAN AND HE WILL SEE YOU THROUGH THIS. REMEMBER JOSHUA 1:9. YOU ARE SO STRONG. YOU ARE IN GOOD HANDS...."GODS HANDS" WE LOVE YOU. TRAVIS MISSES YOU.

Kris Horvath

September 3, 2009, 1:08 PM

Genre and Daunette,

We will continue praying (as we do everynight). Perhaps he will be spared the pain as he heals. I'm not sure if there is anything we can do for you, John and the kids, but PLEASE do not hesitate to ask. Hang in there, stay strong and know that you have our love and prayers.

Kris, Hannah, Colby and Troy

Halle Fritz

September 3, 2009, 3:19 PM

Sorry to hear all of this is going on. I will continue to pray for you all and for Genre to get through this pain. Tell Genre I said take it easy and I hope he feels better soon!(I love his carepage and website!)

Halle

Blood Drive

September 3, 2009, 12:32 AM

For those of you have been asking about the Replenishment Blood Drive that Norwin Christian Church is holding, here is the information:

Where: Norwin Christian Church

Date: September 9th

Time: 1 - 7 pm

Please consider donating. If you have any questions, or if you would like to help, you can call Joanne at 724-863-7163.

Thanks!

Messages

Tracy Seman

September 3, 2009, 2:29 AM

Precious Genre,

We are praying for you many times each day. We love and miss you. Jaden is starting to exhibit signs of Genre withdrawal:~) As soon as you are feeling up to it and we are certain that there are no germy people in this house he would like to come visit (okay he would loooovvvveeee to come and visit). Rest well young warrior.

The Seman Family

P.S. You will be at a thousand messages before the week is out - you popular boy, you!

Becky Cox

September 3, 2009, 2:41 AM

Daunette,

We're praying for Genre, and you, and the rest of the family. It's hard on all of you. Keep repeating Josh 1:9, it's a favorite of ours as well, we all need reminders daily. God does not say it will be easy, and it certainly hasn't been an easy road for you, but His promise is true, He will be there every step of the way, where ever you go.

Becky

Karen Mastalski

September 3, 2009, 11:58 AM

Genre- We know the Lord is there to comfort and hold you. Hope you are feeling better soon.
Miss Karen and family

9/3/09

September 3, 2009, 5:01 PM

It was a restful night for Genre. He had no fever and his belly pain was under control. He slept until 10:00 am. When we got his counts this morning his ANC had increased to 100!!! His body has begun to heal and take over cell production. Thank you!

The doc said nothing by mouth for two to three days. That will let them see if the pain subsides. Prayerfully, by just resting his gut and with the proper antibiotics this will all be behind him soon.

He is up and smiling, until he gets a belly pain. That's better than he's felt in several days. We'll take it!

Messages

Randy Wolfe

September 3, 2009, 5:15 PM

So glad to hear your feeling better Genre! Continue to hold you up in prayer to the Lord.
Be blessed! Amen.
Mr. Wolfe

P.S. I'm going to be in 2nd service KK since I was needed there, so I'll miss seeing you there. So I will try to see you in other ways. :-)

Vince Sr. [Poppy] Pecora

September 3, 2009, 5:18 PM

Genre,
Great News.....I LOVE YOU, Your super faith and strength will bring you through this,...

Poppy

angela sipple

September 3, 2009, 5:23 PM

PRAYER WORKS!KEEP SMILING. YOU WILL BE HOME SOON.

Kris Horvath

September 3, 2009, 5:57 PM

Hooray for Genre! We hope that he and his Mommy both get some more rest today! We're thinking of all of you and as always will be praying too! Here's to Genre, an angel on earth!

Love,
Kris Hannah Colby and Troy

Kristie Deemer

September 3, 2009, 6:04 PM

Hi Genre-- We're glad to hear you are doing better today. You sure are one tough kid the way you just keep getting through each day, no matter how hard it is. Must have something to do with Phil 4:13. I bet you know that one without even looking it up so I won't quote it. Keep leaning on God and you'll keep finding strength.

Much love,
The Deemers

Janet Allan

September 3, 2009, 6:23 PM

Daunette,

You have taught me so much, let me help you with one.

I commit Philippians 4:8 & 9 to memory, because I need it so much. Just like you said there is always someone better off than you and someone worse off than you. So when I get really hung up (or down and out, as some would say) I take each word in verse 8 and list a recent example or two that I have. By the end of making my list, I feel God's peace and love again.

You are doing a superb job as a Mom, teacher, encourager, and representative of Christ. Keep strong and know you are always covered in prayer by those of us who love you dearly.

In His love,
Janet

Genre,

Just rest in Jesus' arms. You are in the best of care. I pray the Lord guide every hand and heart that touches you.

All my love,
Mrs.Allan

jill carr

September 3, 2009, 8:20 PM

Wow Genre- you now have over 1000 messages!!! Very impressive! I'm so happy you are starting to feel better- i bet you are too.

Jean Halza

September 3, 2009, 8:44 PM

Dear Genre, Daunette, & family,
You are in my constant thoughts & prayers...praying that the docs, techs, and nurses know just what to do...Love, Mrs. Halza

Amy Gratton

September 3, 2009, 10:55 PM

Dear Genre,
It seems like you are starting to move in the right direction! Yea! I am so happy you had a good night and had no fever and controlable pain. Isn't great to sleep in? Especially when you haven't been feeling well and especially when your body is healing. Hip, hip hooray for increasing ANC counts! Keep em' coming buddy!
Your body is a machine fine tuned by the Maker Himself. God is good and our prayer is that you will continue to feel better and better every day! We love you!

The Gratton Gang

Kristen Morgan

September 4, 2009, 1:42 AM

Hi Genre!

I am so glad you are feeling a little better-- hang in there! You'll be back to teasing all of us nurses in no time at all. I miss you in clinic on Wednesdays! :)

Kristen :)

donna weber

September 4, 2009, 3:03 AM

yeah!!! Thank You God for paryers answered although I never doubted it Donna Weber

kathy gialames

September 4, 2009, 8:34 AM

Good morning, I have been updated daily and praying hourly for all of you. I am going to stop by friday afternoon to visit with you and genre. I am a special candle lit at home I bought just for him, getting tearful-and smiling for all of you. I hope you are caring for yourself. Please do not get to run down. We put so much pressure on ourselves as mothers and special care givers. Love you all and see you soon. Take care of your special guy for me! GET SOME QUALITY REST.

Kathy Gialames

Shirley Stahl

September 4, 2009, 11:43 AM

Happy to hear Genre's doing better. Stay strong. Praying for all of you.

Dawn Krevokuch

September 4, 2009, 12:44 PM

Hi Genre, Glad to hear you are feeling better. I seen James at the pool the other day, you will be better soon to maybe come to visit. You are in my thoughts and prayers!

Coach Dawn

9/4 Friday

September 4, 2009, 5:40 PM

Genre had a rough night last night for pain. He had no fevers but his belly really hurt. The pain is still being managed with Tylenol. He is still allowed nothing by mouth, even though he is hungry now. They are feeding him through his port. I've been trying to get him to eat all week. Now he wants to eat....He's eight.

It must be time for Genre's body to recover...his ANC was 513 this morning! Hooray for a body that is healing!! He looks better today than he has in quite some time. Thank you for keeping him in your prayers.

Some of you have said that you are not receiving notification that a new message was posted. There were several posts since 9/1. I emailed care pages to let them know and they are checking into it. Thanks again!

Messages

Amy Gratton

September 4, 2009, 5:47 PM

Dear Genre,

I'm sorry you had a rough night. My prayer is that with each passing day your pain will diminish. When can you eat again? Aaron and I were talking about you this morning while he was brushing his teeth and I was trying to explain to him what an IV was.

What an awesome ANC number! Cool beans! KEEP IT RISING buddy! I am so happy about that! Your sweet little body is working overtime. Before too long you will be feeling better and will be home SOON.

Take care and hope to see you before too long!

Love,

Mrs. Gratton

Jason Watson

September 4, 2009, 6:29 PM

Hey Gen we are in Ohio but still havent forgotten about you! Cant wait to see you sometime next week! Miss ya buddy!!! -J.

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(thats what Lily typed for you, I think it says she hopes you get feeling better soon!)

Allison Murray

September 4, 2009, 8:16 PM

Genre,
Sorry to hear that your in pain, but I'm SO glad to see that your ANC numbers are consistently on the rise! We can't wait to be able to visit you soon. Lily's wearing her FBI t-shirt around the house this afternoon. You'd laugh b/c it's HUGE and she has no pants on. (She can do that b/c she's only 2!!!!)
Take care, Gen...we're praying for you, as always!
Love, Mrs. Murray

Joanne Fitz

September 4, 2009, 8:41 PM

GO Jesus...Go Jesus...Go Jesus! His work is AWESOME!!! He is healing you, Gen!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Love ya,
Mrs. Fitz

maureen gratton

September 4, 2009, 9:42 PM

Hi Genre,
I'm so sorry to hear that your belly is hurting. You sure have had a rough couple of weeks. Rest in the arms of Jesus. We're always praying for you and your family.
We love you,
Russ and Maureen

maria pellis

September 5, 2009, 11:35 AM

Sounds just like Dr. Graves said. Hang in there my loves and the ANC is climbing so nicely!!!! I am looking forward to Monday and Tuesday for you!

Becky Sharp

September 5, 2009, 12:27 PM

hi Genre, it's Taylor sharp ajs sister i am so glad your fever went down! i am wereing your braclet right now. i never take it off. everybody at school ask me why do i were it every day to school. And i said because it is really special. i hope your belly stops herting.PS: i allwas say an extra special prayer for you every night

Amy Gratton

September 5, 2009, 5:20 PM

GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS!

Janet Allan

September 5, 2009, 8:34 PM

Genre,

Hooray for God's healing power! That is great news on your ANC. I hope you will be going home soon to your nice comfy bed and getting back to Church with all your buddies. We miss you and your Mom at church.

I will pray for the belly pain to go away. Who wants to see their knees that much, anyhow!

Love you bunches,
Mrs. Allan

Cheryl Pesi

September 6, 2009, 3:36 AM

A little technical note: Funny you just mentioned that about the new posts.. I was going to email you that I have not been getting notifications about all new updates either (like this one.. I just happened to click on "older updates" "just in case".. and this was definitely one I had not read BUT I did get the notification about the one just this evening (5th). So count me in there too!

Now the personal note: Glad to hear Genre's numbers are increasing!!! Yea!!! (BTW, Genre's Operation Electronics had a booth at the "End of Summer Bash" that we played at Oak Hollow today! Madison actually did well enough to win a prize (my future little basketball star.. ha ha ha).

9/5

September 6, 2009, 1:30 AM

Genre's ANC increased to 1410 today!!! His belly pain and fever were gone all day. The docs allowed him to have clear liquids today and he did just fine with them! We are just thanking God today for a body that is healing, a boy who is so happy, and a circle of people who love Genre so much!

Messages

Joanne Fitz

September 6, 2009, 1:42 AM

This is good, my friend...this is very good.
We are also praising our powerful, mighty God!
love you guys
Joanne

Mary M Russman

September 6, 2009, 1:43 AM

OH THANK GOD!!! Sleep well tonight Genre!
Mrs Russman
xoxoxo

maureen gratton

September 6, 2009, 1:49 AM

Hi Genre,
What GREAT news! Praise to Our GREAT God!
We'll keep praying. Give all you family our hugs.
We love you,
Russ and Maureen

Becky Cox

September 6, 2009, 2:19 AM

Praise the Lord for wonderful news!

Joelle Wilds

September 6, 2009, 2:20 AM

God is GREAT!!!
He is certainly encircling all of you.
We will keep praying for all you Daunette.
Joelle

donna weber

September 6, 2009, 2:28 AM

GOD IS GOOD

Debbie Javor

September 6, 2009, 2:48 AM

Genre I knew God would be with you and get your counts up. I am so glad you are feeling better. Hope to see you in church again real soon.

Love
Mrs. Javor

michele weisensee

September 6, 2009, 3:42 AM

PRAISE GOD!!!!!!!!!!!! WE ARE THRILLED TO HEAR SUCH GREAT NEWS!!!

MRS. WEISENSEE

angela sipple

September 6, 2009, 4:01 AM

GO IS GREAT! We all love you and are glad you are doing well. Travis can't wait to play again and I'm sure you can't wait to get home. Keep smiling :)

laura schuchert

September 6, 2009, 4:15 AM

So happy to hear you are feeling a bit better! Great news!!! God is taking care of you!

Allison Murray

September 6, 2009, 10:24 AM

We are so thankful to God that you are starting to feel better. Can't wait to see you!

Love,
The murrays

Shirley Stahl

September 6, 2009, 10:40 AM

awesome news!

Treasure Bertani

September 6, 2009, 6:36 PM

this is supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

Thank you God!

Kim Parker

September 6, 2009, 7:04 PM

This is such terrific news !! Thank God.

Kim, Mark and Katie Parker

anne novotnak

September 7, 2009, 12:49 AM

Amen and we are all so glad that he is feeling better. Hang in there and stay possitive and hopefully you all will soon be home. God bless you all and keep you safe. Lots of love and prayers always.

Sandy Krivansky

September 7, 2009, 3:25 AM

Just checking in before bed. Glad to see things are good...Rest well tonight!

Love, Sandy

9/5/09

September 6, 2009, 1:49 AM

Many of you have said that you do not receive email updates when I post to this site. I've also heard that many of you can't see some of the posts. The carepages help team said that many people have a problem with this site as several internet providers do not recognize it and either filter it or send it to spam. They suggested adding support@carepages.com and help@carepages.com to your address book. They also suggested checking your spam setting along with any filters you may have previously set. I'm sorry about any inconvenience this causes. They assure me that they are working on solving the problem. Good night!

Messages

kathy gialames

September 6, 2009, 8:44 AM

The blessings are coming your way, although he is a one special blessing with out all of us. I am so thankful to get the updates!! Please do not appologize for anything out of your control. Take care of yourself and get some rest, same for John. All My Love and best wishes Kathy G

Amy Gratton

September 6, 2009, 5:51 PM

Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Cor. 13:7

Amy Gratton

September 7, 2009, 1:12 PM

Good morning Genre Baker!

I hope you had a restful night with no pain! I am so glad your numbers are up, up, up! Soon you will be home and we will all celebrate! Hugs!

Love,
Mrs. Gratton

9/6/09

September 7, 2009, 11:54 PM

John stayed at the hospital with Genre last night. When he called me this morning, I just assumed he was going to tell me what Genre's counts were and let me know what the doc said. Instead...he said Genre could come home!!! Dr. Graves said it would be okay for us to keep him on a soft diet at home. Eighteen days was enough so he decided to let the little guy out! Gen can only eat soft food for the next two days. He still has to go to the clinic on Wednesday. I don't know if he will begin his next phase or if Dr. Shaw will just check him out. Either way, he can't upgrade to anything solid until we get the okay from Dr. Shaw. He is being so patient. He ate mac n cheese and mashed potatoes today and he was happy with that! He really wants Pizza Hut stuffed crust pizza with pepperoni and sausage, or a Subway Club. I'm thinking those dinners are in our near future.

As I was driving to the hospital to pick up my guys this afternoon, I was just overwhelmed with thankfulness and praise. This was a long stay and many days were unsure, but every step of the way things could have been so much worse. The doctors each told me that the children they see with typhlitis are really sick, not just sick like Genre was. I don't mean to trivialize what Genre just went through at all. But, the docs told me that some of the kids are terribly ill, need surgery, tubes up their noses, and much more. Genre didn't feel well at all, but it was just fever and it was just belly pain. In the grand scheme of leukemia and neutropenia, that's not so bad. He was bored. It was hard being away from the rest of our family, but we got through it. He's home. He's well. We will kiss him and love him and tuck him into his own bed tonight. That's a happy ending to a story that could have been much scarier.

We are just so glad to have him home! James and Gionna didn't miss a beat. They're right back into the routine of having Genre home. They were all building a Lego town this afternoon and now they're watching a movie together. Earlier, when I looked over on the couch and saw Genre sitting there, I just smiled and thought to myself, "Boy how I take just having my kids around for granted." I don't know about you but sometimes the little things become so unimportant. Sometimes I find myself hurrying the day along to get through things. Leukemia has changed my perspective on all of that. I try to stop what I am doing to really look at my children. They change right before my eyes and if I'm not careful, I'll miss it. I try harder now to really listen to the words they are saying instead of just quickly answering them so that we can move on to another subject. They love it so much when you really pay attention. When James wants me to listen to a new song he wrote, I try to pay attention to the words and the tune. I try really hard to understand that when a button on Samantha's dress doesn't button, it ruins the whole look. Even though I can recite many of the scripts from Mighty Morphin Power Rangers to Power Rangers Ninja Storm, I still try to have the 'Which Red Ranger is your favorite?' conversation as many times as Genre wants to. I'm not perfect and I certainly don't always meet the standard to which I hold myself, but it's good to try. It's good to be aware. It does make a difference and it does change the way you see things. So many moms don't have the chance to try harder. I do, and I am so thankful for that.

Now that Genre is home, I want to say thank you for all the kindness that was again shown to our family. The outpour of love, prayers, babysitting, supplies, cards, and food is so appreciated and beyond any words that I can think of which would appropriately express my gratitude. Again, John, James, Gionna and my mom were so loved and well taken care of. Thank you for that from the bottom of my heart. It made staying at the hospital for such a long time so much easier.

Finally, I want to thank God for all the amazing people he has allowed to be a part of our lives. We have so much love and support and we are surrounded by so many people who love our son and care about this family. We are so truly blessed. He has allowed Genre know Him in a way that gets Genre through this battle every day. He has allowed John and I the peace and comfort of knowing that He is in control of everything that is happening, and it's all on His time. He has blessed us with a Nana who is willing and able to step in and care for and love James and Gionna in a way only a Nana can. He has given Genre a brother and sister who love him completely and are always willing to do what is needed to help their brother. He has allowed our son to recover and come home. Tonight, I feel so blessed.

Messages

Sandy Krivansky

September 8, 2009, 12:17 AM

Genre,

So glad you got to come home today! You get to sleep in your own comfy bed, too. Andrew and Ashley are so glad you are feeling better. When I told them what you want to eat, they giggled...Subway Club is my favorite at Subway, too! Hope your day was wonderful, today!

Much Love, The Krivansky's

Kristen Morgan

September 8, 2009, 12:20 AM

SO GLAD YOU ARE HOME!!!

Kristen :)

Karen Mastalski

September 8, 2009, 12:34 AM

Thank you God for bringing Genre home today and thank you for bringing this family into our lives. We are blessed in knowing all of them.
Karen

Amy Gratton

September 8, 2009, 12:40 AM

Genre,
SWEETNESS....WELCOME HOME ANGEL BOY.

Amy Gratton

September 8, 2009, 12:43 AM

Dear Daunette,

Your wonderful message reminds me of a quote I have taped to the side of my cabinet in the kitchen. I look at it every day. It is a quote by Jamie Lee Curtis and she says,

"As a mom, you have to look at how much time you're spending with your kids. There is nothing you will regret more in your life -nothing- than not being present for your children."

Amy Gratton

September 8, 2009, 12:47 AM

Dear Genre,

When I found out this morning from mom that you were coming home, I wore my FBI Genre shirt in celebration of your homecoming today to Idlewild! Our whole family was so happy today ~ we knew your whole family would be together tonight in your home and that you would be snug as a bug in a rug in your own bed tonight. Life doesn't get much better than that! Welcome home you MIGHTY WARRIOR.

Love,
Mrs. Gratton

Kristie Deemer

September 8, 2009, 1:03 AM

Genre-- WELCOME HOME!!!!!! I can't imagine how nice it feels to be home. We are all celebrating over here. Enjoy it all-- the dog jumping and licking at you, your sister introducing you to Rebecca, your brother playing a song for you... I bet it all feels really good tonight. We love you are are praising God for picking this day to send you home.

Much love,
The Deemers

Jeanette Navarro

September 8, 2009, 1:13 AM

Hi Honey - just a real quick note to let you know that 200 people at dana's wedding sent "up" a quick prayer for her little cousin who couldnt attend her wedding. we missed all of you. So glad to hear Genre's home! Love J

Karen Leece (Baker)

September 8, 2009, 1:16 AM

Hi Genre, So happy you're home with your family tonite. Always in my thoughts and prayers.

kaitlynn hook

September 8, 2009, 1:23 AM

Genre John! I am sooOOOOOoo happy you are home!!!! I MISS YOU!!! I LOVE ALL OF YOU!!
See you this weekend:)

Joanne Fitz

September 8, 2009, 1:31 AM

How wonderful it is to know that you are tucked into your own bed tonight, Genre! So, glad to hear that you are home.

Love,
Mrs. Fitz

maria pellis

September 8, 2009, 1:51 AM

Halleluia!!!!!!

beckie wiltrek

September 8, 2009, 2:12 AM

Welcome home Genre. My girls Sara and Alyssa have been asking everyday if you have been able to come home. When they get up tomorrow I will get to tell them yes. They have prayed everynight for you and your family. We will continue to pray for you, and so that you can stay home with your family. Enjoy sleeping in your own beds tonight. We will say a special prayer tomorrow night so that maybe you could have pizza for

dinner on Wednesday..
God Bless,
The Wiltrek's

donna weber

September 8, 2009, 2:13 AM

I am so happy Genre you are home and snug in your own bed. You'll have that pizza before you know it!! God is Good

Mary M Russman

September 8, 2009, 2:53 AM

Hi Genre~

We are all so excited and joyful at the news of you coming home today! Sleep well sweet Genre. God is with you.

Love,
Mrs.Russman

Halle Fritz

September 8, 2009, 2:55 AM

so glad to hear you are home!Genre, be patient for that stuffed crust pizza hut pizza! Take it easy :) Always in my thoughts and prayers...

Halle

Randy Wolfe

September 8, 2009, 6:08 AM

GREAT, GREAT, GREAT, GREAT NEWS!!!

Gotta love Pizza Genre! Don't worry. Be patient and you'll get some soon. :-> Sleep well my friend. See you real soon. God's blessings upon you and your family.

Randy Wolfe

anne novotnak

September 8, 2009, 11:19 AM

Again I have to say how much this situation has affected us in so many ways and the biggest is just appreciating what we have everyday and to take time to enjoy the simple pleasures like pizza movie night and how important those times are. YEA YEA YEA YEA YEA WE CAN'T SAY IT ENOUGH HOW HAPPY WE ARE THAT YOU ARE ALL HOME and safe together. WE are praying and loving you always Anne Bob Stephen David and Emma

Allison Murray

September 8, 2009, 12:40 PM

Genre,

WELCOME HOME! We have been waiting for that great news! Mr. Murray is trying hard to shake this stuffy nose he has had so that he can come and play Wii with you! We'll bake the cake this time...and I'm not telling who the special loser ingredients are for...you'll just have to play the game and see. :-)

We love you and are so glad that we'll be able to see you soon. Rest up and take care...

Love,
Mrs. Murray

Janet Allan

September 8, 2009, 1:45 PM

Amen! Again, I say, AMEN!

wendy coates

September 8, 2009, 4:48 PM

Awesome news!!! So glad you are all together again at home. Praying for pizza! Hey...I just figured out how to add the graphics everyone's been using! (Guess I'm a little slow with the computer stuff Genre!) Enjoy your virtual hug!

Love, Wendy Coates

Amy Gratton

September 8, 2009, 6:40 PM

Hi Genre!

Hope you had a great day at home!
Love,
The Gratton Gang

angela sipple

September 8, 2009, 7:04 PM

I hope you slept well in your own bed last night. Glad to see your home again. There is no place like home. God Bless all of you.

Jennifer Calabrese

September 9, 2009, 2:02 AM

Genre,

We are so glad you're home! God Bless you.

Love,
The Calabrese Family

Amy Gratton

September 9, 2009, 12:54 PM

Dear Genre,
Have a happy Wednesday at HOME!!!!!!!

Kris Horvath

September 9, 2009, 7:52 PM

Welcome Home Sweet Boy! Sleep in your own bed, take a bath in your own tub, eat in your own kitchen and REST!!!! It always seems so much better from HOME! As always, our prayers are with all of you. May you have the strength (physically and mentally) to recover quickly!

All our Love
Kris, Hannah, Colby and Troy

Amy Gratton

September 11, 2009, 2:16 AM

Hi Genre,

It was great seeing you last night! It was so good seeing all the Bakers together again! It was like a breath of fresh air...Praying for health and strength.

Love,
Mrs. Gratton

Amy Gratton

September 13, 2009, 3:09 AM

Dear Genre,

Thanks for a fun night!

Love,
Mrs. Gratton & Gang

Amy Gratton

September 14, 2009, 12:09 PM

Good morning, Genre!

Have a great day!

Love,
Mrs. Gratton

9/14

September 14, 2009, 4:32 PM

Care Pages is working on resolving the problem with the email alert. Many people have emailed to see if Genre is home yet because they haven't received an email update saying that he came home on the 6th. I don't know how to fix this other than to ask you to reply to this update.

If you are receiving this email and you have time, will you please shoot an email to my personal account at jbaker9501@comcast.net. I will check to see who is NOT receiving this and I can alert the help team. Thanks for your time.

Genre is doing great! He's back on a full diet and he's loving it. He lost seven pounds over the 18 day stay in the hospital. I'm thinking he's gained a few back!!

He starts his Consolidation phase this Wednesday. That means the three year countdown can begin! Chemo for three more years...

The docs expect his numbers to bottom out again approximately 14 days after he starts this next phase. That makes him neutropenic for his birthday which is on September 19th. No problem - he celebrated this past weekend. He took four of his buddies golfing and then to Pizza Hut. He ate his pepperoni and sausage pizza with stuffed crust, so he was very happy. Later, he had a big camp fire with his friends! It was the most beautiful day - for all of us! All of our kids were well and happy, and we were all together!

Messages

melissa stein

September 14, 2009, 4:44 PM

Genre,

Im so glad your doing well. You are so luck to get to golf. Sounds like you had a great day. Take care. As alway you are in my familys thoughts and prayers

missy

Jean Halza

September 14, 2009, 5:02 PM

Dear Daunette,

Got one email about a week ago & your text so knew Genre was home...hadn't heard anything since (which is unusual because usually get the Carepages) and was wondering how Wed. had gone but didn't want to take your precious time with your children calling and bugging you...was going to call this week to check in...realize it would be exhausting to talk to everyone each time....know that if you do not hear from me that Genre & your family remain in our prayers and I am here to help anytime...my friend Maureen from the praying parent group is active in Women's Aglow...the international Christian women's prayer group...she has put Genre on their prayer list...actually about 2 days before he was released from the hospital! My Sunday school class, 5th & 6th graders, are also praying for him weekly. The women's prayer group that I belong to had a kickoff last week & will start doing the book, "Walk out of Worry" this coming Fri around 9:30am....know that you are very welcome to come with me anytime (we all show up as our family schedules permit). I can at least grab you a copy of the book...it is a Women's Aglow Bible study & is out of print....Maureen was able to get a few copies...Thank God Genre is doing better!!!! Love, Jean

Sandy Krivansky

September 14, 2009, 6:42 PM

SWEET...Glad to hear you're well and enjoying pizza, again...Love the new pictures!!

Love and Hugs to all! The Krivansky's

donna weber

September 15, 2009, 1:40 AM

so glad youre doing well and eating love donna weber

Debbie Javor

September 15, 2009, 2:29 AM

Genre, sure sounds like you had a great birthday celebration with family and friends. I know you had a good time eating all that pizza. I will keep you in my prayers for the next 3 yrs to zoom right by. Love Mrs. Javor

Jennifer Calabrese

September 15, 2009, 2:47 AM

Genre,

I'm so happy to hear about the wonderful birthday week you had! I loved looking at the pictures of you smiling and surrounded by such a loving group of family and friends. How blessed you are:) I think of you throughout my everyday and continue to pray for your healing.

Love,
Mrs. Calabrese

Shirley Stahl

September 15, 2009, 11:52 AM

Genre you look great! I wouldn't even know you had been so sick to look at you. What an awesome birthday celebration! I like the thought of celebrating you! Maybe someday you can teach me how to golf.

Lisa Beam

September 15, 2009, 2:25 PM

I recieved this update and it is great to hear that things are going good now. Hope to hear good news again. Take care and you are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Beam Family

Kris Horvath

September 15, 2009, 6:29 PM

Genre and Daunette,
We can't put into words, how thrilled we are that Genre is home and was able to celebrate his birthday with family and friends. (so many things that most of us take for granted on a daily basis). The strength that you and Genre possess is an inspiration. As always you are in our nightly prayers! Happy Birthday Genre...Here's to a lifetime of spending your birthday with family and friends!
Love
Kris Hannah Colby and Troy

9/22/09

September 22, 2009, 11:48 AM

Do you ever listen to KLOVE? It's a Christian worship station. We get it on 98.3. Kaitlynn was listening the other day and the DJ's were asking if you have any special Bible verses to help get you through the day. She emailed KLOVE to tell them about Genre and how he really uses Joshua 1:9. She added the link to the web site that Jason made for Genre's video. KLOVE sent Kaitlynn a beautiful email saying that they will all be praying for Genre every day and they added his link to their webpage! It is under newspaper. This morning, it is possible that thousands of people will go to that website and they will hear about Joshua 1:9 and a little boy who has a strong enough faith to help him battle leukemia!! Wow! God just keeps making things happen. He just keeps using all of us to spread His Word! This is what I meant when I said that I KNOW this leukemia is NOT just some random act of cell mutation! God has a plan.

Messages

Shirley Stahl

September 22, 2009, 12:50 PM

Amen to that!

Joanne Fitz

September 22, 2009, 2:33 PM

I LOVE KLOVE!!!!!!

anne novotnak

September 22, 2009, 3:33 PM

What an amazing story.v God is working through us all everyday.

Halle Fritz

September 22, 2009, 5:21 PM

I do listen to KLOVE and have visited the website. How nice they added Genres video to their webpage! Hope all is well with you guys. Thank you for the bracelet!-- :)

Halle

Jason Watson

September 22, 2009, 11:38 PM

Very exciting! Genre actually got me listening to KLOVE after he rode in the car, then Anne has been listening to it all the time in the house!

Randy Wolfe

September 23, 2009, 1:59 AM

I will def. check that out. Been listening to K-Love for a while besides Praise 910am. Also, if your driving around the area and lose the station there are several other freq. numbers that its on depending where you are--98.3, 98.5, 94.1, 97.5, 105.5 They also have a facebook page. God bless you all. You're right Daunette, God has great plans for Genre!! Amen.
Randy

Kristie Deemer

September 23, 2009, 2:24 AM

It sure helps to see "in action" how God continues to use Genre's illness to further His cause. Thank you for continuing to share that with all of us so that we can all witness His love as we watch Genre battle this. We love you all.

Much love,
The Deemers

Kris Horvath

September 23, 2009, 12:59 PM

Genre,
We're hoping that you have a better day than yesterday and an even better day tomorrow!! As always you are in our daily prayers.
Lots of love,
Kris Hannah Colby and Troy

9/22

September 22, 2009, 12:19 PM

Sorry for two updates in one morning. It's 8 am and the Central Blood Bank just called me. Two bags of red blood which were donated directly for Genre will expire in three days. They called to see if I expect Genre to need the blood within the next three days. If not, they wanted to know if they can use it today because they are in such serious need of donated blood. I never knew how many times throughout the month the CBB is seriously short on blood and platelets. Several times I have been told that, had Genre not had directed donation blood, he would just have to wait for his transfusion!!! As responsible, loving human beings, how can we let that happen? Prior to this experience, neither John nor I have donated blood in years. That's all different now. I urge you to go to your nearest Central Blood Bank and get set up to donate. You can donate whole blood every 56 days. It only takes one hour, but each bag of donated blood can save three lives!!!

Volunteer blood donors are the only source for patients in need of blood and blood products. Here are a few facts about blood and blood products.

Only 5 percent of the national population donates blood

If all eligible blood donors donated blood at least twice a year, Central Blood Bank would be self-sufficient

4.5 million Americans would die each year without lifesaving blood transfusions

Every two seconds someone needs blood

About three gallons of blood supports the nation's blood needs for one minute.

the link to the Central Blood Bank is
<https://www.cbbedonor.org>

Thanks for listening!!!!

Messages

Joanne Fitz

September 22, 2009, 2:31 PM

AWESOME write-up!!!!!! See ya all at the blood bank :)
Joanne

Karen Leece (Baker)

September 22, 2009, 7:45 PM

Dear Daunette, Could I possibly donate directly to Genre? I'm not sure how that works. You guys are always in my thoughts and prayers. Love,
Karen

Cindy Weinberg

September 23, 2009, 2:29 AM

Hi Daunette It's Cindy Weinberg. I just wanted to let you know I have spoken to Pastor Doug about having a blood drive for Genre at our church. He of course said we can. We are Christ United Methodist Church 2800 Coulterville Road. Phone 412-751-8219 If you would like to call and set it up with Pastor Doug Burns. We would love to help out. Let Genre know we said our nightly prayers for him. C.J. says hello. Take care.

Michelle Oddo

September 23, 2009, 11:10 AM

Where can I go to donate directly for Genre? I think your right. It is so important and I know this is a way I can help.
Michelle

Amy Gratton

September 26, 2009, 4:32 AM

Hi Genre,
Thinking of you.
Bye Genre.
Love ya Genre.
Mrs. Gratton & Co.

September 29th

September 29, 2009, 4:16 PM

Genre wanted me to tell everyone thank you very much for all the birthday wishes you have sent!! The GIANT card from everyone on the Norwin Aqua Club swim team really made him smile! Thank you for remembering him. The cards, the gifts, the phone calls, the emails - they all make him laugh and feel really loved. Today is his birthday and he woke up clearly defining what he would eat all day. Sausage and eggs for breakfast, really healthy pizza bites and mini eclairs for lunch, Chick Fil A at 4:00 and then his favorite potato casserole and asparagus for dinner. He made his own white cake with white icing and did a beautiful job. He's quite the baker.

Chick Fil A is doing a birthday celebration for Genre today! From 4-7 pm Chick Fil A is donating 20% of each purchase to Genre's Make A Wish. There are coupon cards available, but the manager told me that they will make the donation for anyone who says they are there to celebrate Genre's birthday! If you don't have a coupon card they will still let you participate in the event. How nice is that? The manager told me that the whole Greensburg team prays for Genre every morning. She was really touched by him, but we are just as moved by her.

Genre starts his next phase of chemo tomorrow. That marks his three year countdown. We are very thankful for this day and we feel blessed to have gotten here so smoothly. I do have to say that the past few weeks with no treatments have been so wonderful. Being able to act like nothing is wrong has been a beautiful adventure. We spent a weekend in the mountains of West Virginia with the Deemers and we spent the next weekend in Treasure Lake with the Rays. I have to say that they were two of the best weekends of my life. Genre was so happy and so 'normal'. He's gained all of the weight back and he doesn't seem fragile at all. Our three kids and their friends laughed, ran, and played. All the things I just took for granted. They were just happy and healthy. What more will I ever ask for?

Genre will be taking a new drug. There are, of course, many side effects associated with the medicine. I am asking you to pray that Genre handles the medicine well. Ulceration of the mucous membrane is one of the most common problems. It can be extremely serious. Please keep him in your prayers and ask God to protect him. Thank you so much.

Messages

jill carr

September 29, 2009, 4:41 PM

Have a Happy Birthday Genre! Enjoy all that food!

susie condrasky

September 29, 2009, 4:41 PM

Happy Birthday Genre....it sounds like you will be eating your way through it!
Love, The Condraskys

Halle Fritz

September 29, 2009, 4:42 PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GENRE! Hope you have a wonderful day!

Halle

Kelly Knieling

September 29, 2009, 4:44 PM

Have a great birthday Genre!
Love the Chiado's

Jim Murray

September 29, 2009, 4:59 PM

Happy Birthday Genre!!!!

Mrs. Murray, Lily and I are very excited about Chick-Fil-a tonight. We won't be there until about six though. I plan on eating plenty of sandwiches, nuggets and a milkshake this evening!!

Mr. Murray

Dawn Krevokuch

September 29, 2009, 5:08 PM

Happy Birthday Genre! Hope you have a wonderful day! Enjoy all the yummy food on this special day. God is Great!

Coach Dawn

kathy gialames

September 29, 2009, 5:10 PM

Ok i want to read these updates with out tears. I have tears of joy for Genre and your family. Do you think other chick fil a's will honor the event. We are a bit far but have one right next door. They are a generous restaurant. Happy birthday! I did not know Stephen and him share their b-days!!

Love and god bless the gialames family

Kim Wingard

September 29, 2009, 5:11 PM

Happy Birthday Genre! May you enjoy everything that you're going to do today!

Allison Murray

September 29, 2009, 5:23 PM

Happy Birthday to you...We love you, Genre and hope that you have a great day! We can't wait for our Chik-fil-a tonight either!!! Just so happens that's Lily's favorite restaurant. When you ask her where she wants to go out to eat she ALWAYS says "Chicky flay."

Enjoy all your yummy birthday treats.

Love,

Mr. and Mrs. Murray and Lily

Shirley Stahl

September 29, 2009, 5:24 PM

Happy Birthday Genre! I like your menu for today. Enjoy! I'm praying for you and your wonderful family.

Cheryl Pesi

September 29, 2009, 5:27 PM

Happy birthday Genre!!! Asparagus? Wow, I am impressed you know what that is let alone like it.. I don't think my kids know what that is! :) (but they do know what tofu is -- ha ha!) -- Cheryl Pesi (and Garrett, Madison and Morgan)

Amy Gratton

September 29, 2009, 5:29 PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SWEETNESS!!!!!!!

Love,

Ed, Amy, Marisa, Jill, Tara & Aaron

maureen gratton

September 29, 2009, 5:44 PM

Hi Genre,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GENRE!!!! Sounds like a GREAT day. Have FUN!!! I didn't know you could bake. Your cake sounds scrumpdelicious!

We love you,

Russ and Maureen

Coleen Queen

September 29, 2009, 5:45 PM

Happy Birthday Genre! We so happy to hear you are feeling good and having lots of fun. We think of you often and you are always in our prayers. Enjoy your day! The Queen Family

Sandy Krivansky

September 29, 2009, 6:03 PM

Happy Birthday Genre!

We're going to Chik Fil A, too! Andrew and Ashley would highly approve of your birthday cake...neither of them eat chocolate!

Have Fun!

Much Love, The Krivansky's

Karen Leece (Baker)

September 29, 2009, 6:11 PM

Happy Birthday Genre!!!! Hope you have a great day, you deserve it! You're always in my thoughts and prayers. Luv, Karen Leece

Marci Vickers

September 29, 2009, 6:23 PM

Keeping you in our thoughts. Close your eyes and just keep going. Try not to think too much. It can be dangerous for mom's like us. Let's pray for a healthy winter for both boys. This is our last "cancer winter". I am hoping we both stay out of the hospital. Marci Vickers

maria pellis

September 29, 2009, 6:55 PM

Beautifully written as always! We are saving our birthday wished for tonight. I am so glad you are going to be there and we are getting there at 4 so we don't miss the guest of honor! HAPPY BIRTHDAY GENRE!!!!!!

Tammy Sisti

September 29, 2009, 7:56 PM

Happy Birthday!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Enjoy the rest of your day, as always, Brandon and I are praying for you.

Tammy Sisti

Janet Allan

September 29, 2009, 8:07 PM

Happy Birthday to you..... happy birthday to you!

Happy birthday, dear Genre, Happy birthday to yyyyoouuuu! And many more!

Have a great day. Sounds like lots of fun.

Love,
Mrs.Allan

Joanne Fitz

September 29, 2009, 8:13 PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GENRE!!!

WE LOVE YOU

THE FITZ'

Mary M Russman

September 29, 2009, 8:36 PM

Happy Happy Birthday Genre!!! You are such a special young man. Prayers and kind thoughts are being sent your way ALWAYS!!!

Enjoy your birthday cake too!

Love,
Mrs Russman and Luke

Jennifer Calabrese

September 29, 2009, 9:47 PM

Genre,

We want to wish you a very Happy Birthday!!! You are sooo special to all of us. We are praying for you, always.

Love,
The Calabrese Family

Brian, Jen, Tegan and Haven xoxo

kaitlynn hook

September 29, 2009, 9:49 PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GENRE JOHN!!! LOVE YOU!

Tammy Andrew

September 29, 2009, 10:21 PM

Genre,

It sounds as if your day was one full of many birthday blessings! Continue to enjoy it...

Love in Jesus,

The Andrew Crew: Keith, Tammy, Nate, & Jonathan

Joelle Wilds

September 30, 2009, 12:39 AM

Happy Birthday Genre - you are a special young man...

God be with you...

Debbie Javor

September 30, 2009, 12:53 AM

Hi Genre sounds like you had a great birthday and the last 2 weekends were great too. I am always thinking of you and so is your friend Jesus.

Love

Mrs. Javor

Neil Jones

September 30, 2009, 2:51 AM

Genre:

I hope your birthday was a very special day as you are one very special boy. I know all the kids who were able to sign your birthday card at practice were glad that you are home from the hospital and getting stronger day by day. I'll be saying an extra special prayer tonight. Coach Jones

Cindy Weinberg

September 30, 2009, 1:09 PM

Happy Birthday Genre!! We're glad to hear you had a wonderful day, and a wonderful vacation get away with your family and friends! We'll be thinking of you, and you're always in our prayers. Take care. God bless you. Happy birthday & best wishes for you always! The Weinberg family

Cindy Weinberg

September 30, 2009, 1:12 PM

Happy Birthday Genre and best wishes always!! Your friend, C.J. Weinberg

Karen Sharp

September 30, 2009, 7:02 PM

It's amazing to me how with all this medical knowledge in the world and medicine breakthroughs and all that, that the medicines that will help can also do so much damage. I will be praying, not only for him to handle the medicine well, but that all of any possible side effects pass him right by. If anyone ever deserved to have an absolutely wonderful birthday, it's you. I'm glad you had that. Keep being the shining star of hope that you are for all of us. If you haven't realized the impact that you are having on everyone that ever knows or hears of you, then you haven't been paying attention. You are a living example of what a gift from God is, but I'll bet when you were born, your parents didn't know they would be sharing you with so many others. I'm glad they do. Keep up the good work and never lose that smile.

Karen

Sue McGuire

September 30, 2009, 10:00 PM

Happy Birthday, Genre! It sounds like you had an awesome time! Hope you didn't eat too much Chick-Fil-A!

I'll be praying for God to protect you from any bad side effects during your next round of chemo. God is so good, and He loves you so much.

He also knows how much you love Him, and that definitely makes Him very happy.

You take care, and stay strong and courageous!

Love,

Mrs. McGuire

wendy coates

September 30, 2009, 10:04 PM

Genre,
Happy Birthday from the Coates family! Sounds like you had a delicious day! Wishing now I would have read this yesterday so we might have gone to Chick-fil-A. Oh well...hope you had a great day today too and that those new medicines don't cause you any problems.
Wendy Coates

donna weber

October 1, 2009, 1:35 AM

happy Birthday Genre I marked the day beside the computer so I wouldn't forget and yet I forgot. Our prayers are with you as you start this next phase. Mrs Weber

Carla Pellis

October 1, 2009, 6:14 PM

Dear Genre:
We were so happy that we were able to spend part of your birthday with you at Chik-Fil-A. Isabella and Marissa have their whole school, Aquinas Academy, praying for you, and you are in our daily family prayers too. We all love you and know that God loves you even more. I hope you feel all that love everyday.
Love, Your Cousins,
Jack, Carla, John Paul, Marissa, Roman and Angelo Pellis

angela sipple

October 2, 2009, 4:45 PM

Glad we could come celebrate your birthday with you. You are a great friend. Travis and Clay

October 2, 2009

October 2, 2009, 2:12 PM

It was so hard to take Genre back to the clinic on Wednesday. Like I said, things have been so normal. He's been so well. On Wednesday morning I was up much earlier than the children. I was scheduled to drop the kids off to Kristie at 8:30. As I sat on the couch drinking my coffee I prayed, all the time begging God to let me know why we have to do these chemo treatments. It will be three more years! I believe with all that I am, with every single fiber in my body, that Genre is healed. The supernatural presence Genre and I experienced in the hospital during the first week he was diagnosed has assured me that my son is healed. He is cured. Now, whether or not God's hand did that directly, or he has used the doctors and the medicine- that is a debate that doesn't concern me. It is done. What I know is that God allowed both Genre and I to feel His presence in Genre's hospital room the Tuesday before they did his final bone marrow aspiration. We both knew, without doubt, that the leukemia was gone days before the doctors actually told us. There are no human words that can explain to you what was clearly not human. I know that some of you are reading this and you are moved beyond words at the thought of our God letting some of His people experience His love and assurance. Others are, right now, shaking their heads and wondering if they should continue reading these crazy updates. It is what it is. God has chosen this to be a struggle that Genre has to go through. Our God has guided Genre and I through this entire process. He has taken care of us every step of the way, and this is a post about how He continues to do so.

As I sat on the couch, sobbing and begging, I explained my pain clearly and repeatedly to the Lord. I told him that I didn't want to start back to the clinic. I didn't want to begin the treatments again. I asked why we had to do this when I know Genre is healed. I screamed in my head that Genre would be twelve when this was all done. TWELVE!!! I just kept saying "I don't think I can do this until he is TWELVE! My baby will be gone by the time this ordeal is over. TWELVE is too long." I just asked over and over for God to tell me what to do. I begged Him to give me the strength to move forward with this - or let me know that we should be doing something else.

I had no choice. I had to get up from the couch. The kids needed to be up and moving so they would be ready to leave at 8:20. For some reason, I went to my computer and I turned it on to check the weather for the day. It would have been much easier to turn on the tv, but I went to the computer. My email screen popped up and the KLOVE Encouraging Word of the Day was highlighted. I clicked on it and this is what it said:

Encouraging Word
Wednesday 9/30/2009

Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.

~ Romans 12:12, NLT

You can interpret that however you'd like. It smacked me in my face and I lost my breath. There are thousands of verses in the Bible and most of them are not 12:12. TWELVE, TWELVE! "Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying." I can do that. I can continue on this path every day and I can be confident in His hope. I can be patient with His help, and I WILL keep on praying. In the future when I feel tired and alone, I will look back at these words and I will remember that God has given me hope, and He has commanded me to be patient and keep praying. I closed my computer and I woke up my kids. I smiled all morning and went about our day, assured, once again, that God is with us.

Genre was so positive and happy on the way to clinic and while we were there. He said many times that he didn't want to 'start up' again, but he never acted any way other than his happy self. His ANC was 1900! (no meds for three weeks) Genre had a lumbar puncture to test his spinal fluid for abnormal cells. They injected a chemo into his spine to help prevent any leukemia from existing/developing in the central nervous system. He was

given a shot of asparaginase in the muscle of each leg. He was infused with two different chemos. He has dealt with the vincristine many times before. The new drug is methotrexate. That is the drug that can cause severe nausea and/or ulceration of the mucous membrane. He has been experiencing nausea since Wednesday evening. The nausea medicine helps for a while but it doesn't take it away completely. He's also very dizzy. If that continues today, I'm planning on calling the docs to see what can be done. He was having a hard time walking to the bathroom alone yesterday. He said everything is spinning.

Genre is now on a ten day clinic schedule. He goes again one week from today - October 9th. If the tenth day falls on a Friday, he goes Saturday. If the tenth day falls on a Sunday, he goes on Monday.

Thank you, again, for all your prayers and love. It really does matter to all of us. Thank you, also, for all the help and offers for babysitting. It is all SO appreciated!

Messages

carrie Botkin

October 2, 2009, 2:33 PM

There have been a few moments in my life when I believe that God was guiding me to do something. Not a little hint or nudge, but full, hit me in the face, I have to do this now!!! kind of feeling.

I believe God is with you. When you have full faith in Him, I believe he will be known to you. When you have low moments but continue to have faith, He will let you know what you need to know.

Thank you again for sharing. Not only do I enjoy hearing updates about your precious child, but you help me to renew my own faith.

Kasey Nowalk

October 2, 2009, 2:38 PM

Thank you for sharing what God is doing. His hand is at work and it is encouraging for those of us reading your updates to hear you speak of His work in your lives. We continue to pray. May the peace of God that surpasses ALL UNDERSTANDING be with you each day.

Sue McGuire

October 2, 2009, 2:57 PM

All I could think when I read that was WOW! Amazing. His plans certainly surpass ALL of our human understanding!
Romans 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."
"LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken."
Psalm 16:5-8

Janet Allan

October 2, 2009, 3:58 PM

Daunette,

Your story gives me chills! How intimate a God we have that He would allow us to feel His presence when we really need it.

Scripture tells us time and again that the Lord hears our prayers....always. Isn't it funny how we are surprised when He answers them.

Oh, and the way He answers them!

There are usually too many coincidences in the chain of events for it to be just "luck" or "happenstance." Maybe that is why the answer comes the way it does.

How blessed your family is to experience God in so many ways. Not that I am making light of the difficulties you are also experiencing, because they are great. These blessing will carry your family well after Genre turns 12. Hopefully the rest of your lives. Just think the impact all your children will have in the years to come, due to their personal experiences!

May God continue to bless and keep you and yours always. Thanks again for sharing your life with all of us. We have been blessed by it, many times over.

All my love and prayers,
Janet

Becky Cox

October 2, 2009, 3:58 PM

Dauntte,

Your story is an amazing example of God's still small voice. Of course it is no coincidence the 12:12, God knows exactly what you need, exactly what Genre needs, and He will meet your needs. Paul asked God to take away the "thorn in his flesh" three times. God did not remove it, but he used it. God has not taken the chemo away, but He will use it. He is faithful. It is so encouraging to me to hear how God is speaking to you, and encouraging you. We have been and will continue to pray for all of you.

Becky

angela sipple

October 2, 2009, 4:42 PM

Daunette, the Lord is with you and your family. Trust in Him. Keep remembering the God Winks and Yes, they do "shout" sometimes. Keep sharing your experiences because it touches so many people. Including me. God is using you and Genre to touch so many people. Prayers always, Ange

Joanne Fitz

October 2, 2009, 4:42 PM

Dear Daunette,

Thank you for sharing your story with us. I got the chills and shed tears of thanksgiving that God IS HERE! He is beside those of us that are going through the storms of life. We all need these reminders; to hear the testimonies of others that are feeling His intimate presence. The "God winks" that keep us going each and every day. He IS an Awesome God! My friend, please know that you and your family are covered by love & prayers in the Fitz household ;)

Brenda Brown

October 2, 2009, 4:56 PM

Hi Sweetie,

I know this has been so hard on you, but Pappy and I know how strong you are.

I don't understand why awful things happen to wonderful people. I was always told that God does not give you anything that you cannot handle. The way you have been handling your illness is a credit to you and your family. There are so many people out there praying for you and wanting you to get well. Between all these people and your strong will, I know you will overcome this illness. Take it one day at a time, think nothing but positive thoughts, and know you are surrounded by God healing light and a lot of people's love.

Always know that Pappy and I love you and your family very very very much.

Huge hugs and Kisses,

Grammy B, Pappy Freddy, & Skyepuppy

Tina Baker

October 2, 2009, 5:19 PM

Daunette,

I really don't know what to say except thank you for taking the time through all of this to write your updates - I am very moved by what you share and of course, we continue to pray. You and Genre and your entire family are affecting so many in such a positive way - can't thank you enough for your continued faith and reliance on God.

Marci Vickers

October 2, 2009, 6:10 PM

Daunette- I believe everything you experienced was real. I have had experiences like that as well. God is sending you one message and medical science is telling you another. That is a difficult call. I question this a lot myself. What I do now, is let life take its course. If we are meant to go to clinic, we will. If not, God will intervene. Sometimes I feel like I am just walking this road, with no thought processes. I am like a robot- or the energizer bunny. I am programmed to go a certain way. I just keep on going until something stops me. There have been times when Connor's chemo was on hold. Sometimes I really wanted it that way and other times, I didn't. But again, God is in control. Just let him lead. Even though we do not understand it. I am definitely in the robotic road now. It has been so long. I feel as if I cannot go one more day. I cannot walk another step. I want to run in the other direction where the cancer is not present. But. I keep on going. Each night before bed, I pray to God to PLEASE direct me. Make it obvious to me. And I walk. You will make it. Don't think too much. Just do. God has chosen us and our boys for this mission. Don't wonder why anymore. Don't think. Just trust and go. You are doing that already when you let them give him chemo. You may not realize that yet. Trust God and go forth. YOU WILL MAKE IT AND SO WILL GENRE. I will be thinking of both of you daily. Marci Vickers

anne novotnak

October 2, 2009, 6:50 PM

What an enlightening message. As I sit here moved to tears I realize that this is in God's hands and that this is the path that is chosen for you all. We will never be able to comprehend what you all are going thru but just like the verse and the 12:12 It just once again shows us that this is bigger than us. Hang in there and we all are praying for Genre and you all.

Mary M Russman

October 2, 2009, 6:56 PM

Dear Daunette,
Your strength is awe inspiring, your faith unbreakable, your friendship, a gift.

Please give Genre a big hug from me and Luke!

maria pellis

October 2, 2009, 7:59 PM

Once again, that story has me in tears (sobbing actually) and with chills all over my body. I am praying with you every time my mind wanders, it is with Genre! I love you...

Kristie Deemer

October 3, 2009, 2:07 AM

Genre-- It was brave of you to keep your smile as you started your treatments again. I bet God is really proud of your ability to follow Phil 2:14 which tells us to "do everything without arguing or complaining." That's a hard one!!! But you are doing an awesome job with it and your example really shows us all how we should be as well. You're starting a new phase of things and now you just have to keep putting one foot in front of the other until you get to the end of all this. We'll keep praying for you and praying for you. We love you.

Much love,
The Deemers

wendy coates

October 3, 2009, 11:19 PM

Daunette,
I love it when God shows himself in such personal ways, and often in such small things...like the numbers of a single verse and the precious words it contain. Praying Genre will feel better... and the world to become still for him:-).
Wendy

donna weber

October 4, 2009, 2:55 AM

i feel there are no words to say you are all so brave anf faithful. know our prayers are with you all every day love donna weber

Kris Horvath

October 5, 2009, 12:43 PM

Genre,
You're a tough kid and an inspiration. We were just at Childrens Hospital with Colby and as I looked around, I realized how blessed we truly are. YOU, my dear child are a SURVIVOR. May God bless and keep you in his care.
All our love
Kris Hannah Colby Troy and Ken

Karen Sharp

October 5, 2009, 1:34 PM

Thank you for doing these posts. I am always wondering between posts how he's doing. And what you write in them, you put a piece of your heart into them. That's amazing. A lot of people guard theirs way too much. When life seems too much to handle for me or my family, and I just can't see how it can all work out, I re-read your posts and am uplifted immediately and know that our struggles are nothing compared to what Genre goes through everyday. If he can endure all that and still be positive, who am I to sit here and complain about the little things. You and your family really put things into perspective for me, my family, friends, and anyone I know that knows of Genre's story. Thank you for doing that. Praying for Genre and your family always.

Karen

Heather Snyir

October 5, 2009, 6:17 PM

Hi Daunette, I am Katie Snyir's mom, Heather. She is 5 and was diagnosed with ALL on May 18 of this year. We must have been in the hospital at the same time. Were you in the room right next to the "sun porch"?

And I think we were back in again for a couple of days around Aug 30, but on the ICU side coz Katie had a seizure (reason why still to be determined)

Your stories sound very much like ours. Our clinics are mostly on Tuesdays. We already finished the every 10 days for maintenance and are now in the Delayed Intensification phase.

We recently found out that Katie's is more aggressive than they originally diagnosed, so they want to do a bone marrow transplant soon. We are praying our 2 year old is a match. But we also know that God is in control. We don't like what is going on with our baby, but we know he has a purpose for us and we will praise Him through this storm.

It would be nice to meet you. I'm sure our paths will cross as some point. (hopefully they both have great ANCs and can visit)

Genre seems like an amazing little boy being raised by great parents.

May God continue to protect our babies.

:) Heather

Amy Gratton

October 6, 2009, 3:21 AM

And all of God's people said, "AMEN"

Amy Gratton

October 9, 2009, 5:06 AM

PRAYING PRAYING PRAYING FOR YOU TODAY SWEETNESSS. YOU TOO MOM AND DAD

October 9, 2009

October 9, 2009, 8:28 PM

Today is day ten of Genre's three year countdown! It was his second visit to the clinic on his new ten day cycle. And, it was his second dose of methotrexate. His numbers hung in there better than I expected. His ANC dropped from 1900 last week to 1100 this week. The Doc said it should take another large dip within the next seven days.

After his first dose of methotrexate, Genre had a rough few days. He was terribly dizzy from Wednesday to Saturday. The severe nausea continued through Monday. We are praying that he feels better this time. It's such a hard thing to explain to a nine year old...he asks, "Mommy, I'm praying and praying that I won't get sick, do you know why Jesus isn't answering my prayers?" Thank God he says, "Let's pray together right now and ask him again."

Nausea and dizziness are terrible. I wish Genre never had to feel that way again. But, as I have said before, in the grand scheme of cancer, we'll take the nausea and dizziness. (I know, easy for me to say when it's not me going through it.) When I look around at the other kids at the clinic, I feel blessed.

Kristen told me that she just feels like doing a dance when she sees kids that do as well as Genre is doing. She sees so many horrible situations. I am so thankful that she tells me things like that, because it helps me keep my perspective. By the way, we were so happy to hear that Kristen is expecting!

I will keep you posted as to Genre's treatments. Thank you for praying for him and thank you for always thinking of our family. I just need to keep telling all of you thank you - so much.

Messages

Kristie Deemer

October 9, 2009, 9:14 PM

Genre-- Hang in there... God is hearing your prayers. Don't mistake his silence as not hearing you. He may just need you to wait a bit because He does things when He knows they should happen. It's hard to wait, though. I hope you make it to KK on Sunday... I am teaching for Mrs. Fitz and the point for the morning is "God Hears Our Prayers." I've been thinking of you as I prepare it. If you don't feel well enough to come, I'll fill you in on it all. Just be patient, though, and know that He hears you and loves you. And we love you, too.

Much love,
The Deemers

Joanne Fitz

October 9, 2009, 9:38 PM

Genre,
God hears every word that you say and even those that you are thinking (so be careful with that one;). Remember, it is in His time not ours that He answers our prayers. But boy is it hard waiting sometimes. Stay strong Mighty Warrior!
We love ya!!<3
Mrs. Fitz

Amy Gratton

October 9, 2009, 9:50 PM

Hi Genre,
I was glad you were in and out of clinic today. Our prayer since last night has been that you not feel sick and continue to feel ok this week. God hears your every word angel boy. Continue to lean on Him. He is walking with you and your family every step of the way. And we, all your prayer warriors, are on the sidelines, cheering you on and praising our God Almighty for all the mighty work He is carrying out through you and your entire family. Always remember, GOD IS MOVING IN THIS.

Much love,
Mrs. Gratton & Co.

Sandy Krivansky

October 10, 2009, 1:51 AM

Genre,

We wish you didn't ever have to feel that way again, too. We pray everyday for your health. Stay strong and courageous.

Love, The Krivansky's

maureen gratton

October 10, 2009, 2:19 AM

Hi Genre,

I'm so sorry you are feeling dizzy and nauseated. The side effects of chemo can be really rough but it is temporary and this too shall pass. God hears and holds you close. He loves you soooo much. We love you and we're praying with you and for you and your wonderful family.

Love,
Maureen

Kathi Horwat

October 10, 2009, 3:38 AM

Thank you for keeping us posted. And thank Genre for the inspiration he gives us. Kathi Horwat

Cindy Weinberg

October 12, 2009, 3:05 PM

Hi Genre! It's C.J., we just read your update. We are so sorry to hear that you're not feeling so hot right now. We are praying that you will feel better asap. Pastor Doug said we can have another lemonaid stand soon at the church, and we're going to sell more bracelets for you. My family will pray together also every night to let God know we want you to feel better. God will hear us, he always does. Keep being strong and brave.

Your friends, C.J. Weinberg and family

October 10, 2009

October 10, 2009, 4:28 PM

Just wanted to let you know that God HAS answered Genre's prayers. He is experiencing no nausea and very little dizziness. Once again, I am amazed at how He works. We have been praying and praying for Him to prevent Genre from feeling the terrible side effects of chemo. Honestly, I was asking that He just reach down and wipe it all away. I was asking for something so BIG! Instead, God had our nurse help me to get Genre on a good schedule for meds to prevent the nausea. She had me start all of this BEFORE he began experiencing the effects. Now, because of Kristen, I have Genre on one antinausea medicine every six hours, and another staggered in between that every eight hours. We are even waking him up through the night to prevent the nausea from setting in before he wakes. We are staying ahead of it this time. We will continue this for three days since that's how long the problem lasted the first time he had the methotrexate. He is just really tired, but we'll take that! God DID answer Genre's prayers, but He did it His way, not ours.

John and I just had a good talk with Genre about all of this. We were so concerned about his questioning "Hasn't Jesus heard my prayers?" We were having a difficult time explaining to him (in his nine year old way of understanding) why he feels so sick when he asks God to prevent it. Yes, I know the answer - God's time; God's will. That's a huge concept for a child to really, truly understand. Honestly, I'm just now REALLY getting it. At nine, patience and understanding are hard to hold on to, especially in a situation like this. Sometimes my kids want to know why God lets all of these children be so sick. It's a lot for them to comprehend and no matter what words I tell them, it's still a lot to understand. I don't like or understand it, so how can they? But, at 42, I'm willing to let God guide and just quietly follow whether I understand or not. Hopefully we will be able to teach the children to do the same.

Thank you for your prayers and thank you for caring enough about our family to keep up with Genre's carepages. We appreciate you all very much.

Messages

Tracy Seman

October 10, 2009, 4:50 PM

hey Genre just wanted to say hi.I havent seen you in a while. Im glad you arn't feeling realy bad. Im praying for you!;) (They dont have a platipus picture! Oh No!!!!!!!) Bethany

kaitlynn hook

October 10, 2009, 4:51 PM

I love you guys!!

maureen gratton

October 10, 2009, 8:02 PM

Hi Genre,

I'm so happy to hear you are not feeling sick. I'm so thankful for your wonderful nurse, Kristen. Isn't it wonderful how God places special people in our lives that are so instrumental in answering our prayers. That's the really neat thing about God. He uses others as His hands and feet here on earth. What a truly AWESOME God who has created a truly AWESOME child like you. We love you and are always praying.

Love,
Maureen

Amy Gratton

October 10, 2009, 8:33 PM

PRAISING GOD FOR NO NAUSEA AND LITTLE DIZZINESS!

Kristen Morgan

October 10, 2009, 9:01 PM

So glad that your medicine is working better this week-- I'm doing my "Happy Dance"!!

anne novotnak

October 10, 2009, 9:22 PM

I think some of their questions are being answered just by watching and learning from this experience and you don't even realize it. God is holding all of you in his hands. Patience is something that I don't even want to wait for so it has to be so hard for Genre to understand. God has helped him in so many ways and I know he will continue to do more. We love you and I'm so glad you're not as sick and not so dizzy this time Genre. We love you and are praying for you everyday.

Jennifer Calabrese

October 11, 2009, 3:59 AM

Genre,

We're very happy that your feeling more comfortable, after your treatment on Friday. You're so blessed to have Mommy, Daddy and Kristen taking good care of you. God is working through all of these people around you who love and care about you so much. We think of you constantly and continue to pray for your healing.

Love,
The Calabrese Family
Jen, Brian, Tegan and Haven xoxo

donna weber

October 11, 2009, 4:11 AM

I am so glad you have the nausea under control. I totally understand thinking God isn't answering patience is hard for any one. letting go and let God is something I have trouble with at 60. But he is an awesome God and does answer prayers.

Randy Wolfe

October 11, 2009, 10:04 PM

Thanks to the Lord for answering prayers whether its the way we would like it or His way. Praise Him always! So thankful for Genre and your family. Keeping you in prayer every day.

Randy and Mary Wolfe

Halle Fritz

October 12, 2009, 6:46 AM

Glad to hear you are doing well..... always in my thoughts and prayers :)

Halle

Dawn Krevokuch

October 12, 2009, 8:15 PM

Hi Genre! I'm so glad to hear you are not so sick this time. You are one tough guy and I am so proud of you!

Coach Dawn.

Ed Gratton

October 13, 2009, 7:16 PM

Hey guys, you were on my mind today. I'm glad that your body, Gen, is continuing to handle the treatments well! What a praise that is! Hope you're having a great Tuesday.

10/15/09

October 15, 2009, 5:38 PM

Genre is still feeling well. Thank you for all the emails and cards wishing him well.

Our friend, Jodi, will be leaving at 5:00 tomorrow morning to fly to California for the Nike Team in Training Marathon to benefit The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Her husband and two girls are traveling with her. They are all very excited. Jodi will be wearing a picture of Genre on her shirt. I posted a picture of it on this site. Please keep them in your prayers as Jodi travels across the country to complete a goal that I can only imagine accomplishing. Jodi rased \$4,900 for LLS. Amazing. Thank you so much to all who helped her meet this goal.

Genre goes to the clinic on Monday morning for his next chemo treatment. I will let you know how he is feeling!!!

Messages

Cindy Weinberg

October 15, 2009, 6:41 PM

Hi Genre! We glad your feeling better! Have a great day. Your friend, C.J.

Sue McGuire

October 16, 2009, 2:40 AM

Glad you're still feeling well, Genre! That's awesome that Mrs. Fowler is wearing your photo on her shirt. Go Jodi! I'm sure she will run a great race for you!

Good luck at clinic on Monday - I'll be praying that you're still feeling well!

Your friend,
Mrs. McGuire

Debbie Javor

October 16, 2009, 10:56 PM

Hi Genre, I haven't talked to you in a while. I am so glad you are feeling better. That is awesome everyone will get to see your picture in California when Jodi runs in the race. She is doing an awesome job as you are.

Your Friend,
Mrs. Javor

October 19, 2009

October 20, 2009, 3:06 AM

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Messages

laura schuchert

October 20, 2009, 11:22 AM

I just love how u so quickly turn things around when u feel down or overwhelmed- your words constantly remind me not to complain or feel as if I've EVER got too much...thank you for that, and thank you for always reminding us to seek God when we are uncertain.

Addi and I still pray for your family's strength every night, in such quiet ways, your family has forever changed me. :)

anne novotnak

October 20, 2009, 11:36 AM

Daunette, I don't even know what to write. However I do need to let you know and I believe this that life is unpredictable and you can't blame yourself for the misstake even though I know you are. I know this is a much greater scale but It's just as if You were planning to take the kids somewhere for the day and you had to change the plans. This is another way for Genre to work through this struggle. I know it's not fair for him but at least he won't get it next week now. I know he didn't see that at the time but maybe today you can think of that. The Anger phase and frustration that he must have felt All can do is pray. Don't let this get you down. Be strong and we love you all. Once again it maakes me think of this quote I have Held many things in my Hands and I have lost them all, but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still posess. THis makes me think that you are over prepared for everything that Genre and you do even the little things like getting up and getting washed when he was in the hospital so to me this was another message that God is teaching us in little ways that we can't control everything that things will come up and have to be delt with. It could have been much worse. He could have had a fever or found something and could have been admitted to the hospital. Just like the girl that sat beside you. What a powerful message and a learning experience once again for all. EVEN US. We love you all and are never stopping the prayers!!!!

Jennifer Calabrese

October 20, 2009, 7:01 PM

I find it hard myself at times, when facing life's challenges, to let go of the reins and reach out for God's hand. "Let Him lead you.", I'm reminded. Your trust in God, as a faithful woman are an inspiration.

Love and prayers,
Jen xoxo

Marci Vickers

October 21, 2009, 12:29 AM

Daunette- I remember those shots and they disturbed me as well. I always tried to be prepared as well-not so much for connors sake b/c he didnt realize what was happening since he was 2. Im sure it must be muchmore difficult w./ an older child who is aware. Hang in there. Im sure you are getting tired since you have been doing this a while. One time, i actually forgot to give him ANY medicine for 5 days. Can you imagine. I couldnt understand why my week seemed so easy. Then I realized. That was my cue to rest more and slow down. I only did what was pertinent. You are doing a great job. I loved the thought of the kid w/ the mask and the kid w/ the wheelchair. Cute! Me and the masked c diff kid are hangin in as well. Ill keep you in my prayers for the next phase. Marci

October 19, 2009

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Messages

maria pellis

October 20, 2009, 11:00 AM

I cannot take this away from you, or run, and I can barely cook...but I can LOVE you all the way through this and please lean on me when it gets rough emotionally! I am surrounding you with prayer, virtual hugs and support, and Genre will get through this. When it's all over we will say THANK GOD!!!! How fast it seemed to go (looking back of course) and it made us all stronger in so many ways...I LOVE YOU! Ree Ree

Kelly Knieling

October 20, 2009, 12:03 PM

Our Amazing God uses the bad for good again! How great Genre must have felt to be able to "help" Jaden! How great Jaden must have felt that his friend Genre was well enough to help him! I think this small snap shot of their lives will probably become a story they both share repeatedly between themselves and others for a long time. It's great to hear of the normal everyday stuff that Genre ends up being able to experience in the midst of trials that are often too much for most adults! What a great Kid!

Peace, Kelly

Cindy Weinberg

October 20, 2009, 1:39 PM

Hi Genre. Keep up the good work! Glad you feeling better today. You are a trooper. You're a very strong boy! Have a great time visiting your friend "Jaden!" God bless you. The Weinberg family

Amy Gratton

October 20, 2009, 1:47 PM

Dear Genre,

Wow. What a day you had. Good thing you had your mom, Kristin and God with you keeping things under control. Hang in there sweetness. We love you.

Mrs. Gratton

10/20/09

October 20, 2009, 9:26 PM

We're on our way to the ER. Genre has a 101.6 fever. Maybe they will just give him an antibiotic and send him home???? Probably not. I will let you know how he is doing when I can. By the way, cell phones do not work in the ER.

Messages

Janet Allan

October 20, 2009, 9:33 PM

We'll cover you in prayer!

May the Lord comfort you all.

Janet

wendy coates

October 20, 2009, 9:49 PM

Sending up prayers on behalf of you all!

Wendy Coates

Mary M Russman

October 20, 2009, 9:50 PM

We'll be praying EXTRA HARD!!

Brenda Brown

October 20, 2009, 10:32 PM

Hi Kiddo,

Please let us know what is going on.

Grammy B

carrie Botkin

October 20, 2009, 11:09 PM

We will be praying...

verna sipple

October 20, 2009, 11:09 PM

Dear Genre and Mom, this is Travis's Nan, just got your message and I want you to know I'm praying and got my fingers crossed for you kiddo', hope it's a real short visit to the E.R., and then back home and feeling lots better. Hang in there! Lots of love and prayers coming your way. Nanny Sipple

Lisa Beam

October 20, 2009, 11:32 PM

Thinking of you and hope you feel better soon!

Beam Family

Marci Vickers

October 21, 2009, 12:30 AM

Yeah tell me about it.-cell phones not working in the one place where you truly need them. Th Who was the rocket scientist that put the ER below the MRI machine??? marci Good luck!!

Debbie Javor

October 21, 2009, 12:41 AM

Genre hang in there bud I am praying that your fever breaks and you will be on your way home after you read this.

Love
Mrs. Javor

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October 21, 2009, 1:13 AM

PRAYING

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October 21, 2009, 1:19 AM

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Karen & family

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Praying for you, The Krivansky's

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Shirley Stahl

October 21, 2009, 1:15 PM

You are in my prayers.

Tammy Sisti

October 21, 2009, 1:38 PM

Hope you're starting to feel better, we are praying for you!
Tammy and Brandon Sisti

Cindy Weinberg

October 21, 2009, 2:34 PM

We hope you feel better soon Genre! The Weinberg family is praying for you.

10/22/09

October 21, 2009, 11:32 PM

Genre is home from the hospital - just a long stay in the ER, no admission.

As you can imagine, the ER was completely swamped. Our nurse told us that they were seeing approximately three hundred kids each night. It was crazy. Thankfully, the oncologist calls the ER and they take the cancer kids back into a separate room right away. I was very appreciative of that. Now, don't get me wrong, just because we go back faster doesn't mean our stay is any shorter!

The docs did the regular routine - port access, culture, cbc, antibiotic, fluids...hours later when we got the blood work back Genre's ANC was 1800! It was 660 the day before. John and I questioned whether or not there could have been a mistake and they redid the reading by hand. It was correct. The little guy had a normal ANC!!! We were just amazed and full of questions as to how this could happen. His ANC tripled over night and he had been at the clinic the day before having two chemo treatments. The resident wasn't able to give us an answer but Genre spoke up and said, "Well, I did pray to God before we left the house. I asked him to take care of everything and for me to not have to stay in the hospital. So, He must have did this." We were all silent for a minute and then I smiled and said, "Well, Genre, you were part of a miracle tonight! How cool is that?" I could tell there was a huge smile behind that mask. I could see it in his eyes.

I spoke with the clinic nurse today and she said that the tripled ANC means simply that Genre's body is doing what it was inted to do...it is waging a war against whatever virus has invaded. His body is behaving normally!!! Genre's little body is responding normally...that's what I would love to hear every time!!

He slept most of the day today because we didn't get out of there until the middle of the night. He is feeling just 'okay' today. He's not eating much but we'll work on that over the next few days. The antibiotic they gave him works for twenty four hours so even if he has another fever tonight, we don't have to take him back to the hospital. If he has a fever tomorrow, we start all over again with cultures. I found out that the reason he has to go to the ER with a fever is not because of the leukemia. It is because of his port. Any time you have an implanted device you need to be treated with a fever. Infection in the port is not good. It could mean having a line replacement, so they see these kids immediately with fever.

I will keep you up to date on how Genre feels. Thanks for your concern and good night.

Messages

Brenda Brown

October 21, 2009, 11:58 PM

Hi Sweetie,

Pappy Freddy and I are so glad you are doing better. That always scares us when one of you have to go to the hospital. It is especially important that you stay well.

Your strength is amazing and of course we think you and your brother and sister are all amazing.

Remember how much we love you all.

Grammy B, Pappy Freddy, & Skyepuppy

susie condrasky

October 22, 2009, 12:15 AM

GOOD,GOOD NEWS!!! We are so happy to hear you are home!!!

Nicholas has a joke for you.....What did the cow say on Halloween? Moo, Trick or treat!

What did the bird say on Halloween? Trick or TWEET!!!!

From, Nick and Tyler

Sandy Krivansky

October 22, 2009, 12:43 AM

Smiling with you all! God is so good!

Love, The Krivansky's

maria pellis

October 22, 2009, 1:02 AM

Goodnight sweethearts!

Lisa Beam

October 22, 2009, 1:21 AM

Great to hear everything is better. Take Care. Smiles to all!
Lisa Beam and family

Amy Gratton

October 22, 2009, 1:29 AM

HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

Jennifer Calabrese

October 22, 2009, 4:36 AM

Thank you for sharing your sweet miracle. We're praying for you always.

All our love,
The Calabrese Family

Janet Allan

October 22, 2009, 10:24 AM

Genre,

Your faith is bigger than you! You teach all of us the parable of the mustard seed without even knowing it. So it seems you are a better teacher than me!

I love ya!

Mrs. Allan

anne novotnak

October 22, 2009, 11:27 AM

Yea Genre's body is working properly how amazing is that. God does great things always. AMEN

Kelly Knieling

October 22, 2009, 12:31 PM

If we all could only regain that "faith of a child" how different our lives would be! So glad to hear Genre didn't have to stay, I'm sure you all bounced out of the ER! Great news!

Cheryl Pesi

October 22, 2009, 12:41 PM

Wow, great news (even better news about his ANC number). Glad you did not have to stay in the hospital, Genre. Get better.

Cheryl Pesi

October 22, 2009, 12:43 PM

By the way, Daunette, thanks for the little "explanations" about these things (e.g. why the fever is bad).. I am one of those "BUT WHY" PEOPLE.....and you always answer those questions. Take care!!! -cwp

Debbie Javor

October 22, 2009, 1:17 PM

That is great news Genre you certainly did see a miracle from God. God Bless You.

Love
Mrs. Javor

Joanne Fitz

October 22, 2009, 1:26 PM

Go Genre,
You keep teaching those docs that "God answers our prayers & He IS a powerful GOD!!!!
Love ya
Mrs. Fitz

Randy Wolfe

October 22, 2009, 2:14 PM

I am SOOOO thankful for God in helping you and being by your side. He helped me out yesterday too. He is truly an awesome God!! I will continue praying for you Genre. Stay strong.

Mr. Wolfe

Marci Vickers

October 22, 2009, 11:06 PM

I have been where you are. Last week in fact. I actually got home after an admission for 5 dys at 4pm and went back at 6p. And then went back to the Er twice again that week!!!! I hope that wont be you this week. Ill be thinking of you. Marci

Thursday 10/22/09

October 22, 2009, 11:20 PM

Genre is feeling really well today. He hasn't had a fever since Tuesday. It seems like he has a little cold, but that's it. He was outside this afternoon making paper airplanes with James and riding his bike. He ate well and has been smiling all day long. That's a good day!

Messages**Kristie Deemer**

October 23, 2009, 12:25 AM

Genre--Sounds like a great day! We're all starting to feel better over here, too, so hopefully we'll see you this weekend!

Much love,
The Deemers

Allison Murray

October 23, 2009, 12:30 AM

Glad you got to enjoy the sunshine today! Lily and I have been taking our dog, Sophie out to run around in the sun. She loves it (and Lily does, too!) Hope to see you soon!

Love,
Mrs. Murray

Amy Gratton

October 23, 2009, 12:35 AM

Hi Genre!

It was such a beautiful day outside today! I'm so glad you were feeling better and able to spend some time outside enjoying God's spectacular world! I bet it felt awesome to get on your bike and zip around! I'm also so happy you have been fever free! If you do have a bit of a cold, hope it clears up soon. I'm sure mom and dad's TLC will speed things along.

Have a peaceful night's sleep!

Love,
Mrs. Gratton

verna sipple

October 23, 2009, 1:05 AM

Dear Genre, Once again prayers were answered, so glad to hear you're feeling better!!!! It sure was a beautiful day and I'm so glad you could enjoy it. Love, Nanny Sipple

Cindy Weinberg

October 23, 2009, 1:19 AM

Glad you're feeling better Genre!! Take care, The Weinberg family

Sandy Krivansky

October 23, 2009, 2:14 AM

What a wonderful day to be outside! Glad you are feeling better!

Love, The Krivansky's

Janet Allan

October 23, 2009, 2:49 AM

Genre,

So glad you are feeling better and got to enjoy the beautiful fall colors today. I got to go on a motorcycle ride and see the colors. Doesn't God's beauty feel good just to look at. I'm so glad you were strong enough to enjoy it. It probably felt like Jesus was smiling and hugging you all day!

Love,

Mrs. Allan

Joanne Fitz

October 23, 2009, 3:20 AM

Keep Smiling Genre!!
We love you !!!

Jennifer Calabrese

October 23, 2009, 3:22 AM

Genre,

So glad you had a beautiful day!

Love,

Mrs. Calabrese

michele weisensee

October 23, 2009, 3:57 AM

Praise God! So glad to hear he is better!!

Michele

anne novotnak

October 23, 2009, 11:45 AM

GOD BLESS GENRE YEA!!!!!!! We hope you have many more good days. Lots of prayers and love always Anne Bob Stephen David and Emma

Shirley Stahl

October 23, 2009, 1:24 PM

Woohoo! Thanks for putting a smith on my face too!

Sue McGuire

October 23, 2009, 2:49 PM

Wonderful news on a beautiful day - it doesn't get much better than that!

melissa stein

October 24, 2009, 2:55 PM

So glad your feel better.

The

Steins

Amy Gratton

October 25, 2009, 1:44 AM

HI GENRE!
JUST THINKING ABOUT YOU.

LOVE,

MRS. GRATTON

P.S. HI GENRE!

Terry Erwin, Jr.

October 29, 2009, 2:27 PM

Great costume last night, my young padawon!!

Master Jedi Terry (Yoda Sr.)

10/29/09 Clinic Day 30 of Interim Maintenance

October 30, 2009, 3:34 AM

We just came home from Genre's day 30 clinic visit. One more treatment and he is done with Interim Maintenance. Delayed Intensification is next. That is an eight week phase and is a difficult one to get through. Some of the medicines are quite severe. After that, Genre is into Maintenance and he only has to go to the clinic once a month! Treatment is mostly in pill form and administered at home.

Genre's ANC was only 500 today. Yes, Genre was at trunk or treat last night! At least he was wearing a mask! Dr. Shaw and I discussed this. He's a strong believer that Genre NEEDS to be with his friends and NOT locked up in his room. He keeps reminding me of that. He says that Genre should be with his buddies no matter what his ANC is. But, he stresses over and over that we (obviously) shouldn't have friends to the house who are sick or who have someone sick at home - that's the best we can do. That's what all the docs say. They were unable to give him the methotrexate chemo again because his ANC was not 750 or higher. The Physician Assistant ASSURED me that this has no long term effect on Genre's treatment. The phase schedules five methotrexate treatments. He's had two infused and was unable to receive two of them because of low counts. The docs say that this is perfectly normal. This phase is not designed to knock his counts down to nothing and then just keep hammering his marrow. It is not nearly as intense as each one of the phases he's been through since May. It's actually designed for a little count recovery.

Today Genre had a spinal tap and chemo injected into his spine. He also had another chemo infused through his port. He's tired, as usual, but he is not sick at all. The docs took him off of his antibiotic for the next ten days. Genre takes an antibiotic three times per week to prevent a certain type of pneumonia that children with compromised immune systems are more susceptible to. Apparently antibiotics can suppress your counts a little and they want him to be able to have the methotrexate on day forty.

While Genre is sedated he has a really hard time speaking. I stay near his head in front of him during his procedures. He is laying on his left side. Once the narcotic started to kick in today, he was having difficulty speaking. It's like his lips are really big and he can't talk. (They aren't - he just sounds like they are.) He was trying so hard to tell me something. I was asking him what hurt. I was asking him if he wanted me to move him a certain way. He did his best to shake his head NO. He didn't know how else to tell me so he slowly moved his little hands together and he clasped them. He put them up to his chin. I said, "Do you want me to pray?" He tried to move his eyes to look toward me, and he shook his head yes a little. I began to whisper prayers into his ear and I prayed for a really long time. When I stopped he did it again. So, through the whole procedure I whispered prayers in his ear and he just laid there with his eyes shut and a smile on his beautiful face. I was so overcome with joy that this baby of our just automatically goes to God when he is in need that I wasn't really able to fight back my tears. There is nothing else that he will do in his life that will mater more than this. That IS what will get him through the rest of his life.

Our neighbor and friend Felicia came to the clinic with us today. She is a junior and she has decided to do her senior paper on the life of a child with leukemia. She was able to get some really great resources today. Mike was so helpful as were the nurses and the PA. Our amazing oncologist, Dr. Shaw, even gave her his email address and told her to contact him if she had any questions or needed any help at all. She said she learned a lot today and she told me that Genre has really made an impact on her in many different ways. That's another one of those times when I say to myself, "OK, I see the good things that are happening through all of this craziness."

So far so good...Genre hasn't felt sick today at all. No nausea. No dizziness. Thank God.

Messages

Lisa Beam

October 30, 2009, 4:20 AM

All I can say is WOW! I really don't know how you all do this b/c I really had a hard time when Aiden was sick and it was not until he turned the corner to getting better that I saw any good out of our craziness. You really are an inspiration to me in so many ways. Take care all of you and I am glad to hear it went well today. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Lisa Beam

Jennifer Calabrese

October 30, 2009, 4:48 AM

As I'm reading today's update, my eyes fill with tears. I feel, as if I'm almost watching it all happen through a window. Your description of this tender moment today with Genre is so real and personal. Thank you, for sharing that.

Genre - Through your faith, I'm reminded of how important prayer is. God bless you.

Love and prayers,
Jen Calabrese

Tammy Andrew

October 30, 2009, 10:58 AM

Oh, the faith of a child!!!

Such a reminder to all that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." (Psalm 46:1)

Praying...

The Andrew Crew: Keith, Tammy, Nate & Jonathan

kathy gialames

October 30, 2009, 11:56 AM

You have such a way with words. Thank you again, so much for the updates. They are so important and help us to understand what it is really like for Genre and your family. God has given him such strength. He is so lucky to have parents that have given him such wonderful, special love and teachings. Good luck as always and take care of everyone at home.

Love gialames family

Karen Leece (Baker)

October 30, 2009, 12:18 PM

You are such a brave boy Genre. I pray you get better and better every day. Thinkin of you always.

Shirley Stahl

October 30, 2009, 12:28 PM

I feel so humbled every time I read one of your messages. Thank you.

By the way, Genre you looked awesome at trunk or treat!

Kris Horvath

October 30, 2009, 1:01 PM

Daunette and Genre,

Just reading the update today I was overcome and started to cry. It is amazing to me the strength that Genre possesses for such a little guy. Please know, that as always, we keep Genre in our daily prayers and will continue to do so. Hang in there and God Bless you all.

Kris, Hannah, Colby and Troy

Sue McGuire

October 30, 2009, 1:52 PM

I also cried when reading how you prayed Genre through. What an awesome faith he has - it's absolutely wonderful. God will continue to do mighty works through your son!

Genre, I'm so happy you don't feel sick today! Keep on praying (through the good times as well as the bad)- it's what God wants you to do! You're an inspiration to us all!

Love in Jesus,
Mrs. McGuire

Molly Kauffman

October 31, 2009, 1:13 AM

Genre,

You are a very brave boy! Your family is so blessed to have such a wonderful child. Thinking of you and praying with you.

Love, Molly, John, Katelyn, and Ella Kauffman

Treasure Bertani

October 31, 2009, 1:41 AM

Thank you for taking the time to update us. I am so touched and encouraged by Genre's faith and yours, Daunnette. What a great example Genre is to me to always go to God, to cast our cares on him b/c he cares about us.

Glad you aren't sick today Genre, and I will keep praying for you!

Huggs and prayers,
Mrs. Bertani

10/30/2009

October 30, 2009, 3:51 PM

Sorry for two posts in two days. I forgot to add this to my post yesterday. The oncology clinic has a 'treasure chest' for the kids who have a treatment. After a procedure they can pick something out of the treasure chest. There is everything in the treasure chest from crayons and paddle balls to Barbie dolls and Power Rangers. The clinic buys the toys when they can, but they also accept donations. I know I always have some puzzles and toys that were doubles or just were never opened. If that's the case for you, please feel free to pass them on to me and I will be happy to deliver them to the hospital. There is also a cart in the waiting room where the kids can choose a book to keep. Of course, they ask for 'like new' books. I'd be happy to deliver these also. Just let me know!

Thanks very much!

Daunette

Messages

Treasure Bertani

October 31, 2009, 1:37 AM

what a great idea, i'll see what i can find!

Sue McGuire

October 31, 2009, 2:41 AM

Do they have stuff for adolescent age kids too?

Karen Sharp

November 7, 2009, 1:51 PM

Is there a certain age range for the chest or something they like to have in there specifically?

November 4, 2009 (Happy Birthday, John!)

November 4, 2009, 4:12 PM

Genre asked me to share these lyrics with our friends through the care page. It's our new favorite song and it's sort of become a theme song for our house. These words mean a lot to all of us. Not one of us has been strong enough on our own to get through the last five months. Faith, hope, broken hearts, odds, silent prayers and miracles have all been a part of our daily life these past few months. We each realize how blessed we have been through this - especially in the fact that Jesus has been right there with us. Hope you enjoy the song as much as we do!

What Faith Can Do (Kutless)

Everybody falls sometimes
You gotta find the strength to rise
From the ashes and make a new beginning
Anyone can feel the ache
You think its more than you can take
But you're stronger, stronger than you know

And don't you give up now
The sun will soon be shining
You gotta face the clouds
To find the silver lining

I've seen dreams that move the mountains
Hope that doesn't ever end
Even when the sky is falling
I've seen miracles just happen
Silent prayers get answered
Broken hearts become brand new
That's what faith can do

It doesn't matter what you've heard
Impossible is not a word
Its just a reason for someone not to try
Everybody's scared to death
You may decide to take that step
Out on the water
But it'll be all right

Life is so much more
Than what your eyes are seeing
You will find your way
If you keep believing

Overcome the odds
When you don't have a chance
(That's what faith can do)
When the world says you cant

It will tell you that it can

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7elxC8LXfzE>

PS Genre is feeling great!! Genre got to experience a living miracle! He met a new friend named John who is twenty three and who has been in remission from ALL for FIFTEEN years!! He's a beautiful young man with a beautiful smile! He is surrounded by an amazing family who totally understands when we say that we feel blessed through all of this. They don't think that sounds crazy at all!! Blessings were abundant through John's illness, as well. The similarities between the boys caused me to pause and when John's dad reminded me of Romans 12:12 I almost fell over. That was the verse that kept ME going one day when I didn't want to take Genre back to the clinic. He actually asked me if I knew it!!! When John's Dad told us that John asked for an RV for his Make a Wish, my John and I just stared at each other. Who asks to drive around in an RV? (That is part of Genre's request!!!) John told Genre that he even continued with his karate lessons while his port was in. Of course, Genre turned to us and said "Then why did I have to quit???" It was an inspiring day and I am sure that God was answering my prayers that day. He let me see my baby twenty four years from now - I'm sure of it!!! We so appreciate the Weisensee family inviting us in to their home so that Genre could meet John!!

Thanks one more time for all the love, cards, visits and prayers!! He goes to the clinic on Nov. 9th for his last treatment in this phase...yeahhh!! He'll have sixteen days off before he starts an eight week long, intense cycle of chemo. Have a wonderful day!!

Messages

Karen Sharp

November 7, 2009, 1:45 PM

Thank you so much for posting that song. I went to the link and listened to it and then bought it. I emailed the link to everyone I know. It's too beautiful not to share. I am behind on my emails and just read this today and was having a "down" day due to things going on with life right now and this song just turned it all around for me. Once again, you guys have put things right back into perspective for me again. Thank you.

Tracy Seman

November 9, 2009, 7:15 PM

Praying for you right now, sweet Genre!!

Love to you all!

Mrs. Seman

Sue McGuire

November 9, 2009, 11:36 PM

Thanks for sharing your song - it's one of my favorites! What an incredible thing for you to meet John and have so many similarities - gave me goose bumps!

God is so awesome!!

Hope your treatment went well today, Genre!

"Even if you fall sometimes, you will have the strength to rise."

Love,

Mrs. McGuire

Cindy Weinberg

November 10, 2009, 12:36 AM

Thank you for the song Genre!! I made copies of it for our youth group to learn and sing. What an uplifting song!! C.J. is with me now looking at your halloween pictures. He likes your Yoda costume. He says hello and take care. God bless you. The Weinberg family

anne novotnak

November 10, 2009, 12:52 AM

What an amazing song and words to live by everyday no matter what is going on in our lives. God never ceases to amaze me and once again he does. God bless and lots of love always, Anne Bob Stephen David and Emma

Debbie Javor

November 10, 2009, 1:45 AM

That was a sure blessing Genre and your family got to hear personally. I loved the lyrics for the song also. Genre you will be just like John...a grown up man just like him. Love Mrs. Javor

Shirley Stahl

November 10, 2009, 3:12 PM

I love this song I had downloaded it to my ipod and I listen to it over and over again.

kaitlynn hook

November 10, 2009, 9:29 PM

LOVE LOVE LOVE YOU!!!

mimi mcgeary

November 11, 2009, 7:53 PM

Dear Daunette, John, and especially Genre,

How thankful we were as well to spend time with you all. We did stare at you, Genre, when you first walked in; for a moment the years melted away and we saw our John in you. You two have a similar look about you. We continue to pray that God will give you all the grace to walk with Him through this and we are mindful that our suffering is never wasted in God's plans. Thank you for the opportunity to get to know you; you remain in our prayers!! Love, Mimi for the McGearys PS. If you could forward a copy of the photo of Genre and John, we would be so grateful!

11/8/09

November 9, 2009, 4:01 AM

Hello,

No news about Genre other than he is feeling well and enjoying this beautiful weather!! This post is in response to all the questions about the clinic. I can't respond to your messages on this site. It doesn't provide a way to do that. So, when I don't get back to you through this site, it's because I can't. I would love to talk with anyone who is interested in making any kind of donation for the oncology clinic. The treasure chest at the clinic has toys in it for kids of all ages. The docs see little kiddos but there are always bigger kids there too. I will ask whether or not the bigger kids pick from the treasure chest when we go to clinic tomorrow. Genre has picked from it and he is nine. The items in there are things like decks of card games, silly putty, polly pockets, race cars, crayons, stickers, and other small toys. There is also always a need for 'like new' books because there's a used book cart for the kids to take a book home with them.

We have recently formed a nonprofit organization called Genre's Kids With Cancer Fund. It officially became a PA non profit corporation this past week and we are all very excited to start helping kids with cancer. The mission statement is simple - to help families who are suffering through childhood cancer spiritually, emotionally, and financially, in any way we can. We have been so blessed and people have been so generous. We need to share that. It is our intent to help kids with cancer while also expressing Jesus' never ending love and compassion for each and every family we meet. I couldn't imagine going through this without our faith.

I will keep you up to date as we begin to put together all the wonderful ideas and dreams we have for this charity.

If you have any questions or would like to contact me, my email is jbaker9501@comcast.net. You can also contact me on facebook.

Thanks so much and God bless.

Messages

Randy Wolfe

November 9, 2009, 9:42 AM

Thanks for the info Daunette. Good to know Genre is feeling well. Hope you are doing ok also. God bless you all.
Randy

maureen gratton

November 9, 2009, 2:28 PM

Hi Genre,

It was so good to see you yesterday. I'm so happy you are feeling well and able to be at church. The light of Jesus shines through you and your family. We're praying for you.

Love and Hugs,
Maureen

wendy coates

November 9, 2009, 2:39 PM

That is so awesome that you have started that organization! What a way to put your faith to action!
Wendy

Cindy Weinberg

November 9, 2009, 3:18 PM

We are so glad to hear that you are feeling better Genre!! Yes, enjoy the weather it is gorgeous!! We're always thinking of you and your family. Take care. You made a great Yoda! Keep up the good work. C.J. just asked how you were doing yesterday. We were at youth group in the prayer circle and when it was C.J.'s turn he prayed for you. We all did.
Feel well, The Weinberg family.

Amy Gratton

November 9, 2009, 4:06 PM

Hi Genre,
Haven't left a message in forever... Glad things are moving along nicely for you! You are in our constant thoughts and prayers. We love you!
Mrs. Gratton

Sandy Krivansky

November 9, 2009, 4:12 PM

Awesome news!! And I like the new pictures, too! Love, Sandy

11/9/09

November 10, 2009, 12:39 AM

We went to clinic today for day forty of this cycle. It was the last day. Genre's ANC was only 520 again! We were so surprised. He wasn't able to receive the methotrexact again. That means he only got two out of the five doses. Of course, I was concerned. Whitney, the nurse practitioner, assured me that there are many children who only take two doses of the drug and they do just fine. The docs actually looked at Genre's blood on a slide and they saw no abnormal or leukemia cells. Everything is fine; it is just taking Genre's body a while to recover.

The first day of his next phase is November 25th. He starts the 'more serious' drugs twenty eight days later. (Can you believe that I'm to the point where I think some chemos are better than others?) That means he'll be right in the thick of things for Christmas. I was hoping that the docs would let him start this next phase AFTER Thanksgiving. That way he wouldn't be getting the ARA-C over Christmas. He would start it right after. (The ARA-C is the drug that wiped him out and put him in the hospital in August.) The docs fully intended on letting him start after Thanksgiving but that is not an option now since he didn't get the last dose of methotrexate. They won't let him go until December 2nd without any chemo.

Genre and I talked about it today. He wasn't very happy, but he understands. He is such an easy child. Even though he doesn't want to have a tube hanging out of his chest on Christmas day with home chemo in the morning, he sees that it could be worse. He sees that he could be in the hospital over Christmas. Lots of kids will be.

Now Genre gets sixteen days off! He is mostly looking forward to eating at Olive Garden and going somewhere to eat wings with Jason. This child should weigh one hundred pounds.

I will update soon. Thank you for keeping Genre in your prayers.

Messages

Halle Fritz

November 10, 2009, 12:49 AM

Glad things are going well! I hope you have a wonderful holiday! Tell Genre to eat some Olive Garden for me! I love that place :)

Halle

anne novotnak

November 10, 2009, 11:53 AM

Can't say it enough God truly knew what he was doing when he gave this family this disease. You are a remarkable family and Genre is one of God's children. We constantly learn from you all. God Bless and lots of love and prayers always

Cindy Weinberg

November 10, 2009, 1:55 PM

We will be praying for you Genre. I'm so happy for you and your new friend, "John" creating such a special bond. Take care. The Weinberg family

wendy coates

November 10, 2009, 10:04 PM

Genre,
Well, you may not get a "chemo-vacation" for Christmas, but hey...you get one now! Enjoy!! You are such a trooper! Keep your trust in God's timing!
Wendy Coates

Marci Vickers

November 10, 2009, 11:48 PM

Daunette- I know the ARA C issues well. I dont even like to say or see those letters. It gives me the chills. Hang in there. Praying for you

always. i have been reading the book you bought for me every night and it is really helping me. That was so thoughtful of you. I am actually very interested in coming to your church. I need something else in my life and so do mu children. I took another blow today- not w/ Connor but in court w/ my ex husband. I am going to need some time to recover. he is pretty much giving up his children. So now I am really alone. Im going to keep reading and praying for strength. Thanks so much for thinking of me. I will do the same for you. marci
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Dante Pecora

November 11, 2009, 8:08 PM

Hey big guy we love you.
uncle D aunt Carla,Avey,Odie and Lady

11/11/09 fever

November 11, 2009, 10:00 PM

We are on our way to CHP. Genre's temp is 101. Please pray for no infection of his port. Will update later. Remember, cells do not work in the ER.

Messages

carrie Botkin

November 11, 2009, 10:05 PM

we will be praying for Genre.

Brenda Brown

November 11, 2009, 10:20 PM

Genre,

Pappy Freddy & I have you in our prayers.

Huge Hugs & Kisses

Allison Murray

November 11, 2009, 10:36 PM

We'll be praying...I'm teaching class tonight at church and your smile will be missed!!!

Love,
Mrs. Murray

Joanne Fitz

November 11, 2009, 10:38 PM

Lots of prayers your way!!!!!!!

Amy Gratton

November 11, 2009, 10:51 PM

PRAYING...

anne novotnak

November 11, 2009, 11:07 PM

We're praying for you. Keep us posted and we all hope it is nothing!!!!!! God is with you all and all of our prayers.

Ed Gratton

November 11, 2009, 11:32 PM

Praying for you guys. Hang in there, Gen. I know it has to be annoying for you, with all of the procedures & bumps along the way, but you're handling things so well. So are your mom & dad. All of you are an inspiration to us & we love you.

Marci Vickers

November 12, 2009, 12:02 AM

Praying for you Daunette.As always. Isn't that cell phone issue frustrating. Marci

Jennifer Calabrese

November 12, 2009, 3:04 AM

We're praying for you.

Love,
Jen, Brian, Tegan and Haven

wendy coates

November 12, 2009, 3:06 AM

Praying for you too Genre!
Wendy Coates

Lisa Beam

November 12, 2009, 3:14 AM

Hope everything turns out ok. Thinking of you all.
Lisa Beam

Randy Wolfe

November 12, 2009, 3:51 AM

Hope all is well. Will keep you in prayer. †
Randy Wolfe

laura schuchert

November 12, 2009, 3:53 AM

Sending love your way~ and lifting you all in prayer tonight

Tracy Nagy

November 12, 2009, 1:36 PM

Good Morning Genre!! Talked to Nana early this morning and she told me you got home last night YIPPEEE!! I did a big party dance and thanked God for answering our prayers once again. See you soon. P.S. It wasn't me that ate all the cream puffs and eclairs last night (wink wink) Love ya

Tammy Sisti

November 12, 2009, 2:08 PM

praying.....

maureen gratton

November 12, 2009, 3:30 PM

We're lifting you in prayer. Rest in the arms of Jesus, Genre. We love you,
Russ and Maureen

Aaron McGee

November 14, 2009, 5:53 PM

Hang in there Genre, thinking of you
Aaron McGee

11/12/09 Genre is home

November 12, 2009, 3:39 PM

After evaluating Genre last night the ER Doc, along with the oncologist on call, decided to send Genre home even though his ANC had dropped to 480. Under 500 is usually an admission until the cultures come back. "Luckily" for us, the resident in the ER last night was Jackie. Jackie did her rotation on the oncology floor during the two weeks Genre was admitted after diagnosis in May. She also was in the ER when he was admitted during his 18 day stay in September. She assured the oncologist on call (who I did not know) that we would bring Genre back to the hospital if he developed another fever after twenty four hours. Apparently, some parents don't do that????!! They gave him his mega dose of antibiotics which works for twenty four hours (until some cultures would start to grow) and we were home at midnight.

What I've learned...even when something seems to NOT be going your way, God is always at work. You might think that having an ANC too low to get your dose of methotrexate is a BAD thing. But look...if Genre would have gotten that methotrexate on Monday his ANC would be dropping down to nothing over the next week. He would not be able to fight this virus, or whatever it is, at all! Secondly, had he been infused with methotrexate on Monday, they automatically would NOT have let him come home last night. They would be preparing for his numbers to drop and they would have admitted him, expecting him to get sicker. If we really believe that this is in God's hands, and I do with all my heart, then God knows how much methotrexate Genre needs!!

Thank you for your prayers!

Messages

Teresa Anania

November 12, 2009, 4:18 PM

I'm so relieved to hear this didn't take a turn for the worse and he's comfortable at home. Always in my prayers...

Tammy Andrew

November 12, 2009, 4:35 PM

Glad to hear you're home, Genre! Continually praying...

Love in Christ,

The Andrew Crew: Keith, Tammy, Nate & Jonathan

Isaiah 26:3 to 4 (NIV), "You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD, is the Rock eternal".

Dawn Krevokuch

November 12, 2009, 5:57 PM

Hey buddy,

Glad to hear you are home! You are one tough little dude. Hang in there.

Always in my prayers

Coach Dawn

wendy coates

November 12, 2009, 8:06 PM

God's timing is perfect!

Wendy Coates

Cindy Weinberg

November 12, 2009, 8:44 PM

Glad your home Genre! Home sweet home! Prayers are with you from the Weinberg's always. Take care.

Heather Snyir

November 12, 2009, 8:47 PM

Yes! I think I told you before how much I hate the idea of Methotrexate and was happy when Katie missed a dose or 2. So glad Genre didn't get it. In Jesus name, HE DOESN'T NEED IT!

Also glad to hear you are back home, but I know how worried you must be and are probably hovering over him like any mother in our situation would be.

We will be at chp tomorrow for an MRI. It would have been nice if we could have met up, but I know we will be there at the same time eventually.

FB me any time. We continue to pray for you guys too.

Love in Christ,

Heather

anne novotnak

November 12, 2009, 8:54 PM

God is with you all the time and knows what is best and thank goodness for having Jackie in the ED last night to allow Genre to go home. Rest, love and lots of prayers always.

Jennifer Calabrese

November 12, 2009, 10:37 PM

So glad you're home buddie!

angela sipple

November 13, 2009, 7:18 PM

God is always at work. Glad your home. Luv ya! THE SIPPLE'S

Brenda Brown

November 15, 2009, 3:06 PM

Hi Guys,

Loved your Halloween costumes. James you really look like Troy.

It was great being with you for your daddy's birthday, don't forget, I still owe him some cookies.

Be strong always, because you all are loved very much by loads of people.

Huge Hugs & Kisses,

Grammy B, Pappy Freddy, & Skyepuppy

11/14/09

November 15, 2009, 3:05 AM

Genre's been feeling great since his ER visit this past week. He spent most of the day outside playing. In the afternoon we met the Deemers at the park to go geocaching. What a beautiful day!

I wanted to share this poem with all of you. It was written by our neighbor and friend, Breanna Merritt. She is in eighth grade. We love her very much.

My Friend

Beauty is a fragile life, a boy, a friend, a disease.

A body treated to heal itself from a sickness made to kill.

Everyone looks and sighs and says "Awe, that's too bad."

They can't see the pain within the boy who is never sad.

Even though the head is bare right now he still has time to smile.

The courage he shows and the faith he holds makes me know God will keep him alive.

The doctors say that he will be ok in three to five years.

That seems like such a long, long time for his loved ones to shed tears.

Time seems to fly and you don't even know it for this time he must be treated.

I can't wait to see his beautiful eyes healthy once again, because all I know is the beauty of him as my friend.

Messages

maria pellis

November 15, 2009, 1:47 PM

Beautiful Breanna!

Amy Gratton

November 15, 2009, 9:19 PM

Wow. Beautiful. Breanna, you are wise beyond your years.

Shirley Stahl

November 15, 2009, 11:35 PM

how beautiful!

Janet Allan

November 16, 2009, 2:03 AM

Hi Genre,

I haven't seen you in a while, so I just wanted to drop you a note. It always lifts my spirit when you are feeling well and having good days. I hope Gionna has been keeping you informed of our weekly experiences in Sunday School. Give her a test. Ask her what this week's story was. I'll give you a hint. "The poor widow and two pennies"

Breanna's poem shows how well she knows you and how you have blessed her with your faith. You have touched (I am certain) more lives than

even the ones you know about. The exciting part is you are not done impacting lives in a positive and enlightening way. You are still the most effective disciple I know. Stay strong and know that I pray for you every day even if I don't see you as often as I would like. Remember Jesus will always be with you, but you already know that!

All my love,
Mrs. Allan

Daunette,

Just saying hi. I love your family. Give them all an extra hug from me.

You will love this; Gionna took our little friend under her wing and made her feel right at home today in Sunday School. It touched my heart. You would have been so proud. She is a beautiful and happy little girl. You and John are great parents.

Love and prayers to cover all of you,
Janet

donna weber

November 16, 2009, 2:28 AM

WOW What a wonderful poem I am so glad Genre is feeling better.

Jennifer Calabrese

November 16, 2009, 2:31 AM

It's so nice to hear you had a beautiful and fun day!

Breanna and her loving words are a treasure.

wendy coates

November 16, 2009, 2:48 AM

Beautiful poem! What a treasure to keep!
Glad you are feeling better Genre and able to enjoy the nice weather with your family. We keep hearing about geocaching, but have not gotten to try it yet. Sounds fun!
Wendy Coates

Treasure Bertani

November 16, 2009, 1:22 PM

how sweet! Genre is so loved! I'm glad he is feeling well enough to enjoy this wonderful weather we're having!

Mary M Russman

November 16, 2009, 3:41 PM

Beautiful, just beautiful.

Hugs for Genre..xoxoxo

Debbie Javor

November 16, 2009, 4:00 PM

What a beautiful poem, Genre I am so glad you got to have fun playing outside and enjoying the wonderful weather. Hang in there buddy.

Love Mrs. Javor

Ed Gratton

November 17, 2009, 1:43 AM

What a great way to express what we're feeling! I'm glad you were able to spend some time outside today! I learned today that our mission team, who just returned from TX last night, shared your story with the church they were working with down there and they've added you and your family to their prayer list. They all prayed for you along with the ones from NCC last week. How cool is that? You are surrounded & supported by people around the globe and God's giving you a great story to tell in the years to come. Hope you have another great day tomorrow!

Sue McGuire

November 17, 2009, 1:37 PM

Thank you for sharing that poem ~ it's beautiful! Genre, you are awesome! Praise God you are home and feeling well! I'm praying for you to keep feeling well, so that you all can have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Brenda Brown

November 17, 2009, 2:11 PM

Genre,

What a talented and wonderful friend you have in Breanna. Not everyone could write such a beautiful poem. Cherish her friendship always.

I will be making you rolls for Thanksgiving dinner. Pappy will be bringing them over the day before Thanksgiving. Enjoy them, eat them all, I will make more.

Huge Hugs & Kisses,

Grammy B, Pappy Freddy, & Skyepuppy

susie condrasky

November 18, 2009, 11:09 AM

WOW, what an awesome poem! And how could I not mention those great halloween costumes!

The Condraskys

Cindy Weinberg

November 18, 2009, 3:24 PM

Hi Genre we're so glad you're feeling better! What a beautiful poem your friend Breanna wrote. We wanted to wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving! Always in our thoughts & prayers, The Weinberg family

11/19 Genre is feeling well

November 19, 2009, 1:23 PM

Good morning! Genre is feeling well, but his counts are not coming back up the way the doctors had hoped. He has been hanging around 500 now for thirty days, without any 'significant' chemo drug to suppress or drop his counts. Dr. Shaw is giving him one more week to recover on his own. He'll have a blood draw on Monday to check his ANC again. If it has not come up on his own, his next phase of chemo will not start the day before Thanksgiving. We will still go to the clinic that day, but Genre will have a bone marrow aspiration and spinal tap to check for any leukemia cells that may have appeared. I am asking you keep our son in your prayers. Please pray that his marrow recovers on its own and that there are no returning leukemia cells.

That being said, I am also asking for your help. Over the last six months, so many of you have told me to ask if we needed something. Today, I am asking - because this is important to Genre. Our family has tickets to go to the Toby Mac concert on Sunday. He is a Christian vocalist and he is Genre's favorite singer. Anne contacted his people and they arranged for Genre to come to the concert ahead of time to meet Toby Mac and the other group, Relient K. Genre is just busting with excitement! Genre knew all along that this would depend on his counts. Last night, he broke down and just really complained about everything...which never has happened. He cried and told me how much it stinks that he either can't go to the concert, or he has to wear a mask and then he can't breathe. He cried as he told me that if his counts don't go up, he has to get stuck with another needle; but if they do go up, he will only get one day of high counts to be able to go anywhere and do anything because his new treatment will start in two days. He said that he really thought he'd be able to go to Sunday school without a mask while he had sixteen days off. He also wanted to go to the museum.:(

He seems like he's getting a little discouraged. I just don't want that to happen. Do any of you know anyone at Mellon Arena? I was thinking that maybe they would let us sit up one whole level away from everyone else. It's just the opposite of wanting really good seats...we don't want to be up front and in the crowd. I'd like him to be able to go as far away from everyone as he could. Then maybe Dr. Shaw would say he could take off his mask. I don't mean to be so bold as to ask for a favor like this, especially on such short notice. But, if you could help we would be so appreciative. Thank you!

Messages

Timothy Gray

November 19, 2009, 1:48 PM

Daunette,

Matt and I know someone who might be able to help. I already called him and sent a copy of your message to him. I am not sure what he will be able to do but he said he would get right on it. I will let you know.

Amy Gratton

November 19, 2009, 2:38 PM

We love you guys and as always are praying.

Sue McGuire

November 19, 2009, 3:34 PM

I really hope this can work out for you, Genre!

Cindy Weinberg

November 19, 2009, 3:37 PM

Hi guys, it's the Weinberg family. We don't know anyone at Mellon Arena. We will ask around for you. We will be praying for you, Genre so that you will get to go to that concert!! Keep your spirits high! Keep up the good work! Keep on praying, God is with you always. C.J. says way to go Genre! Take care from the Weinberg's

Joanne Fitz

November 19, 2009, 4:43 PM

Daunette,
Chris is going to check @ work and see if they have the Business Box open for the concert. I'll let you know.

Genre,
Don't be discouraged and don't ever forget the power of our God! He will make this happen for you!!!!
Love you
Mrs. Fitz

Sandy Krivansky

November 19, 2009, 4:50 PM

Genre,

Be Strong and Courageous my friend...we are praying for you!

Love, The Krivansky's

Shirley Stahl

November 19, 2009, 6:00 PM

Daunette - I'm making the all to the head of the Carpenter's Union right now. How many seats do you need?

Marci Vickers

November 20, 2009, 12:40 AM

Daunette- Let me check. Calling 2 people i know. Marci

donna weber

November 21, 2009, 1:04 PM

I just got this message I am so sorry i don't know anyone but I will pray for you all. Genre you have been so brave I am proud of you. daunette you are a wonderful mom and a great example you all are so faithful I am amazed. Its hard not to get discouraged but i know God will get you though this. You are not bold just a caring loving mom.

11/19

November 19, 2009, 9:15 PM

Thank you so much to everyone who has tried to help Genre enjoy the Toby Mac concert. A friend from church was able to arrange for Genre to sit off by himself, away from everyone else. He asked me not to mention his name, but I just want him to know that his concern for Genre is so very much appreciated. Each of you is so very much appreciated. So many people offered to help Genre. Each time you all go out of your way for my son, I realize even more how truly blessed we are to call you friends. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Messages

Karen Sharp

November 19, 2009, 9:23 PM

That's awesome. Enjoy the concert Genre!! Take lots of pictures for us.

Allison Murray

November 19, 2009, 9:50 PM

Enjoy the concert, Genre! Toby Mac is pretty cool, but I wish that I got to see Reliant K with you....I REALLY like them, but haven't listened to any of their new music recently. You'll have to tell me which of their songs is good!!

had tears in her eyes and she doesn't even know us.

You won't be surprised that I am giving a giant kudos to Olive Garden for allowing such a terrific guy to manage their restaurant. We will definitely patronize the Greensburg restaurant in the future...as if Genre would have it any other way!

I just wanted to let you all know that we had our first meeting for Genre's Kids With Cancer Fund. We got alot accomplished and we are all excited to get moving and help families dealing with childhood cancer. The first thing we will be doing is collecting the toys I wrote about earlier. We will have a giant box in the foyer at Norwin Christian Church the first two Sundays in December. Again, they ask that you don't wrap the gifts. We are also collecting gift bags of any size and color. The only items that we ask you do not donate are flowers, scented items, latex items, and stuffed animals. Some people have asked what they could get for the older kids. Some moms with older children have suggested ITune cards, fuzzy socks, earphone replacements, puzzles and books. If anyone else has any suggestions, we would appreciate it if you post them on message board.

We are in the process of creating a web site. Until then you can keep up to date with what we are doing at

<http://www.facebook.com/#/pages/Genres-Kids-With-Cancer-Fund/208457455621?ref=ts>

or you can just search for Genre's Kids With Cancer Fund on Facebook.

We also talked about a 5K run and a golf outing to raise money for the organization. Lots of good ideas and lots of good people! We're going to need lots of help!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you for keeping Genre in your prayers! Have a wonderful night.

Messages

Joanne Fitz

November 22, 2009, 2:23 AM

Wow! God works good through all people, who let him ;) Daunette, I pray that you are still considering Terry's suggestion for that book ;) Love you guys

Lisa Beam

November 22, 2009, 2:23 AM

There really are some great people in the world and for Genre I'm sure he is happy that they work at the Olive Garden. That was a great story. Take Care all of you. Lisa Beam

Allison Murray

November 22, 2009, 2:51 AM

What a great day for all of you...and Toby Mac tomorrow!!!!!! Fantastic weekend! Love, Allison

Amy Gratton

November 22, 2009, 3:20 AM

Yay!Yay!Yay!A Great day! The fort will still be there next year! ;) People want to reach out and help in any way they possibly can...kudos to the people at Olive Garden who just wanted to make a boy's day a little brighter...

Amy Gratton

November 22, 2009, 3:22 AM

We are thankful for the blessing of Genre. We are thankful for the blessing of the Bakers. Forever we will be grateful for their love and friendship.

kevin manko

November 22, 2009, 1:02 PM

I am so glad to hear the doctors feel that everything is on track. Hopefully, your mind will be put at ease a little. Let me know if there is anything I can do to help with your endeavours.

Kevin Manko

donna weber

November 22, 2009, 1:22 PM

what a wonderful story kudos to olive garden its good to know that there are people in business that practce random acts of kindless senseless acts of beauty.

maria pellis

November 22, 2009, 4:05 PM

You are my amazing cousin and I am so proud of you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Marci Vickers

November 22, 2009, 4:11 PM

Daunette- I went thru the same things w/ low numbers for a loooong time. We were afraid it was a relapse as we.. It wasn't. Same issue. And in maintenec, his numbers take ecven longer to increase. The MDs explained to me that since these kids marrow has been hit so hard for so long, it now takes more time for them to mke cells. My friend's dgtr was actually taken off ara c by Dr Ritchie b/c her number would just not increase. Hang in there. You will make it. This is one of the most difficult challenges you will have. Praying and thinking of you daily. Connoe even talks about Genre now. he likes to look at his picture. I think it helps him to know that there is another little boy out there like him. Marci

anne novotnak

November 22, 2009, 5:54 PM

You know maybe he didn't feel sorry for him maybe he just wanted to brighten his day and make him have a day to remember. You did remember it and it was special for Genre. God works in wonderful ways and this is just another sign of how loving God is. It has to be an emotional rollercoaster for you everyday but just remember that God is here for you and so are us all. We just Love you all!

Becky Sharp

November 23, 2009, 12:46 AM

dear Genre, i am so glad that you are doing better! how was the concert? i bet it was good. every night i make an extra special prayer for you. A.J. of coures, broke 2 bones in 1 arm! any way, i hope you feel better! From, Taylor Sharp

maureen gratton

November 23, 2009, 1:58 AM

Hi Genre,]
Sounds like God gave you a really special day today from the start to the finish! I can't wait to hear about the concert.
Love,
Russ and Maureen

Janet Allan

November 23, 2009, 4:21 AM

Baker family,

What a beautiful memory and story!

D.J. and I love Olive Garden. We frequent it for lunch when we feel we deserve a treat. Now we will do it more often.

The Olive Garden employees and your doctor are examples of God at work. In this case He used beautiful, kind, and willing helpers. Keep in mind, your family helped them as much as they helped you. Just think how good they felt knowing they personally made all of you a little happier or, in the case of the doctor, more at peace. Your appreciation felt as good to them, as their help to your family did for you.

What a wonderful story. It gives everyone a warm, fuzzy feeling! Thank you again for sharing it.

It is also wonderful to hear Genre is doing good! It is like a bonus.

Love to all of you,
Mrs. Allan

Cindy Weinberg

November 23, 2009, 2:08 PM

I have chills and tears in my eyes!! What a touching story. That was so nice of the Olive Garden manager to do that Daunette!!

11/22/09

November 23, 2009, 4:34 AM

Mission accomplished! Genre went to the Toby Mac concert tonight - his first concert - and he had a blast without having to wear his mask for one minute of the concert! He wore it in, and out, and that was it! We were able to sit in a box all by ourselves! When we got to the concert, Toby Mac's people had left Genre floor tickets, right up front. It was very sweet, but we sat up high and away from the other 6,000 people that were there! Thank you to all of our friends who helped Genre enjoy his night out. You are so appreciated by Genre, and by us.

FYI, the concert was really great. John and I went because the boys like the music. I didn't realize how many songs I knew, just from listening to the CDs in the car. They put on a great show with a terrific unity theme. I have to say that we adults were rockin' out just as much as the kiddos!

I am taking Genre to have his blood drawn in the morning to check his ANC. I will let you know how he is. Goodnight.

Messages

Amy Gratton

November 23, 2009, 4:55 AM

LET'S HEAR IT FOR ALL THE JESUS FREAKS OUT THERE GENRE!!!!!!!!!!!!

Marci Vickers

November 23, 2009, 10:54 AM

Thank God. hang in there Daunette. I can feel your struggle and I know it well. I am reading the book you gave me aily and I am finding my answers. I am now facibg another serious threat in life but I am going to make it. Its not cancer problems but it is related to Connor. I am going to keep going. I think of you and Genre daily. And I so admire all thir thing syou are doing. I cant wait to get to that point to hekp others as well. Much love- Marci

Debbie Javor

November 23, 2009, 12:35 PM

Genre, I was so glad to hear you had a great time at the concer, sounds like mom and dad did too. Praying for you to have good counts today. Love Mrs. Javor

michele weisensee

November 23, 2009, 12:58 PM

Glad that you guys enjoyed the Slam. Pittsburgh was a "City on it knees" last night!! A City with ONE KING!! Michele W.

maria pellis

November 23, 2009, 1:01 PM

Goodmorning sweethearts!

Shirley Stahl

November 23, 2009, 1:36 PM

So happy it all came together for you. Good luch today, I'll be praying for you.

Cindy Weinberg

November 23, 2009, 1:51 PM

We are so glad you had a great time at the concert Genre!! See, God hears us all when we pray! Nice pictures! Looks like you had a blast with your friends and family. Take care. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving from the Weinberg family Good luck with your blood count, we'll be praying for you.

Karen Leece (Baker)

November 23, 2009, 7:06 PM

Hi Genre, So glad to hear you got to go to the concert and had a great time. I still think about you everyday and pray for your complete healing.

wendy coates

November 23, 2009, 11:17 PM

Genre, I am so glad you got to go! Awesome answer to prayer! Wait till I show Troy your picture with Toby Mac! Wendy Coates

11/23/09 Happy Day!!!

November 23, 2009, 8:26 PM

GENRE'S ANC IS 945!!!! THANK GOD! Bev just called from the clinic...his marrow is recovering on its own.. All other numbers look great - no bone marrow aspiration is necessary. He will start his new treatment on Wednesday. I am SO THANKFUL that his marrow is recovering!!! SO THANKFUL!!!! I have been trying to focus on accepting whatever is handed to me. Really...I've been trying so hard...I CAN ACCEPT THIS ONE!!! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

I will let you know how he is feeling on Wednesday. Thank you for your prayers and please keep lifting him up!

Messages

carrie Botkin

November 23, 2009, 8:28 PM

Awesome news!! God is good!!!

beckie wiltrek

November 23, 2009, 8:41 PM

Thank You Lord!!

Janet Allan

November 23, 2009, 8:54 PM

Thanks be to God!

maria pellis

November 23, 2009, 9:19 PM

We are thankful over here beyond words!!! Why can't we just BELIEVE (24/7)!? I knew it was ok, but then I wasn't sure, THANK GOD!!!!!! Love ya honey, Ree

donna weber

November 23, 2009, 10:44 PM

God is awesome I wish i could always remember that YEAH GENRE

Molly Kauffman

November 23, 2009, 11:08 PM

So happy for you all!

wendy coates

November 23, 2009, 11:12 PM

Yeahhhh!!!!

Wendy Coates

maureen gratton

November 24, 2009, 1:04 AM

Praise to our Mighty God. We love you, Genre.
Russ and Maureen

Mary M Russman

November 24, 2009, 1:10 AM

YEAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!!!!! What WONDERFUL news!! Genre is and will continue to be in our prayers!!

Sue McGuire

November 24, 2009, 1:32 AM

Praise God! Something for you to celebrate this Thanksgiving!

Marci Vickers

November 24, 2009, 1:43 AM

YEAH!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Now that's the way to MULTIPL, DIVIDE AND REPRODUCE!!!!!! 945 is my favorite number now!!!!!!!!!! Congrats!!! Marci and Connor V.

Randy Wolfe

November 24, 2009, 2:42 AM

Praise to the Father, Our Lord and Savior! We are soooooo thankful for Genre and your whole family to hear this great news and praying for God's cotinued healing upon Genre.†
Randy and Mary Wolfe

Sandy Krivansky

November 24, 2009, 3:09 AM

Such wonderful news...God gives us one more thing to be thankful for!

I love your pictures from the concert Genre...looks like you had a blast!

Love, Sandy, Greg, Andrew and Ashley

Jennifer Calabrese

November 24, 2009, 4:10 AM

This is wonderful news!!! Genre - God is holding you in his healing hands.

It looks like you had so much fun at the concert, too! Very cool...

Love and prayers,
Jen, Brian, Tegan and Haven xoxo

Debbie Javor

November 24, 2009, 12:11 PM

Genre, God's healing hands are all over you. That is wonderful news to hear.

Love Mrs. Javor

Karen Leece (Baker)

November 24, 2009, 12:36 PM

What great news! I'm so glad to hear that.

Kelly Knieling

November 24, 2009, 1:27 PM

Fantastic news! So glad to be thankful with you guys, way to go Genre!!!

Shirley Stahl

November 24, 2009, 1:28 PM

Awesome!

Kelley Skoloda

November 24, 2009, 2:20 PM

so great to hear!!! Yeah!!! Happy Thanksgiving.

Kris Horvath

November 24, 2009, 7:32 PM

Genre and Daunette,
This truly will be a THANKSgiving for all of you. We're so thrilled to hear the good news. We hope that all of you can enjoy your holiday and feel some peace and relief. As always Genre and your family are in our daily prayers.

Lots of Love

Kris, Hannah, Colby and Troy

Timothy Gray

November 24, 2009, 8:02 PM

Great news! We will keep praying! You hang in there big guy! Happy Thanksgiving to all of you.

Cindy Weinberg

November 25, 2009, 1:59 PM

Daunette that's wonderful!!!! We are so happy for you guys!! You are going to have the best Thanksgiving ever! Take care We will continue to pray. God is Great!! Have a blessed holiday. Keep up those spirits up Genre! You're doing a great job!

Karen Sharp

November 25, 2009, 3:09 PM

THAT IS AWESOME NEWS!!! I am so happy for you. Prayers upon prayers for you. You're fighting hard, Genre. Keep up the good work.

November 26, 2009, 5:50 AM

Today is six months since we first heard, 'Your son has leukemia.' It's strange...it seems like we've been doing this a lot longer than six months. It seems like we've been living childhood cancer so much longer than half a year. On the other hand...sometimes it seems like they just smacked me in the face with those words this morning. Sometimes I still lose my breath when I think about those first moments...I just can't go back there.

Genre did just great at the clinic today! He made it through his spinal tap and chemo infusions in true Genre style...smiling and happy all the way. Kristen says that she can tell that Genre is just 'done' with the treatments and with chemo. You can tell that he just wants to get in and get out. He isn't rude or short with Kristen or the docs. There's just something different. He still jokes and plays with everyone there, but his attitude is more business like...almost like he's on a mission to get through this. He just wants it to be over, and so do I.

This was a very significant day today as it was day one of the last phase of Genre's treatment before maintenance therapy begins. He has come so far and he has done so well. It won't be too much longer and he'll only have to go to the clinic once a month! Most of his meds will be pills that he takes at home! We are so thankful that Genre has been as healthy as he is throughout the past six months. We truly have been blessed. However, he is heading into a very rough cycle with very hash drugs that have the potential for dreadful side effects. I would ask that you keep Genre in prayer over the next fifty six days as he finishes up this last 'big' part of his treatment. I am asking that you pray for the medicine to do what it is meant to do, and nothing else.

I will let you all know how Genre feels over the next few days. After his procedure today he was feeling very well with no nausea or dizziness at all. Thanks again for your support and prayers.

Daunette

Messages

maria pellis

November 26, 2009, 3:32 PM

Happy Thanksgiving darling and I am thankful for all that we weathered this year (separately but together) It's all going to be good now and I am thankful for you in my life and how proud you make me with your strength!

Joanne Fitz

November 26, 2009, 3:34 PM

Happy Thanksgiving Baker family!
Love
The Fitz family

Lisa Beam

November 26, 2009, 3:58 PM

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and we will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers always.
Love, The Beam Family

kevin manko

November 26, 2009, 4:16 PM

We wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving. May God watch over you guys as Genre moves onto the next phase of his treatment.

Kevin Manko

Tammy Sisti

November 26, 2009, 4:19 PM

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday. There is so much to be thankful for. You will remain in our prayers, we are so grateful that you have invited us to share your journey(difficult and sad as it is). Your strength and courage is a true blessing to us. We love you all!
Tammy and Brandon Sisti

Amy Gratton

November 26, 2009, 4:51 PM

HAPPY THANKSGIVING ALL~ WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU...
MUCH LOVE,
ED, AMY, MARISA, JILL, TARA & AARON

maureen gratton

November 26, 2009, 7:57 PM

Happy Thanksgiving to all the Bakers, Donna and Kaitlyn! Have a wonderful day. We are so thankful that Genre is doing well and we will be praying him through this next phase of treatment.

We love you,
Russ and Maureen

Marci Vickers

November 26, 2009, 11:06 PM

Praying for you always. Connor and Marci

Kristie Deemer

November 27, 2009, 1:46 AM

Genre-- Happy Thanksgiving. We are all thankful for you and your wonderful family today. You are our amazing friends and we love each of you dearly.

Much love,
The Deemers

Kristen Morgan

November 27, 2009, 1:49 AM

Happy Thanksgiving Bakers! Genre-- I hope you felt good enough to eat your pumpkin pie. I thought of you when I ate mine!

donna weber

November 27, 2009, 3:47 AM

happy Thanksgiving Bakers Hope you all got to enjoy it Mrs Weber

Sue McGuire

November 27, 2009, 11:23 PM

Hope you had a great Thanksgiving, and will keep praying for Genre!

courtney blair

November 28, 2009, 1:18 AM

Genre, hope you were well enough to enjoy a little turkey! we pray for you every day, all day! god bless you and your family. Heath, Courtney, Tristan and Jackson Blair

angela sipple

November 28, 2009, 9:04 AM

HAPPY THANKSGIVING. SO THANKFUL FOR ALL OF YOU. SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR. - LUV YA!

Doreen Baldrige

November 28, 2009, 9:24 PM

Hi Daunette

I have been so busy at work .It has been nuts. I want you to know I have been thinking about you all and sorry yo are just hearing from me now. I hope to get to talk to you soon . Love always doreen and lil rick

wendy coates

November 29, 2009, 2:57 AM

Wow, amazing to think of all the ways God has grown all of you in faith over the last 6 months too, and all the incredible ways he has shown himself to you. It's all quite a lot to take in, uh! It sounds so wonderful for Genre to be able to just go once a month. Praying hard for the next 56 days though! We need a countdown chart up on the wall at church!:-)

12/14/09

December 14, 2009, 7:52 PM

Hello All! Genre has finished the first part of his last big phase of chemo which is called delayed intensification. He is well. His numbers are low, but that was to be expected. The last part of this phase was scheduled to begin on 12/23 and run for three weeks.. During that phase, Genre's port will remain accessed for four days in a row, so that he can get chemo at home. That continues for two weeks. He would have been 'accessed' on Christmas Eve and Christmas day. Drs. Shaw and Sidonio were compassionate enough to move that treatment back one week for Genre. It will begin on December 30th and continue for three weeks thereafter. In order for that phase to begin on the scheduled day, his ANC will need to be 750. It is much lower than that right now, but, prayerfully, his body is rebuilding and he will be well enough to begin on the 30th.

Genre's Kids With Cancer Fund is up and running! We are working on many great projects and have an abundance of good work to do. Everything is in the planning stages, but I am surrounded with an inspired group of women who understand exactly what Genre and I had in mind when we first talked about this charity...to help families through childhood cancers by assisting spiritually, emotionally and financially. To help people see that you can walk any path - as long as you have Jesus with you. You may not WANT to walk the path...you may not LIKE the path...but you CAN walk it, and find blessings scattered abundantly along the way.

Jason and I are in the process of building the new website. www.genreskidswithcancerfund.com It's not completely finished yet. We need to work with the bank so that donations can be accepted on line. Many of you have asked how you can donate to the fund. We will happily accept donations made out to Genre's Kids With Cancer Fund. The address is PO Box 127 Irwin, PA 15642. Thank you to all of you who have been kind enough to donate already!!

The first project we are working on is the foundation of why this fund began. Genre wanted every child who is diagnosed with ALL at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh to have a hand held game. MANY hours of chemo infusions are made easier with these video games. We are now planning several fund raisers and working with various companies to make this happen. It is our hope that someday we will be able to give a handheld video game to all kids diagnosed with any cancer!! If any of you can help in any way, please feel free to call or email. We would greatly appreciate your input!! Our fund even has it's own email now - genreskidswithcancerfund@comcast.net!!

Next, we will be working to contact families in need at Children's Hospital. The social workers and Child Life Coordinators will be our eyes and ears at the hospital. There are many people in need and we intend on helping them in any way we can. There are many factors, spiritually, emotionally and financially, that come into play when you are dealing with childhood cancer. Many of them are not health insurance related. It is our intent to be able to help our first family in the spring of 2010.

Genre is still very excited about the idea of providing his 'cancer kids' (as he calls them) free golf lessons!! That's a project that our friend Dan has volunteered to help with. We plan on focusing on the lessons right after the holidays when Genre's treatment is complete. If you have expressed interest in that part of our organization, we'll be in touch in January.

GKWCF has been collecting toys for the children who will be hospitalized over Christmas. Thank you to all who have donated. Because of the icy weather this past Sunday, the collection box will remain in the Norwin Christian Church foyer for one more week. It will be there through 12/20. If you'd like to drop off a donation during the week, just press the buzzer and Janice will let you in. Thank you to our wonderful church family for all they have done to help!

I also would like to mention that my friend/neighbor Gaylene took this toy drive to her church, St. Nicholas Orthodox Church. They have collected boxes of toys and Father Robert has been beyond helpful. Thank you to all of the people at St. Nicholas who were so willing to help us.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the amazing team of women who have volunteered to run this organization with me. Jodi, Gaylene, Anne, Tracy, Laura, and Joanne - we will do great things for great people, with the help of a great God.

Thank you to my mom. She is always there for us, unconditionally, without fail.

Thank you to the most wonderful group of friends that any woman could ever be blessed with. You are a part of my heart forever and I love you all so much.

Thank you to everyone of you has encouraged us, loved us, watched our kids, made it a point to seek us out and hug us, made a meal, sent a card or prayed for us. You are all a part of this and we are forever thankful. I suppose I am just a little more sentimental this Christmas season. I suppose I am just so thankful that my children are home and well - that they are all here with us and we get to love and hug them every day. I am so thankful that God allows me that privilege. A woman I came to know through the hospital isn't so fortunate this year, and I think of her every day. Her holiday won't be like mine ever again and she needs our prayers. Her name is Meg.

Please don't feel sad for us this Christmas - we are not sad. We are well and filled with love. Genre is happy and excited for Santa to come! He is busy teaching Gionna about baby Jesus every day. I hope that your holiday season is filled with love and blessings just as ours has been. My wish for you is that you enjoy each minute with your children, the way we intend to. Play with them and make little memories that will last your lifetime. Time goes by so quickly, doesn't it?! If I don't get to update the care page before Christmas, Merry Christmas to each of you and a blessed New Year as well.

Messages

Kelley Skoloda

December 14, 2009, 8:02 PM

Daunette -- so glad to hear Genre's doing so well and that he will be able to enjoy Christmas without treatment.

Genre's Fund is truly inspired. So many others will benefit from what Genre, you and your family have learned. What a blessing and an inspiration to all.

Merry Christmas and I know 2010 will be a year of healing and blessings for you.

maria pellis

December 14, 2009, 10:27 PM

You and your angel Genre are an inspiration to all these people who love you so much!!!!!!That is why there are so many of them surrounding you with HIS love, they all want to be near you and the miracle that is taking place!!!

donna weber

December 15, 2009, 2:25 AM

Glad to hear Genre is doing well. I am feeling very blessed this year too. We have had some troubles over the past 2 years and because of that and the blessings I recieved and hearing from you. I know that you must enjoy life and live it to the fullest and be thankful for every moment. Merry Christmas to you and all your family Thank you for sharing your joys and concerns

Randy Wolfe

December 15, 2009, 2:46 AM

Well you did make me cry anyway Daunette but it's because I am glad that Genre is home with you and the whole family. May God bless all of you! I will definately pray for Meg and her family.† Hope you all have a Mery Christmas and a Happy New Year! These kids do grow up too fast! :-]

Randy Wolfe

Jodi Fowler

December 15, 2009, 3:01 AM

We are so thankful and so blessed by your family and your friendship. You shine the light of Jesus in all that you do. Thank you for your constant reminders of God's presence in our lives every day! It is a privilege and an honor to be apart of such an incredible ministry as Genre's kids with Cancer fund. I can't wait to see what God has planned for us in the coming year!

Joanne Fitz

December 15, 2009, 3:56 AM

What an amazing journey we are all traveling; arm in arm and heart to heart with your family. I thank you for sharing your life with us. I feel so blessed to know the Baker family.

Love to all,

Joanne

kathy gialames

December 15, 2009, 7:32 AM

Merry Christmas all our Love Gialames Family, oh ya thanks for making me cry, again!

kevin manko

December 15, 2009, 11:31 AM

Happy Holidays to you and your family as well. You continue to be an amazing inspiration to evryone you touch. Please let me know what I can do to help your endeavours.

Kevin Mnako

Amy Gratton

December 15, 2009, 1:40 PM

You are God's heart in motion. You are God's hands in motion. You are God's feet in motion. You don't just talk the talk. You are changing this world. Physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually. We love you guys and are proud, grateful and fortunate to call you friends. We are even more blessed to call you brothers and sisters in Christ.

Karen Mastalski

December 16, 2009, 9:26 PM

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.

who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ.

Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.

And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that as you partake of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation.

Amy Gratton

December 20, 2009, 4:14 PM

Hi Genre!

Hope you and James and Gionna have had a chance to enjoy this awesome snow that God has sent our way! I also hope that you are enjoying the days up to Christmas with your beautiful family! MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Love,

Mrs. Gratton

Doreen Baldrige

December 22, 2009, 3:13 PM

Hi Genre

Rick is always asking about you . He misses not seeing .He sends his love and hopes we get to see you after the new year . We love you always, Doreen and Ricky :))

Christmas Eve 09

December 24, 2009, 7:23 PM

Merry Christmas from Genre and our whole family! Genre is feeling well and enjoying his time off from chemo. He's been playing with friends, visiting, and eating a lot. He's happy to be able to go to church tonight without a mask and he's very excited for his shrimp and scallops! He has a big week planned - something scheduled for every day now through his treatment on the 30th. Thank you for all the Christmas wishes and love. Merry, Merry Christmas!!

Messages

maureen gratton

December 24, 2009, 7:47 PM

We're so glad you are feeling good and will be able to go to church tonight to celebrate the birth of our Savior and Lord. Have a wonderful Christmas together.
We love you all,
Russ and Maureen

Sue McGuire

December 24, 2009, 7:51 PM

Merry Christmas, Baker family! Genre, that's so cool that you like shrimp & scallops (my kids don't like seafood much)! Love, peace, joy and many blessings to you!
Sue

Kelly Knieling

December 25, 2009, 1:56 AM

It was so good to see your sweet face tonight! Merry Christmas Genre and to all the Bakers!
Eric, Kelly & Chloe

donna weber

December 25, 2009, 3:08 AM

Yeah Genre Merry Christmas to you all I hope you find the peace of season and Santa brings you lots of "stuff"

Karen Leece (Baker)

December 25, 2009, 4:02 AM

Merry Christmas Genre, and all your family. I'm so happy that you're feeling well and celebrating Christmas.

Kim Wingard

December 25, 2009, 4:24 AM

Merry Christmas to you and your family too!

beckie wiltrek

December 25, 2009, 5:35 AM

Merry Christmas to you and Happy New Year

Debbie Javor

December 25, 2009, 9:24 PM

Merry Christmas to all of you too. Genre I am so glad you got to spend Christmas at home. Love Mrs. Javor

Amy Gratton

December 26, 2009, 1:51 AM

Merry Christmas Genre Baker to you and your entire family! Lovin' you all!

Molly Kauffman

December 28, 2009, 5:15 PM

Merry Christmas Genre and family! We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a New Year full of health and happiness! Thinking of you often, Molly, John, Katelyn, and Ella Kauffman

January 2, 2010

January 2, 2010, 11:34 PM

Happy New Year! Hope you all enjoyed a healthy and happy New Year celebration. We did. Even though Genre has been accessed and receiving chemo treatments since December 30th, our New Year was wonderful. Looking back on 2009 is truly a bittersweet experience for us. Even though we all lived through great sadness in that year, the blessings, joy and love that will always be the landmark of our 2009 clearly outshine any of the bad times. 2009 will always be the year that our entire family grew more than at any other time throughout our lives. We were able to draw closer to each other; closer to the people who truly love us; and, most importantly, closer to Christ. My mother almost died in December 08/January 09. She suffered and was so sick through April of 2009. But, during all those bad moments, God was at work and my mom, Kaitlynn and James were all baptized into the family of believers in Christ. One month later, Genre was diagnosed with leukemia and none of us knew how we would live through it. The diagnosis reached far beyond this house. I realize now that people everywhere were terrified and saddened from the news. It affected so many people in so many ways. The people who are most dear to us now had to explain cancer to their innocent, small children who loved Genre so much. How hard that must have been for all of them... Even the people who we don't know that well were terribly affected. Along with feeling sadness for Genre, they realized that, on any day, it could be them. Again, God was at work. This illness has drawn our family closer. It has made our friends family, and it has made our acquaintances friends. So many strangers have come into our lives and we now care about each one of them very much. Every step of our seven month journey has been blessed by Him and made possible only through Him. More than anything, as we move into 2010, we are thankful.

Genre has already begun the last four weeks of his Delayed Intensification phase. If you remember, it is the last phase before he moves into Maintenance, which should be a little easier on him. Last Wednesday he was accessed at the clinic and he was infused with Cytoxin and Ara-C. Those are two of the most powerful chemos he takes. They are the drugs that have made him the sickest. He has remained accessed (with a needle in his port) since Wednesday and he has been infused with chemo each day at home. The nurse will come again today to give him his last infusion for this week and she will deaccess him. He goes to the clinic on Wednesday for three more weeks. Next week is the same treatment plan. He will get chemo four days in a row. This phase is difficult because he is also taking chemo in the pill form every day. Between December 30th and January 20th, Genre will have 29 chemo treatments! This is a hard phase for sure, but soon it will just be a memory.

Genre really didn't want to start back to the clinic after such a nice vacation from treatment. As hard as it was for him (and me), he said he'd come this far and he could get through this four week period. He said that he wished Dr. Shaw would just give him everything at once and get it over with. He said the sooner we start, the sooner it is over, and he is right about that! He told me that he knows he will be able to do anything for the rest of his life after living through this. He said that he has learned that God doesn't make it easy, but He does help you through hard times. I cried. But then, I cry a lot now.

Things change so much when you are living through pediatric cancer. Genre's friend Jaden was with us the other day and we went to Red Robin for dinner. Genre had a bump on his head. It was obviously a bug bite. (Even though it wasn't, it looked like a mosquito bite that was swollen a little.) The kids were joking and having a good time, except Genre. He wasn't joining in the fun and he looked like something was on his mind. I asked him what was wrong and he acted like he didn't want to tell me at first. I pressed him a little for an answer. He looked at me very seriously and he said, "Momma, do you think that the bump on my head is like the bump they found on Selena?" Selena is A friend from the hospital and she found her type of cancer with a lump on her chest. Fighting back the flood of tears raging behind my eyeballs, I assured him that the bump on his head was not a tumor. I promised him that it was a bug bite. He looked at me and smiled with so much relief in his eyes. THOSE are some of the hardest moments. Realizing how much of Genre's childhood has changed is the really hard part. Knowing that, instead of my son being irritated because his bug bite itches, he is worried that it is a tumor, weighs so heavy on my heart. When Genre says the dinner prayer on Christmas day and he thanks God for being well enough to go downstairs to open his presents just takes your breath away, but at the same time...it makes me so thankful for what we have. Our son was well enough to walk down the steps and open his gifts. Thank God. Our son wasn't in the hospital. Thank God. We have our son. Thank God. Those are the things I want to remember and hold true in 2010. Those are the most important things we have and I pray that I always remember this... even after Genre's cancer is long gone.

Happy New Year!

Messages

Lisa Beam

January 3, 2010, 12:02 AM

I am very happy to hear that despite all you all are going through, that you can still see the good in it all. Hope this year brings good memories and great times. All our love to all of you.

Tha Beam Family

kevin manko

January 3, 2010, 2:56 AM

You and your family continue to be an inspiration for my family as well as many others. You have lived through this nightmare and still found ways to help other sick children. Take a moment to pat yourself on the back. Not many people facing adversity would look to help others. God is working through you, John, and Genre. I hope all goes smoothly the next month or so and you can focus your energy on your healthy son and the endeavours that lay before you. Happy New Year!

Kevin Manko

Molly Kauffman

January 3, 2010, 3:30 AM

Wishing you a wonderful new year filled with health and happiness! Our prayers are always with you and your family. Love, molly, john, katelyn, and ella

donna weber

January 3, 2010, 4:42 AM

May this year be filled with blessing . I can hardly type this as tears are rolling down my face. Genre is my hero as all of you Daunette as a Mom I can feel your pain mixed with joy. May 2010 be easier for you all Love Mrs Weber

Karen Sharp

January 3, 2010, 1:39 PM

That is one of the most beautiful messages I've ever read. Thank you. As always, your family is an inspiration to us all. I am so glad that you had a wonderful Christmas and that the New Year is starting out so great for you. I will be praying that this is the best year ever for you. Keep it up Genre. You'll get there sooner than you think.

Halle Fritz

January 3, 2010, 4:21 PM

Happy New Year! Glad to hear you all had a Merry Christmas and Genre is doing well. Stay strong, you all have come so far. Always in my thoughts and prayers.

Halle

Kris Horvath

January 3, 2010, 9:39 PM

Daunette and Genre,

The power of prayer is an amazing thing. It gives you strength, physically and mentally, when you feel completely tapped out. May you all have peace this new year. As always, you are in our daily prayers. God bless and keep you.

Kris, Hannah, Colby and Troy

Jodi Fowler

January 3, 2010, 9:42 PM

This is the first chance I've had to sit down at the computer since we've been home. wow, my eyeballs are filling with tears, so thankful that you share everything in your heart and the struggles and victories you face daily. Each day truly is a precious gift, for all of us. We pray that 2010 will bring continued strength, healing, peace, and joy. Genre is touching so many lives by his living testimony and through your willingness to follow God's lead with GKWCF. We love you and are praying as Genre continues this treatment phase.

anne novotnak

January 3, 2010, 11:54 PM

I am truly speechless. How do you comment on everything that you all have gone through and how it has affected us all. We will continue to pray for you through this last time and I know that all of our prayers and love will be with you all. Sometimes I wonder if this is not just as hard on you (daunette and John) as parents and what you are worried about every moment of everyday. This has changed so many lives in so many ways and will continue to do so. We love you so much and our prayers are with you all.

wendy coates

January 4, 2010, 2:44 AM

Daunette,

Your words are so powerful, so inspired by your faith in God. Thank you. God has truly gifted you in your ability to pull from these experiences and express your thoughts on them in writing. Glad Genre is doing well, and amazing too the things he has learned of God at such a young age. Praying for you all. Happy New Year!!

Wendy Coates

Janet Allan

January 4, 2010, 3:34 PM

Happy New Year to the Baker family!

May the Lord's blessing always be plentiful for you. No one shares His blessings like your family has and, I know, will continue to share.

I cry tears of sadness, I cry tears of joy, I cry for each of your family, I cry for each of the blessings your family has received, and I cry for each

of the blessings your Church family has received. It seems all I do is cry when I read your messages, but.....always, always, always I am uplifted by your words.

It is only explained by the faith that grows in each of us as you live this story and share it with everyone around you. I am so happy that your family came to our church or I may never have experienced the journey.

I will pray continually for Genre's side effects to be minimal and for strength for you and John to get through this next month. May the journey be light and the blessings be enormous!

In Christ unending love,
Mrs. Allan

Dawn Krevokuch

January 4, 2010, 8:26 PM

May this New Year be filled with blessings of health and happiness. Your messages are such an inspiration, thank you for that. Always in our thoughts and prayers.

Dawn, Jim, Shelby and Tanner

January 7, 2010

January 8, 2010, 1:24 AM

Genre had his clinic appointment yesterday. Dr. Sidonio did the spinal tap and said that the fluid was clear - which is what we want. Actually, he said the words 'perfectly normal.' He had chemo injected into his spine and into his port. His red blood count was low so he was given one unit of blood. By the time they get the blood and actually put it into Genre, it can be four or five hours! Kristen does her best to move things along as quickly as she can. Needless to say, it was a very long day at the hospital...especially for Genre.

After Genre's spinal tap, he was a little loopy from the sedation. Kristen was ordering his blood and she told him that she is also A+. She told Genre that she would give him her blood, if she wasn't pregnant. Genre said, "Why? If you gave me your blood would I be pregnant?" I really thought Kristen was going to fall onto the bed laughing. She looked at me and gave me the thumbs up as she mouthed 'Way to keep him innocent!' Okay...my son DOES know that boys don't have babies!! In defense of Genre, a little girl we are praying for recently went through a bone marrow transplant. Her little brother was the donor match. Once the whole transplant is through, she will have her little brother's peanut allergy. I'm SURE that's what he was thinking about. Maybe an anatomy lesson wouldn't hurt? :)

The nurse was here today to give Genre his chemo treatment. She comes again tomorrow and Saturday. After Saturday, God willing, Genre will NEVER have Ara-C, Cytosin, Daunomycin or Daunorubicin injected into him EVER AGAIN!!!! He will be totally done with those awful (but, I understand, necessary) drugs!!! We go to clinic this coming Wednesday and next Wednesday. Again, God willing, Genre will never have to go to the clinic every week EVER AGAIN! He will be on a once per month maintenance schedule until September 30, 2012!!!

He has been feeling well with NO nausea or vomiting this time!!! Thank God. This cycle was hard on him back in August. He felt sick frequently and then wound up in the hospital for almost three weeks. The drugs take about a week to ten days to reach the peak of their strength. I wouldn't dare assume that he will breeze through the next few days or weeks, but he's been well so far and we are just so happy about that.

I will update again this weekend when the treatment is over. Thank you for keeping Genre, and our whole family, in your prayers.

Messages

Carla Pellis

January 8, 2010, 1:36 AM

Dear Daunette,

Thanks for keeping us updated on Genre. We love to hear the good news and pray even harder when we get the not-so-good news. Stay strong and never ever forget that God's the one seeing you through this. Give John, James, Genre, Gionna and your mom our love. We are praying for your whole family, and it sounds like all of our prayers are working miracles, daily!

Your cousin,

Carla

carrie Botkin

January 8, 2010, 2:13 AM

I will continue to keep you all in my prayers.

Debbie Javor

January 8, 2010, 2:13 AM

Way to hang in there Genre on the last stretch. With God on your side you can conquer anything. Love Mrs Javor

donna weber

January 8, 2010, 2:39 AM

way to go Genre I loved it usually i am a little teary if not crying after i hear from you today
i am smiling and was in fact laughing at the Kristen story

Joanne Fitz

January 8, 2010, 3:20 AM

Hi Genre,
I am so glad that you are doing well and your spinal tap results were good. I can't wait to see you. Lots of hugs, Mrs. Fitz

kathy gialames

January 8, 2010, 9:29 AM

thank you as always for keeping us updated. i know it must be hard to share you life with so many people. We all care so much. A day doesn't go by that we don't pray or think of Genre and your family!

God will show you the way to continued success!! It is your time

Karen Leece (Baker)

January 8, 2010, 12:58 PM

Happy to hear such good news. You always in my prayers, I think about you everyday. Hang in there, hopefully soon this will all be behind you.

Dawn Krevokuch

January 8, 2010, 1:54 PM

What wonderful amazing news! I'm so proud of you Genre, you are an amazing little boy. As always you and your family are in our prayers. Dawn, Jim, Shelby and Tanner

angela sipple

January 8, 2010, 2:35 PM

You are a trooper. So glad everything was clear. We luv you. Travis annd Clay say Hi.

Lisa Beam

January 8, 2010, 2:51 PM

Genre,
The strenght you and your family have is inspiring. God Bless you all.
Love,
The Beam Family

Teresa Anania

January 8, 2010, 7:14 PM

Daunette, sounds like some very promising results and a bright outlook for 2010. I keep you and Genre and your whole family in my daily prayers. Love you.

anne novotnak

January 8, 2010, 11:07 PM

I can't believe that he is so close to being done with this last treatment that will take him to maintenance. God willing everything will go smoothly and I know he is watching over all of you. Our endless love and prayers are with you all!!!

Amy Gratton

January 9, 2010, 1:39 AM

LOVING YOU ALL

maria pellis

January 9, 2010, 5:32 PM

I loved the pregnancy thing!!!! Call me back when you get a chance so we can finish our conversation and make plans for lunch and Marshalls someday!!!!!!!! Ree

January 9, 2010

January 10, 2010, 3:52 AM

Genre finished his last Ara-C treatment today!! It was quite an amazing feeling to know that this difficult drug is BEHIND him now. Even with the next

seven to ten days facing him...he is DONE with that drug! What a happy day!

The medicine is meant to drop his counts, and it is. Dr. Sidonio called tonight to say that Genre's platelets are low and that he needs to come in tomorrow for a transfusion. Genre said, "I'll be there after Sunday school!" So, it looks like we will be goin' to the hospital AFTER church, again.

I asked the nurse to leave him 'accessed' today since there was a very strong possibility that he'd be needing blood/platelets in the next day or so. There was no sense in needlessly sticking him. Every time you access the port you risk an infection, so one less puncture is a good thing. He just wants that needle out so that he can go out and play in the snow!

Genre is feeling strong and eating well. He is now on a Taco Bell kick. He NEEDS a chicken quesadilla with mild sauce all the time.

Please keep Genre in your prayers over the next week to ten days while his counts bottom out. We ask for prayers that his body will stay free from infection and that his bone marrow will start to rebuild healthy cells quickly. Thank you so much...

Messages

jill nicholson

January 10, 2010, 6:20 AM

Hi Genre,

I just got the email about you receiving your last Ara-treatment today. Horray!!!! We are all thinking about you everyday and this week you will be prayed for heavily. God has big plans for you! He has tested you so young and you have proven so faithful. You may not realize right away what the purpose of all this is, it may not be until your 30 that you get the reason for this. But there is a reason and God has something special in mind for your life, a special purpose, remain holding true to your faith and that purpose will come to you, and it will be your blessing. With all our love each and every day.

Rob, Jill, Alex, Lizzy, and Gabriel Nicholson

laura schuchert

January 10, 2010, 7:54 AM

Great job Genre!!! So happy to hear you are doing so well and have knocked out another homerun! I keep praying for your strength each day~

laura schuchert

January 10, 2010, 8:01 AM

Great job Genre!!! So happy to hear you are doing so well and have knocked out another homerun! I keep praying for your strength each day~

Amy Gratton

January 10, 2010, 3:20 PM

Genre,

I think the Bakers and Grattons need to plan a Mexican night...

Marci Vickers

January 10, 2010, 7:00 PM

Yea to the end of ara -c Those very letters still make my shutter. Go Genre!!!

Connor and Marci

donna weber

January 10, 2010, 9:55 PM

Go Genre !!! Will pray the next ten days are good for you and filled with chicken quesadillas love Mrs weber

1/10/10

January 10, 2010, 9:28 PM

We came in around 10:30 am for a platelet transfusion. After a CBC they determined that Genre needed red blood also. That was no big deal - once he's done with the transfusion we go home. But...as we have been sitting here, Genre's temperature has been creeping up. His ANC is down to 400. With a fever, that's an overnigher. Doctor Randy said he'll decide whether we stay or go home after the next temp reading. I'll let you know...

Messages

donna weber

January 10, 2010, 9:56 PM

starting to pray right now!!!

Karen Leece (Baker)

January 11, 2010, 1:33 AM

Praying for you Genre, and your family.

1/10

January 10, 2010, 11:49 PM

We're staying...

Not sure if the fever is from the transfusion, the Ara-C or an infection...doesn't really matter - it's a sleepover when your ANC is only 400.

He feels just fine. After they do his cultures and hook up his IV antibiotics it looks like we're snuggling in to watch a movie. I will let you all know how he is in the morning.

Messages

Joanne Fitz

January 11, 2010, 12:12 AM

Sorry to hear that you guys have to stay. But, glad Genre isn't feeling badly. We'll pray that it's just from the transfusion and he'll go home in 24 hr.s.
love ya

Janet Allan

January 11, 2010, 12:58 AM

Genre,

Enjoy the movie and sleep well. May you sleep in Jesus' arms all night long. I will pray you get well and go home quickly. It's good to know you finished the "hard" stuff!

Love ya,
Mrs. Allan

maureen gratton

January 11, 2010, 1:04 AM

Hi Genre,
Hope you don't have to stay long. I know God will be using you to encourage others the way you always do. Snuggle with Mom and enjoy the movie.
You are in our prayers.
We love you,
Russ and Maureen

Allison Murray

January 11, 2010, 1:18 AM

Genre,

Sorry to hear that you've got to stay....hopefully it's just overnight! I hear that you think Genre Murray would be a great name for our baby! I guess you figure if Jason didn't use it, you might as well see if we will!!!

We love you and hope you get home SOON!
Love,
Mrs. Murray

Sandy Krivansky

January 11, 2010, 2:13 AM

Praying for you! Enjoy movie time with mom...cuddle close!! Love, The Krivansky's

Treasure Bertani

January 11, 2010, 2:16 AM

aw, movie night, do you get popcorn? enjoy! and stay feeling good!

Tammy Andrew

January 11, 2010, 2:32 AM

Genre,

You are continually in our thoughts and prayers! Glad to hear you are feeling fine right now. Hope you are out of the hospital very soon!
Your friends in Christ,
The Andrew Crew(Keith, Tammy, Nate, & Jonathan)

michele weisensee

January 11, 2010, 6:10 AM

Genre,

We are lifting you up in prayer.

Love,
Mrs. Weisensee

anne novotnak

January 11, 2010, 11:54 AM

Hang in there and I we all will be praying that it is nothing. Hope everything goes smoothly. Lots of love and parayers always!!! Hang in there
Genre soon this part will be over.

1/11/10

January 11, 2010, 3:00 PM

Genre had a fever through the night, but it seems to be gone for now. He's eating/drinking well and he feels fine. No doctor has been in yet, so we are not sure what the game plan might be.

I will update as soon as we know something more. Thank you for your prayers.

PS...Mrs. Murray, this is Genre. I think that you should name your new baby Genre Anakin Murray. I think that one of my bffs should name their baby after me. Even though I might have Mr. Murray's platelets in me, I can still woop him on mariokart.

Messages

wendy coates

January 11, 2010, 3:08 PM

Glad you are feeling fine Genre! Hope you get to go home soon! I've been trying Troy's Mariokart. I'm not very good at it...I get sucked up by the tornadoes, fall in the water, and veer way off the track - and if I play too long, I start to feel a little motion sick! When you come over next month, you'll have to see if you can beat Troy though!

Wendy Coates

Mary M Russman

January 11, 2010, 3:30 PM

Hi Genre!

So glad to hear your fever is gone. We prayed EXTRA HARD last night for you!! It worked! Here comes a big hug...H-U-G!!!!

Love,
Mrs Russman

Allison Murray

January 11, 2010, 3:50 PM

Genre,

Genre Anakin Murray is an interesting choice....good thing we still have till June to think about it!
And yes, I never doubted that you would beat Mr. Murray in Mariokart no matter how much of his blood you get!

See you soon!
Mrs. Murray

Neil Jones

January 11, 2010, 3:51 PM

Genre - Keep on that healing path and getting better. Coach Jones

Jim Murray

January 11, 2010, 4:14 PM

I don't know Genre... I have pretty powerful platelets. You better watch out!!! Glad to here that you are feeling well...

Mr. Murray

Joelle Wilds

January 11, 2010, 4:26 PM

Hi Daunette & Genre~

I prayed extra hard yesterday that your fever would be gone and the power of prayer!!! I love the name Genre and I hope Mrs. Murray is having a boy - what if it is a girl?

Joelle

Jean Halza

January 11, 2010, 9:01 PM

Genre,

Hope you are back home very soon! You are always in my prayers! Love, Mrs. Halza

1/11/10 late morning

January 11, 2010, 4:31 PM

The doctors were just in and said that Genre will definitely be staying here again tonight. With no more fevers he will most likely be able to go home sometime tomorrow.

He needs more platelets today. Hopefully the transfusion won't give him a temperature...that might mean another forty eight hours. Even if we do have to stay - it will be fine. As long as Genre is feeling well, we can hang out here for a few days:) It's really the best place for him to be if there is any possibility of infection. I know that.

Kristen was in to visit and so was another nurse who Genre just loves. His name is Andy. They are all such special people and we are so blessed that they are here to care for Genre.

Genre has been having headaches off and on since Thursday. They happen mostly when he stands up. They are better when he lays down. Since he had a spinal tap this past Wednesday, the docs feel that the headaches are most likely related to the tap. His spinal fluid biopsy was perfect so there is no worry about that! The answer to spinal headaches is frequently caffeine. Genre doesn't like soda and won't cooperate to drink it. We offered him coffee too - he told me that 'coffee isn't good for a kid.' They are going to try some iv caffeine to see if that helps. I'll let you know...

Messages

Kim Wingard

January 11, 2010, 4:39 PM

Good to hear that the tap was perfect!

How about some hot tea? I heard that has some caffeine in it.

Amy Gratton

January 11, 2010, 4:44 PM

Hey, Genre,

Put some Coconut Creme flavor by Nestle Coffeemate in with that IV caffeine....I love it in my coffee. I'm rather obsessed with it.

Amy Gratton

January 11, 2010, 4:50 PM

Hey Genre,

It is Aaron. Your friend. I just wanted to tell you I got for Christmas my uncle and aunt got me this really cool thing that you can build and it is called "Snap Circuits, Jr." It builds everything. It can build a fan that can fly. It can build a lightbulb that can go throw light tricity with the tools. And if you get a cup of water and put the cords in, it makes sounds and if you hold them with your hands they also make sounds. And there's one with a paper clip and it is just really awesome. You might see it at a store but I don't know what store it is because they bought if for me, but you can you can look for it in the store.

Goodbye. See you later. I hope I can see you very, very soon and we can have so much fun with the snap circuits jr. playset. Goodbye. See you later.

Allison Murray

January 11, 2010, 5:00 PM

Genre,

You are a mom's dream come true....you won't drink soda and you give a lecture on coffee!

You're the best,
Mrs. Murray

Gaylene Merritt

January 11, 2010, 5:18 PM

Genre

try a frappichino carmel or chocolate works wonders. I'll go to Starbucks for you if you want.

Mrs. Merritt

Tracy Nagy

January 11, 2010, 5:44 PM

Hi Genre...Chocolate has caffeine in it. Think you could eat a snickers/kit kat/or M&M's?...Miss Tracy

Dawn Krevokuch

January 11, 2010, 5:52 PM

Hey Genre, I think you need a Giant Chocolate bar or some nice warm hot chocolate! Hang in there buddy, you are such a strong trooper. God Bless you and as always in my prayers.

Coach Dawn

Karen Mastalski

January 11, 2010, 5:54 PM

Genre-

Try the coffee - I love it with a flavored cream in it. Mom had it since she was a little girl and I don't think it hurt her.
love Katie
sometimes Starbucks has it like a coffee milkshake

Cheryl Pesi

January 11, 2010, 5:55 PM

Hey Daunette,

Hope the fever stays away. Oh, I can vouch for the spinal tap headache!!! If you said he had the spinal tap Wednesday and the heachache Thursday, that sounds like my experience.... esp when I stood or sat straight up. Ugh. It eventually went away in a few days but the headache was the worst (and I am generally not a headache person aside from sinus headaches!!!). Tell Genre to hang in there and just lay down and enjoy vegging w/ mom!! :) (I had some issues a few years ago w/ my optic nerves and needed a spinal tap to rule out "stuff". Not very fun.). WOW, he doesn't like POP???? Awesome (maybe he would like ice tea over coffee?). Hang in there, Genre!!!! -- Cheryl Pesi

angela sipple

January 11, 2010, 6:23 PM

Maybe a latte or tea. Travis likes both. Hang in there buddy. We are all praying for you.

Jodi Fowler

January 11, 2010, 6:31 PM

Thinking of you...and also thankful that he is receiving such wonderful care from the nurses. Hope the headaches get better (they make a morning blend hot chocolate with added caffeine). We'll be praying that his temp stays down. Are you still playing mario kart? We just started racing again, and I think you could beat me...I definitely am in need of some practice!

Love ya!

Ed Gratton

January 11, 2010, 7:53 PM

Hi! Hope you're feeling better soon & the headaches go away. How about a "Snickers Bar" late? It's a little bit of espresso (which you can't taste), a bit of caramel, a bit of vanilla, mixed with some chocolate, steamed milk, whipped cream, & drizzled with more chocolate over the whipped cream? :-)

We'll talk to you all soon. You're in our prayers.

Joanne Fitz

January 11, 2010, 10:03 PM

Coffee....you don't want to try coffee? Genre, Coffee is the best drink on earth! I'll come down there and have a cup with you and your mom,

Love,
Mrs. Allan

carrie Botkin

January 12, 2010, 11:11 AM

I will be praying for Genre. I hope he is feeling well when he wakes up.

Tammy Andrew

January 12, 2010, 11:52 AM

So sorry to hear of your very difficult day yesterday. It is a new day today; we pray it is a better one. Praying continually...

Love in Jesus, The Andrew Crew

"When I am afraid I will trust in you..." (Psalm 56:3)

anne novotnak

January 12, 2010, 1:04 PM

I'll be paraying that everything will be great this morning. If is is a spinal headache those are painful Iknow and I hope it goes away soon. We love you and are praying.

Amy Gratton

January 12, 2010, 1:58 PM

Hope you and Mom both got some sleep angel boy and today is looking better...love you immensely.

Debbie Javor

January 12, 2010, 2:00 PM

I hope you are feeling better this morning. Genre you and your family are in my prayers daily. Love Mrs. Javor

11/12/10

January 12, 2010, 2:14 PM

This morning Genre is saying that his head doesn't hurt at all. He has not been vertical yet, but it hurt constantly yesterday. He is smiling and teasing with the nurse, which he didn't do at all yesterday. He has no appetite and he's not drinking so they hooked him up to the iv fluids again. Even though he is a smart child, he just doesn't put it together...no drinking/eating = more days here! Honestly, after what I saw his body go through yesterday, I completely understand that he doesn't feel like doing anything but laying on Lammy. But, he has to drink. (By the way, Lammy is the stuffed lamb that Genre has been hugging since he was born. He was white and chubby at one time. Now, not so much. He's a mix of gray and brown with little to no stuffing. I explain to each new doc that Lammy is clean, he just doesn't look like it anymore. I gently dip him up and down in Oxyclean, rinse him, put him in a pillow case and spin him in the washer. Then, he lays in front of the dehumidifier until he is dry. Sometimes, if we really need him clean quickly, I will put him on air dry in the dryer. The dryer scares me when it comes to Lammy!)

His platelets are only 55,000. He is scheduled for PEG shots (asparaginase in his thighs) at the clinic tomorrow. It's the next to last treatment in this cycle. To do those shots his platelets need to be 75,000. I'm assuming they will transfuse him with platelets again today. That will mean more Benadryl.

The docs will be rounding soon so I will have the game plan after I speak with them. I'll update after that.

Messages

Amy Gratton

January 12, 2010, 2:29 PM

We all need a Lammy, at any age. Glad your headache is gone, angel boy. Praying for you ALL today. Love ya.

Mary M Russman

January 12, 2010, 2:38 PM

Thanks for the update Daunette. Sending smiles your way! xoxo

Joy Boone

January 12, 2010, 2:38 PM

Hi Genre,

So glad you are teasing the nurses! Have you ever read or had these books read to you- the Hobbit or the Chronicles of Narnia?? They were favorites of our kids....Praying for you and your family-Love, Mrs. Boone

scan. :(They all agreed that it would 'probably' show nothing, but they were obligated to look for bleeding in his brain. His platelets have been so low and he does have Von Willebrands, so bleeding would be a possibility. He's already had one CT scan of his abdomen during the fight with typhlitis. There is so much more radiation in the CT.....

Anyway, they did it and the preliminary report showed no bleeding. Thank God. I am just holding on to the fact that God is GOD. If He decides that the CT scans won't affect Genre in any negative way, they won't. I believe the miracles that I read about in the Bible, and I believe that God can protect my son.

The symptoms appeared around 5:30 and lasted until about 10:00 pm. He didn't eat or drink for several hours before they appeared. Then, once they were gone, he devoured a bag of popcorn, a bag of chips and he drank two bottles of water. Weird! I know, not very nutritional. It's all we had at 10 pm!!!! This morning he is behaving perfectly normally.

The docs have not rounded yet so I don't have information as to what they are planning. Genre's ANC is only 60 now, so I don't expect them to be letting us go home any time soon. I'm okay with that. He needs to be here right now. Last night the docs discussed an accumulation of ARA-C in his cerebellum. That doesn't make a whole lot of sense because they said that they would expect ALL of his motor skills to be affected. He still was able to use his fingers normally. He was able to keep playing the wii. I questioned them about his spinal tap and about any type of reaction to the antibiotic he is getting. It's called Cefepine. They are looking into everything because they just don't know what this is!!

Genre has two new vocabulary words to learn today: enigma and anomaly. Those words were used frequently throughout the night. Seems like Genre is going to hear those words a lot throughout his life. He should probably know what they mean.

I will post again after rounds.

Messages

Kelley Skoloda

January 13, 2010, 3:01 PM

we will pray that this, too, will pass and Genre will continue his read to recovery quickly.

Ed Gratton

January 13, 2010, 3:07 PM

Sending our prayers & those of our church family your way this morning. Praying for a better day today!

Sandy Krivansky

January 13, 2010, 3:14 PM

Praying for you, Genre! Love, The Krivansky's

Treasure Bertani

January 13, 2010, 3:35 PM

praying for you and genre, daunette. God IS God and He is in control of all of this. He does have a plan. Stay focused and be calm and rest in His presence. Love you.

kathy gialames

January 13, 2010, 3:46 PM

thk you for the updates, we have been waiting to hear, and prayeing for the best. You are in the right place, let us know when you can

Joelle Wilds

January 13, 2010, 3:48 PM

praying very hard right now for GOD to wrap his arms around you and protect you...

Tammy Andrew

January 13, 2010, 3:49 PM

Thinking of you today and lifting you in prayer...

Love, The Andrew Crew

"His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." LAMENTATIONS 3:22, 23 NIV

Janet Allan

January 13, 2010, 3:57 PM

Daunette,

We're here. We're listening. We're praying for you always. NCC is known for our abundance in support. Just know that when you are very tired, very confused, and very scared that you are not alone. The Lord is always right there in that room and so is lots of caring Christians' prayers.

"This too shall pass"

Love,
Janet

angela sipple

January 13, 2010, 5:06 PM

Thanks for the updates. You are all in our prayers. We never get tired of praying. If you need anything we are here. God loves you all and Hislove never fails. John, Angie Travis and Clay PS. tell Genre that Travis now has NHL hocky and is practicing up. Clay beat him twice last night.

Kelly Glaser

January 13, 2010, 6:34 PM

Daunette....I'm with Janet! We are here for you! BIG HUGS! Kel

Kris Horvath

January 13, 2010, 7:15 PM

Daunette and Genre,

As I sit and read about all that you have gone through, I am amazed at your strength and courage. Your faith doesn't surprise me, as I believe, as you do (although I've never been tested as you have). We pray everynight for Genre (and your family) as well as all of the children in the hospital. Please know that we are always here if you need us. Genre, I know that you are an angel on earth, put here to show us what life is really about! You are one truly amazing child. With all of our love,
Kris, Hannah, Colby and Troy

anne novotnak

January 13, 2010, 9:55 PM

Hang in there God is GOD and just remember that we are all praying for you and lots of love

Brenda Brown

January 13, 2010, 10:10 PM

Hi Sweetie,

Pappy and I are sure sorry about all these awful problems. We want you to get strong again because we need to spend some time with you and your family. We are praying constantly for your better health. I know this is scary, but I know you will be fine. Just keep saying your prayers and know that you will be well soon.

We love you very much.

Grammy B & Pappy Freddy, and of course Skyepuppy

Patty Vargo

January 13, 2010, 10:56 PM

Praying for your family Daunette and especially Genre, he is truly an angel of light for all of us. Love the Vargos

Amy Gratton

January 14, 2010, 1:29 AM

I wish I could stay down there with you 24/7 my friend...I love you...

donna weber

January 14, 2010, 2:26 AM

my prayers are with you all I can only imagine the realm of feelings you are having. I wish i could do more

Randy Wolfe

January 14, 2010, 5:16 AM

Genre and Daunette,

I am praying for you all tonight and will ask Him to hold Genre and carry him through this along with your whole family. †
Randy Wolfe

courtney blair

January 14, 2010, 1:24 PM

Praying this morning Genre is feeling better, pain is lifting along with spirits. I pray for John. That is cold will be gone soon so he can see his little boy. And Daunette, praying for your continued strength and health. You are stronger than you realize. Try to feel the sun on your face today for a minute and breathe. God Bless, -courtney blair and family

Molly Kauffman

January 15, 2010, 12:49 AM

We are praying for your family today and always. Genre, we hope you are feeling better soon - you are such an inspiration to us all. Daunette, your strength is so amazing and you are always in our thoughts.
molly and john kauffman

Amy Gratton

January 15, 2010, 2:17 PM

PRAYING, PRAYING, PRAYING FOR ANSWERS. PRAYING, PRAYING, PRAYING FOR PEACE TO WASH OVER ALL OF YOU.

Vincent pecora

January 16, 2010, 12:52 AM

we love you very much genre beat this too

Amy Gratton

January 16, 2010, 1:18 AM

Sleep well tonight angel boy. You too mama and daddy.

Amy Gratton

January 16, 2010, 2:42 PM

Hi Genre,
I drew a picture for you. It is very weird. It is in my bedroom in a very special drawer of mine. And the girls drew you something too. My sisters are really weird. It specially Tara. (My mom says I have to delete that because it's mean, but I want to leave it up) See you later, Genre. Hope you have a good life!

From,
Aaron

Bye

Amy Gratton

January 16, 2010, 2:46 PM

Good Morning Baker Family,

So happy you are all waking up together in your home! I think everyone should just stay in their jammies all day. Why not??? Praying everyone also got some sleep and today is a peaceful, relaxing, loving, family-filled day. Love you guys bunches.

The Gratton Gang

Marci Vickers

January 16, 2010, 4:25 PM

Daunette- Thinking of you daily and praying. God will get you through this Marci and Connor

1/16/10 Saturday night

January 17, 2010, 5:21 AM

Genre is home from the hospital. He was discharged yesterday. I have not been able to update because Genre's 'paralysis' continued through Thursday and, at some points, he was unable to move from his neck down. After I updated on Wednesday morning, Genre's condition worsened quickly. He lost control of his legs first and then his arms. His back was so weak that he couldn't sit up or roll over by himself. He was no longer able to squeeze my finger or push with his feet. As he got worse, he developed severe panic attacks which came frequently throughout the days and nights. He was so scared and he said he couldn't breathe. He felt like he couldn't swallow or get any air, and his heart rate would race to 165 and beyond. It was terrifying for him. The CT scan showed no bleeding. Thank God. The MRI showed no signs of Methotrexate toxicity (a build up of chemo on the brain) and the EEG showed no seizures. By Thursday morning, Dr. Shaw suggested that Behavioral Health come in. Behavioral Health is just a new name for the team of psychiatrists and psychologists that help the kids at the hospital.

Dr. Newman was the Doc who visited with Genre. After the doc spent some time with him, he assured me that Genre would be able to walk again. He assured me that they frequently see these types of issues with children who deal with such traumatic illnesses. He said that, most often, they see this 'syndrome' in bright kids who really understand their diagnosis and the consequence of the disease. He said this shows up in the kids who fully

understand their treatment and what is being done to their bodies. Intellectually, the child understands more than he is able to deal with emotionally. Genre's emotional capabilities haven't caught up to his intellectual abilities when it comes to cancer. The two clash and the child crashes. He said that they also see this in kids who deal well with their illness. The children who just accept what is being done to them; who never complain about the changes that have been made in their lives; who never get mad; who never get scared; who never complain...those are the kids who sometimes just crash. He said it's similar to post traumatic stress syndrome. Genre has dealt with so much for the past seven months. He's just a baby and it's all caught up with him at one time.

They are thinking that the first episode with 'paralysis' actually did result from the combination of caffeine and Benadryl. His legs and arms didn't work and it scared him so much that his brain somehow continued to make him believe that his body wasn't working...add that to the post traumatic stress syndrome and you have a child paralyzed for a week.

The panic attacks and partial paralysis continued through yesterday. They sent him home hoping that normalcy and routine would help him, but it didn't. His first night home was absolute torture for him. It was the first time John and my mother (not to mention James and Gionna) were able to see Genre in such a bad way. John had a cold all week long and wasn't able to be with his son at all. It just broke his heart, but Genre's ANC is only 60ish. James developed a cold next and my mother needed to stay away since she was the one taking care of James.

Jason came to pray with Genre late in the night when he just couldn't settle down. In the middle of a panic attack that lasted what seemed like hours, Genre said that he would try to tell Jason what was scaring him. The panic was just too severe and he couldn't talk any more. I am hoping that as he feels better he will open up to Jason and let go of whatever is eating at his insides. I worry about Genre's ability to share certain things with me. He tries to take care of me when we are in the hospital together. He was worried about me the first night he was diagnosed, not himself. He wouldn't touch me until he knew that I couldn't catch his cancer. Again, as we laid in the bed together this past week, he thanked me for staying with him every night. He said that he knew I wanted to be home with James and Gionna and he knew that I missed them. I worry that he won't want to upset John or me with what is bothering him. If he is afraid of dying (let's just be honest - that might be what this is about), I don't know if he will share that with me for fear that it would make me too sad. Maybe he will share that with one of his grown up best friends.

I am happy to say that Genre did much better today. Jaden came over for the afternoon and they played DS and Wii together. They watched a movie and then, later, I heard them chit chatting about Genre's cancer and how it feels when he can't use his legs. He was explaining maintenance to Jaden and I heard him say that he only had one more clinic visit until that point. Yes...I was eavesdropping...After Jaden left, we kept Genre busy playing board games and having snacks. He never had time to stop and think all day long. He is in bed with me now, sound asleep and able to use both arms and both legs. I am not saying that his problems are gone, just that today was a better day for him. As difficult as this past week was, we got through it. We may not have liked what we were doing and we may not have wanted to be doing what was laid before us, but God got us through it. Genre obviously needed some help, mentally, and now he will get as much help as he needs. Dr. Newman even offered to meet with James and Gionna as much as we'd like.

As for me, I think this past week was a blessing in disguise. I now know that my son's MRI shows no signs of chemotherapy build up. The neurologist said if you put Genre's MRI next to one hundred other MRI's, his would never be picked out as the child undergoing chemotherapy treatment. For me that is the most remarkable blessing of all. Every time Genre puts a chemo pill in his mouth I pray, "Father God please wrap yourself around this pill and take it only where it's meant to go. Please don't let it hurt Genre's brain." Every time they put chemotherapy into Genre's port I pray, "Dear God, please line Genre's veins with your spirit and take the medicine only where it's meant to go. Please don't let it hurt our baby's brain." He didn't. And he let me know it. Had this not happened, I would have spent the next two years, eight months, two weeks and one day worrying about Genre's brain and any damage that may have been done by the first seven months of intense chemotherapy. Thank you... And thank you for the strength, focus, and courage He provided me while my son couldn't move and was being tested for bleeding in his brain. I was totally alone and totally calm. That is not my nature; it is only Him.

And thank you again to so many of you for the love and support shown to us through this difficult time. I don't know how we would manage without you.

PS I would ask that you keep a friend of mine in prayer. She is someone I know from church and she has been so kind to Genre through his leukemia journey. Her twenty one year old daughter was diagnosed with lymphoma this week. Her name is Shirley and she needs strength, wisdom, and peace.

Messages

Danielle Sullenberger

January 17, 2010, 5:24 AM

Genre is always in our prayers.....

donna weber

January 17, 2010, 9:52 AM

I will pray for all of you especially Genre. I have often wondered about the bleeding disorder in all of this. I will pray for Shirley too. I just wish I could find more words to comfort you. LOVE Mrs Weber

Karen Leece (Baker)

January 17, 2010, 1:37 PM

You have all been through so much, I can't even imagine. I pray hard for Genre and all of you to pull through this and for Genre to make a full recovery. You're in my thoughts and prayers always. My Joey's in Heaven, so I ask him to talk to Jesus to cure Genre, and to give your family peace.

susie condrasky

January 17, 2010, 1:46 PM

In spite of your very difficult week, we are soooo happy to hear that all of the testing results have been good news! We will pray for a better week ahead.

Love you all,
The Condraskys

Lisa Beam

January 17, 2010, 2:33 PM

Your strength is inspiring. I could have used that when Aiden was sick. You are all in our thoughts and prayers and I am happy to hear you are all on the healing path.

Love, The Beam Family

Marci Vickers

January 17, 2010, 6:35 PM

Daunette- We are all praying for you. Lighting candles for all of you. And your friend. You are constatnly on our minds. Lets just pray God will get all of you through this tough journey. Road blocks and speed bumps really set us all back emotionally. Please hang in. Marci

maria pellis

January 17, 2010, 8:36 PM

It's just so hard to put into words what I am feeling for you and Genre and the rest of my beloved family...I am praying so hard and my thoughts are literally constantly with you. There's just no more I can say right here and I am going to call you as soon as things settle down a little more. Love ya, Ree

Jennifer Calabrese

January 17, 2010, 9:33 PM

I can't find the words... My heart is completely open and just loving every one of you. You continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

Genre - Tegan can't wait to see you and play with you sometime soon:)

All our love,
The Calabrese Family

anne novotnak

January 17, 2010, 11:01 PM

we will add Shirley to our prayers and hope that she will come thru her lymphoma. The Journey Genre and your family has been on has been very traumatic but truly a growing and experience and you will never know how many peoples lives you all have changed and will continue to change. Genre we love you and are praying for you all everyday.

anne novotnak

January 17, 2010, 11:08 PM

Daunette, Your strength is remarkable and knowing what you need to do for your family and your faith is overwhelming to me and I am so thankful God has brought you all into our lives and I know that Genre will be that much stronger from all this and he will be able to use this as another learning experience. I sit hear and type this as I have tears in my eyes because of what I have learned from you and how my strength in the lord has changed because I constantly see how he is working through your family . Thank-you for being our friends.

wendy coates

January 17, 2010, 11:51 PM

Daunette,

We will definately add Genre's emotional health to our prayers for him, and pray that he will find the words and courage to talk about whatever he is feeling. I remember when Lauren was struggling with her anxiety about interacting with people it was very difficult for her to try to explain how she was feeling - she did not know how to express it, or really even how to name those feelings - Guess that's hard for us adults sometimes too! But, once again...you have done an eloquent job of describing such a difficult week. Thank you for your courage to share. Wendy Coates

Cheryl Pesi

January 18, 2010, 12:32 AM

I am very happy to hear you are home, Genre! I ran into your mom and dad at basketball before I got a chance to read this. Hope you feel better!!! Daunette, glad everything is going well. You guys are always in my thoughts and prayers!!!! -- Cheryl Pesi

Treasure Bertani

January 18, 2010, 3:30 AM

so very glad to hear that you are all home and that through the storms you continue to praise the Father. and continue to see the blessings in your lives. will keep Genre's emotional well being in our prayers.
huggs and prayers,

kathy gialames

January 18, 2010, 7:12 AM

peace and love to genre and your family, I will continue to pray for you all and your friend. Kathy

Debbie Javor

January 18, 2010, 3:17 PM

Genre and family, it is so awesome what God can do in our lives. HE truly is watching over Genre and giving him the support and comfort he needs. I am so glad that you are all home now and enjoying each others company. I will keep praying for all of you. Love Mrs. Javor

Halle Fritz

January 19, 2010, 3:52 AM

So glad the day was better today! Thinking of you!

Halle

Cindy Weinberg

January 19, 2010, 3:37 PM

Hi Daunette, this is Cindy . I haven't been reading my emails for awhile, just getting caught up. Just learned everything that's been going on with Genre. My heart is with you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers always include Genre and your family every night. I am so sorry that Genre had to go through such a difficult week. I'm trying to find the right words. All I could say is, I know that God is with Genre helping him through it all. Let Genre know, that our family thinks of him as the strongest boy we ever heard of!

I want Genre to also know this story to let him know we never stop thinking about him...

C.J. and his sister make a wish in front of our Christmas tree every year with the Thanksgiving wish bone from our turkey that has dried out. Well this year C.J. got the big half, so he stood there with his eyes closed wishing so hard!! Jay, my husband said, Wow you must have wished for alot of toys. Then C.J. said I can't tell what my wish is , but it's not toys...it's about Genre. C.J. prays every night since he met Genre for him to get well, so I'm sure we can all guess what that wish was. Keep strong take care. God bless you Genre. The Weinberg family

Kathi Horwat

January 19, 2010, 8:44 PM

Once again, Daunette, you and Genre amaze me with your miraculous ability to not only understand what is going on, but take it one step beyond, and help all of us through it as well. Thank you for taking the time to share and educate, so we can remain informed. It is a privilege. I have been staying with my mom, in Latrobe, on the weekends. Hope to see you at Church again soon. Kathi Horwat

1/22/10

January 22, 2010, 6:58 PM

Genre saw the docs on Wednesday for his last appointment and treatment of Delayed Intensification. That means, simply, that all the really hard chemo treatments are now behind him! It's funny that I could ever think that any chemotherapy would be good...but the drugs he will be taking in Maintenance are approximately 1/20 of the amounts he has taken for the last eight months. His brain is healthy and well after eight months of intense treatment! Dr. Sidonio said that they would not expect build up/damage during this part of the treatment. I can so live with that! :)

I have to admit - going to the clinic only once each month is making me a little queasy...While I am so happy for Genre to get back to a more normal routine, once a month seems like a long time between appointments. Somehow, I have developed a comfort in hearing the doctor tell me that Genre's blood looks great each week. Every week, I hear that there are no leukemia cells in Genre's blood or spine. Even though I already feel that truth in my heart, it is comforting to hear the words spoken. Don't get me wrong, I'm going to lay all this fear and worry at God's feet and walk down the path...I'm still a little unsteady about it though. Selfishly.

Genre's ANC is only 100 right now and his platelets are way below where they need to be. He has been having platelet transfusions regularly. His nurse, Connie, was here today to check his platelets. We will know later today if he needs transfused tomorrow. Thank you to all of the people who have so selflessly donated blood and platelets so that Genre can feel well. Prayerfully, Genre will not be needing transfusions at all in a few weeks. He may never need one again!!! Once his ANC reaches 750 and his platelets are high enough, he will start Maintenance. Maintenance is a three month cycle and we go once each month. He has a spinal tap the first two months and 'just' a chemo injection the third month. He will take most of his chemo at home in pill form.

I am going to take this minute to get up on my soap box...Genre has never had to wait for platelets at the clinic because so many of you love him and have donated whole blood or apheresed platelets for him. As a matter of fact the people at the blood bank are just overwhelmed by the outpour of love and help that you have all shown to Genre. However, there are so many children who can not get platelets when they need them. There is always a shortage of platelets. Platelets only have a five day shelf life and they are used to clot your blood. They are the first blood product to die once a

donation has been made. Red blood lasts 42 days. There have been times when Genre would not have received a platelet transfusion if we didn't have directed donations. Genre would have come home and waited for a call to say there were platelets available for him. We would have been sitting here praying that he didn't bleed while he was waiting...

So many of you ask all the time, "What can we do to help?" We have been so blessed and we have not needed any more than we have been given through this. But, I am asking each one of you to consider becoming a regular donor for whole blood or apheresed platelets. It is so important to these pediatric cancer patients (and adults as well). Please consider donating on a regular basis- it really is a matter of life and death. The website is www.centralbloodbank.org To find a donor center near you, go to 'donate blood' and then 'donor center'. Thank you from every mom of every kid with cancer.

Have a wonderfully blessed day!!!!

Messages

Lisa Beam

January 22, 2010, 8:27 PM

Great to hear such good news. Even though the hard stuff is over, we will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.
Love, The Beam Family

Cathy Mashione

January 22, 2010, 9:16 PM

Daunette:

Talked to your mom today and it was so nice. So sorry to hear about Genre and everything else that has happened. Tell the little guy that "Mr. Mushroom" also has a blood problem and gets shots of Procrit every week so they have something in common. Not sure if he even remembers us, but tell him we are sure thinking about him and will be praying for him. Love always

Cathy

Kim Parker

January 22, 2010, 9:18 PM

Thank you for all of your updates. This is such a milestone. We will continue to pray for you and your family. Take good care and God Bless!

The Parker Family

Jacky LaBuff

January 22, 2010, 9:26 PM

So happy to hear all is going so well. God is so good!
Lots of love,
Jacky LaBuff

Molly Kauffman

January 22, 2010, 11:54 PM

We are so happy for your great news. We continue to think of you and your family. Our prayers are with you, molly, john, katelyn, and ella kauffman

Amy Gratton

January 23, 2010, 1:12 AM

GOOD WEEK!

donna weber

January 23, 2010, 3:51 AM

i am so happy for you all LOve Mrs Weber

Kelly Begg

January 23, 2010, 3:06 PM

We are so thrilled to hear how well things are going we will continue to keep you in our prayers
I vow to donate my blood--I don't do this enough.
Kelly Begg and family

carrie Botkin

January 23, 2010, 5:38 PM

Just made my appointment to donate blood. I do as often as I can. We owe this to one another as fellow humans on this earth. And we all

should be donating for all the precious children! I can't imagine my child needing a blood component and it not being available... Yes, I'm with you on your soapbox!!

mimi mcgeary

January 24, 2010, 2:21 AM

We will continue to pray! I know that all of sudden it feels scary--this change. It is strange too; you're so glad to not have to go to the hospital so often but the comfort as you say seems to help. May God give you wisdom and insight to know just what Genre needs and when! He watches over us and loves us and our children more than we can imagine. Thanx for the update!! We are praying! We too have given blood--my husband especially but thanx for the reminder....Love, Mimi for the McGearys

1/22/10

January 23, 2010, 5:11 AM

Genre developed a temp of 101.2 after dinner. With an ANC of 10 - that's an automatic admission. We are in the ER at Children's and on our way up to 9B for a while. He seems to be handling this pretty well. He's not upset at all. I will post to let you know how he is doing and when we expect to go home.

Messages

Joanne Fitz

January 23, 2010, 12:54 PM

Please give him a hug from Mrs. Fitz :)
Love you

Lisa Beam

January 23, 2010, 1:33 PM

Sorry to hear that. We will send you good thoughts.
Love, The Beam Family

Allison Murray

January 23, 2010, 1:53 PM

Hang in there, Gen. We're praying for you!
Love,
Mrs. Murray

Jennifer Calabrese

January 23, 2010, 2:41 PM

Genre,

We're praying for you!

Love,
The Calabrese Family

maureen gratton

January 23, 2010, 3:25 PM

Sorry you had to go to the hospital, Genre. We'll miss you tomorrow. We're praying for all of you.
Love you,
Russ and Maureen

michele weisensee

January 23, 2010, 5:06 PM

Genre,

We are lifting you in prayer today.

Mrs. Weisensee

Randy Wolfe

January 23, 2010, 5:16 PM

I hope you get back home soon. Praying for you today. Thank you so much for the updates Daunette!

Randy Wolfe

anne novotnak

January 23, 2010, 5:28 PM

We are praying for all of you. Hope to see you home soon!

carrie Botkin

January 23, 2010, 5:39 PM

Sorry to hear he's back in Children's. I will be praying for a quick return home!! Also praying he continues to feel well.

angela sipple

January 23, 2010, 8:51 PM

So sorry Genre. We all send our love and prayers. Get home soon.

Brenda Brown

January 23, 2010, 9:14 PM

Daunette,

Let me know if we can come down Sunday.

We are both cold and flu free. I have not even been around anyone coughing.

Grammy B

tammy pavsek

January 24, 2010, 3:14 AM

KEEP YOUR CHIN UP KIDO. YOUR IN OUR PRAYERS WE LUV YA AND SO DOES GOD. THE PAVSEK'S

1/24/10 Sunday morning

January 24, 2010, 2:53 PM

Genre almost made it through the whole day yesterday without a temperature. We were hoping to go home today or tomorrow. Not so. He developed a temperature last night of 101.3. That means they needed to draw cultures from his port again and we wait for 48 more hours to see if anything grows. The significance of the temperature stems from his port. The worry is always infection of the implanted device. If not for the port, they would treat his fevers just like any other child's temperature (unless they lasted three weeks like last time, of course).

The PCT was just in to check his vitals. Everything is 'normal' this morning. Genre has been tired and a little crabby. Mr. Murray came to visit yesterday and Genre wasn't the best play mate. As a matter of fact, he was a little irritable and a bit rude. That's not normal behavior for Genre, especially when one of his two grown up bff's are here. It leads me to believe that there might be something more going on here. This is the best place for him to be until they determine exactly from where the fevers are coming. If they are 'just' neutropenic fevers, that's fine. They'll go away. But, if he's got something else going on inside that body that he can't fight, he needs to be here, not home. His body was designed to warn us when something isn't right, and I've learned, the hard way, to pay attention to it.

By the way, how about this "coincidence"? The Dr. who is on service this weekend is Dr. Jakacki. There are almost twenty oncologists here (including Fellows). Dr. Jakacki just happens to be the neuro-oncologist who studied Genre's MRI last week. I never had a chance to speak with her directly about his scan. I had the chance yesterday! She told me that Genre's brain could not look more normal. She said that it's probably the most normal looking brain of an ALL patient that she's ever seen. She said all vessels are a normal size. She said that there is a normal amount of space between his brain and his skull and that the white matter of his brain looks perfectly normal! Yes! She said to Genre, "It's working just fine...study." I like Dr. Jakacki.

No counts and no docs yet today. When I know something more, I will update. Have a good day!

Messages

Teresa Anania

January 24, 2010, 3:52 PM

My prayers are continuing Daunette. Please give Genre a kiss from all of us.

kathy gialames

January 24, 2010, 4:22 PM

the waiting game continues, please tell genre he is the special person we pray for at family time every night. This is such a long process for you all, I am sure he is just very frustrated and a bit discouraged. Please tell him the road is ruff to get to the ocean. Stay positive, even when your mad we are keeping the thoughts upbeat. Kathy and crew

Susan Valenta

January 24, 2010, 5:25 PM

My prayers are with you. Susan

Kelly Glaser

January 24, 2010, 6:26 PM

I was talking to my mother in law today and she said..."Kelly...I pray for Genre every morning" Even those who don't know your family are consistantly lifting you up in prayer!
In faithful prayer.....Love Kel

maureen gratton

January 24, 2010, 7:01 PM

Hi Genre,

We missed you this morning. I talked to your grandma and she told me you had to stay in the hospital for a couple of days. I'm so sorry you have to stay but remember Jesus is holding you close especially when you go through these difficult days. We are praying for you. We love you.

Russ and Maureen

maria pellis

January 24, 2010, 7:29 PM

Love you honey!

anne novotnak

January 25, 2010, 2:01 AM

You know we are praying for everything to be just fine and I saw Kathy,peter,my mom and Dad and they all send their love and prayers alsways.

Joanne Fitz

January 25, 2010, 3:56 AM

Hi Genre,

I missed your smiling face in KK this morning. We said a special prayer for you today and everyone hopes that the fevers go away and you are back @ church soon.

Love you lots,

Mrs. Fitz :)

Daunette, That is not a "coincidence"...

it's a ;)

God is good!

courtney blair

January 25, 2010, 3:27 PM

Praying for Genre's fever to subside so he can go home to his family and friends. -courtney blair

1/25/10

January 25, 2010, 7:03 PM

No fevers, but Genre's counts have all dropped. They won't break him out of here until the docs see some amount of count recovery. His bone marrow needs to start producing new cells on its own. Dr. Shaw was just here for a visit and said he is expecting Genre's ANC to increase, it's just a matter of when. In other words, we will get to go home when Genre's bone marrow says so...

Mike had Genre in the lounge playing with the Wii Fit today. They raced, did some yoga, and walked on the tight rope. He had a lot of fun. (Remind me about all that exercise when Genre says his legs are sore later in the week!)

He's eating and drinking a lot better today and he isn't crabby at all! :)

We had a nice visit with James and Gionna yesterday. They didn't get to see Genre at all during the last stay because John and James both had

colds. Gionna stayed here all afternoon while James went to his basketball games. She didn't go home until bed time. We made up for all of our missed snuggle time. It was comforting to hear her and Genre complaining to each other about who did what wrong on the Wii Star Wars game!

Genre and I will be hanging out in 930 until further notice. No one will make any changes or decisions until they see his count report tomorrow morning. I will let you know how he is. Thanks for keeping Genre and his recovering bone marrow in your prayers.

Messages

Mary M Russman

January 25, 2010, 7:12 PM

Thank you so much for the updates Daunette. Genre is in our heart and prayers (along with the rest of the family!)

Hugs...

tonya twigg

January 25, 2010, 8:05 PM

stay strong Genre, you'll be home before you know it. me and Miss Harriet will have you more banana bread and muffins as soon as we hear that your home. tonya twigg

Kris Horvath

January 25, 2010, 8:09 PM

Daunette and Genre,

It sounds like you need to rest and relax and take a deep breath. You amaze me with your positive attitude unyielding faith. As always you both are in our daily prayers.

Lots of love

Kris, Hannah, Colby and Troy

anne novotnak

January 25, 2010, 9:43 PM

Hang in there. Hopefully his numbers will go up soon. There is some reason greater than we know that his numbers aren't going up yet. Lots of love and prayers always

maureen gratton

January 25, 2010, 9:58 PM

I'm so glad you are feeling better and your having some fun playing Wii. Those counts mean alot so be patient and keep the germs away. We're praying for you.

Love you,

Russ and Maureen

Jason Watson

January 26, 2010, 12:50 AM

Genre Im missing you duders!!! I cant wait until Im able to come visit you soon!

Ed Gratton

January 26, 2010, 12:54 AM

Hang in there, man. Hope you're doing better soon!

Tammy Fleming

January 26, 2010, 2:24 AM

Daunette, you are all continually in our prayers. What strength you have to hold it all together. God Bless!

Marci Vickers

January 26, 2010, 6:59 PM

Hey neighbor!!! Sorry we can't visit even though we are 2 doors down. What to do w these 2 cute boys- the bone marrow slacker and the infection king. As always you are in our thoughts and prayers. Hope to be set free tonight or in the am. Hope you get your walking papers soon. Hang in there. I know it is tough.. Marci

1/26/10

January 27, 2010, 3:38 AM

Genre's been doing great - but then he spiked a 101.6 fever at 4 am. That's at least another 48 hours of hangin' out at CHP. No other fevers all day long. He still has no ANC and his platelets are in the tank. He'll be getting a platelet transfusion later today. He got a giant bump from the platelets on Wednesday last week. He went from 19,000 up to 128,000 after his transfusion! As those platelets die off his platelet number drops, unless his marrow starts to kick in and make his own.

When Genre was here for 19 days back in September, I met a woman who has a baby boy and he was newly diagnosed with an extremely rare cancer. He was, at that time, the only baby in the world to have it. If you remember, I was busy feeling sorry for Genre and his fever, and then I met her... Her baby's tumor had invaded his hip socket and strangled all important vessels in his leg/hip. There was no chance of shrinking the tumor - no time to do that. They needed to remove his leg. He is here with us now, minus his little leg. He is absolutely adorable and he is learning to walk with a tiny little walker. He is 26 months old now and he has mesenchymal chondrosarcoma. His name is Kristofer.

When I saw his mom last night, we began to talk about his treatment and what his 'plan' is. She's a young mom and she said these words to me: "His cancer will keep coming back. It always does. There hasn't been anyone with this cancer since 1959 who went into remission. There is no remission with this cancer." She wasn't crying nor was she bitter at all. She just gave me the facts. I know one thing FOR SURE from living through pediatric cancer...the doctors don't know all the answers and they can't account for God. The medicine and the doctors are so very important, I get that. There is so much more to this disease than just medicine and doctors though. I just couldn't accept listening to this young mom relay that prognosis and feel like there is no hope for her beautiful baby. . . No one can know that for sure! I asked her if she believed in Jesus. She said yes. I asked her if she really believed that he healed a blind man and if she believed that he raised a man from the dead. She said yes each time and I felt like she was listening for more. We talked for a long while and I got the chance to explain to her that I believe those stories too. For me, I felt like I needed to make the biggest decision of my life when Genre was diagnosed with cancer. I either TRULY believed what I always said I believed, or I did not. It couldn't be both and it was time to stand firm in my decision - whatever it was. I decided that I needed to give my son to God and let him lead me in all things from that point forward. For me, everything fell into place that day. My son is still fighting leukemia. He still gets sick and we still spend long weeks in the hospital. But, we get through it and we get through it with peace and a comfort that only Jesus could provide. My new friend will need to make a decision for herself. If she really believes that Jesus performed all those miracles then she'd have to believe that He can heal her son - if it is part of the plan God has for her child's life. Even if the path isn't smooth and even if the end of the story isn't what we want it to be, there is a point where you just know that you can handle anything as long as you have Jesus with you. At some point you look around and you realize that you've already handled all these things that have been thrown at you. There is only one answer because you didn't do it on your own! Suddenly, what you thought would be your worst nightmare wasn't. You look back and you realize that it was only your worst nightmare because God wasn't in your dream. You were alone through it. I am not alone. As the young mom wiped her tears, she shook her head "yes". I don't know that she will fully trust in Jesus just because we talked for a while, but she might think about it.

None of that really hit me last night because I didn't have much time to think about our conversation. Genre wanted popcorn and he wanted to watch a movie together. This morning, after a lot of thought, I realized just how blessed I was to experience that woman. For her to share her son's story with me touches my heart in a way I can not describe. Instead of feeling sorrow for her and Kristofer, God has allowed me to look at him and see an amazing little boy with such a story to share. He has the strength to learn to walk without a leg at two years old! Imagine what God could have in store for him throughout his life! I was truly blessed to have met the both of them.

I hope I allowed the words that God wanted to come out of my mouth to fall on this mom's ears. Although I want to shout from the roof tops about what God has done for us, I never feel like I should be the one telling the story. Me? How can that be? I just continually pray that I don't say something or type something that doesn't fall in line with what He wants me to be thinking or saying. I worry about disappointing Him. He does so much for my family and for me personally. Every day. We owe Him everything and I want to do my best to handle this disease with courage and grace. I want to let others know that they can get through this with Him, but I want to make sure that all the honor and all the glory goes to Him.

Thank you for keeping Genre in prayer. He is feeling well while he waits for his bone marrow to recover.

Messages

kathy gialames

January 27, 2010, 7:17 AM

how does one send such a special family all the love and prayer they deserve. We try every day!! You have answered your own questions about your love and relationship with god. At a time like this do not question yourself just believe. He will always be there for you, when your relationship is strong and firm and when it is weary and lost. God will offer all the praise and glory you need! Stay positive and relax, you are in good hands.
Best Kathy

maria pellis

January 27, 2010, 1:46 PM

You are doing exactly what HE wants you to do!!! Better than anyone I truly have ever known...I love you guys soooooooooooooo much, Ree

Becky Cox

January 27, 2010, 1:58 PM

Daunette,

We will not only join in prayer for Genre, but will also pray for Kristofer and his mom.

Daunette, I so often find myself encouraged by the updates I read, Not just because of what God has done to heal Genre's body, but because of the spiritual truths you have so openly shared. It takes courage to share so openly what God is teaching you, and I thank you for being so open. But more importantly, I'm sure God is not disappointed with you - the words you write certainly make me give praise and honor to God, as I'm sure others do as well. You have touched many lives with God's love, and are doing your best to serve God with the life He has chosen

for you. Thank you for sharing and serving so we can all praise God together for what He has done.

Becky

Debbie Javor

January 27, 2010, 2:37 PM

Daunette what a great opportunity you had to share your faith with someone else, and really show the other person how God works in Genre and your life. You truly have the trust that we all need in our daily walk with God. Thank You for sharing. Genre keep hanging in there God's healing hand is upon you. Love Mrs. Javoe

Amy Gratton

January 27, 2010, 3:11 PM

Love you

Neil Jones

January 27, 2010, 5:12 PM

In and with God, all things are possible. You have seen that, experienced it and you were there at CHP at this time for a reason. Although we do not know what his plan is, he works it with us and through us. Your words have possibly helped another family learn the power of true healing.

anne novotnak

January 27, 2010, 7:30 PM

How else do you think God's word gets spread. It's by one story at a time by a person just like you and me and we need to believe that just as much as we need to have faith in him. We need to be his voice. You have done that by speaking to her and even if she has only heard part of what you have said it's enough!!! We need to remember to do more of what you did and not be afraid to speak his word and what we believe. You are doing that. We love you and are praying for you all and love you every inute of everyday.

Dawn Krevokuch

January 27, 2010, 7:40 PM

What an amazing story Genre and Kristofer have. Thank you for sharing your story and HIS word everyday with us. You are amazing and we all have learned so much from you from this experience. Thank you.

As always my prayers are with Genre and your family. Godwinks are everywhere.

wendy coates

January 27, 2010, 11:14 PM

Genre - Praying you will be back home soon! Big time congratulations on finishing that big phase!!!
Daunette - How awesome that you were able to share your faith with her. God's timing is perfectly wonderful!
Wendy Coates

Kristie Deemer

January 27, 2010, 11:42 PM

It always touches us when we get to see just how God can use something as terrible as cancer to pull people closer to him. Thank you for continuing to share these stories with us so that we may all be pulled closer, too.

And Genre-- start thinking happy bone marrow thoughts! Put down the Wii and concentrate on making cells!! We'll be praying for you!

Much love,
The Deemers

Shirley Stahl

January 28, 2010, 1:19 PM

I am praying for you guys. I can't agree with you more-especially now that I am in your position. The calm that I feel despite the hurricane going on around me is only from God. I thank Him for loving me, I thank Him for loving you and your family. I thank Him for everyday I have. You're wonderful Daunette and Genre is so special. Thank you for being my friend.

mimi mcgeary

February 12, 2010, 9:30 PM

Though we are a couple of weeks late; we rejoice with you that God walks with His people through valleys as well as the mountaintops. May God continue to sustain and keep you all!! Our prayers too go out to this young mom and her little one. May we all continually lay our loved ones in the hands of the One Who loves them most of all!! Thank you for your faith and encouraging words; they are of the Lord. Love and

1/28/10

January 28, 2010, 3:31 PM

The doctors were just in and they are so pleased with the way Genre is looking/feeling/eating/drinking, etc... Thankfully, he has not had a fever in over 48 hours. He still has no ANC but his blood report showed 12% monocytes today!!! That's indicative of an increased ANC SOON!!! With no fever and an ANC on the way up, Genre will be out of here by Saturday afternoon at the latest!!

Thank you for your prayers...please keep praying for a bone marrow that's healing!!! Please lift up all these 9B cancer kids and their families in your prayers. I will post tomorrow morning to let you know what his labs say. Have a wonderful day!! :)

Messages

angela sipple

January 28, 2010, 3:59 PM

Great. Can't wait to hear you're home again.

maureen gratton

January 28, 2010, 4:07 PM

Praise God. That's GREAT news. Play some games today and we'll be praying for you and all your dear friends on the floor. We love you, Russ and Maureen

anne novotnak

January 28, 2010, 5:13 PM

We're praying for him always. We will keep them all in our prayers. Thank-you for your updates. Soon you guys will be home YEA!!!!

Marci Vickers

January 28, 2010, 6:49 PM

Yeah!!!!!! Way to multiply!!!!

Sandy Krivansky

January 28, 2010, 7:29 PM

Thinking of you! Love, The Krivansky's

maria pellis

January 28, 2010, 7:31 PM

:~)

susie condrasky

January 28, 2010, 7:32 PM

We are always thinking about you and praying for you. Keep your chin up!!! The end is near!
The Condraskys

donna weber

January 29, 2010, 1:36 AM

Thinking of you all continued prayers

Karen Leece (Baker)

January 29, 2010, 2:06 AM

That's great news!! I'm looking forward to all the good news you are going to have in the future. Always praying for you and your family Genre, and all the other kids and their families. Do your best and God will do the rest!

1/29/10

January 29, 2010, 5:51 PM

Genre is coming home this afternoon! His ANC is 60 and Dr. T feels like he is well on his way to bone marrow recovery. Thank God.

We will miss the nurses here very much, but not enough to stay. :) As I have said many times before, they truly are God's hands and feet here on the 9th floor. I have no words to explain the love and compassion they show these children. It is just something that you have to experience to understand, and I wish that experience on none of you. Thank you so much to all of the nurses who read this. Please relay our love and respect to our mutual friends, if you would.

No clinic this coming week. He returns two weeks from now. Maintenance treatment starts when his ANC is 750 and platelets are 75,000 without transfusion.

Thank you for keeping Genre in prayer. I would ask that you continue to pray for his well being through the rest of cold/flu season, and also for a healthy bone marrow recovery. We met a new friend last night who was just diagnosed with leukemia. Nick is 15 and scared, as are his mom and dad. They are faithful yet terrified, and they need our prayers.

Another happy note - Genre's Kids with Cancer Fund golf outing will be held on June 14th at Edgewood Country Club! We've already met lots of kids who could use our help and we've had so many people join in our cause. We have been blessed to have people volunteer to help both financially and through their service. We are looking for more photographers, golf facilities/pros for lessons, donations for a silent auction, printers, and donations for chinese raffle baskets. If you are interested in volunteering or donating in any way, please get in touch on our contact form at www.genreskidswithcancerfund.com or email Laura at ljshook11@hotmail.com. More information to come next month...

Messages

Danielle Sullenberger

January 29, 2010, 6:10 PM

Will you be printing flyers or something to pass out? If so I would love to help pass them out! Both mine and Tom's parents could at least display them at their places of work as can Tom. Just a suggestion :-)

Allison Murray

January 29, 2010, 6:38 PM

We are so happy for you!!! It will be great to be back with your WHOLE family!

See you soon!

Love,
Mrs. Murray

anne novotnak

January 29, 2010, 6:51 PM

Yea Yea Yea!!! Can't wait to see you all at home. I'll bringing Donuts and A Latta next week. Love you and Praying for you always.

Jennifer Calabrese

January 29, 2010, 7:16 PM

Genre,

We're happy to hear you're coming home! Have a nice weekend with your family:)

Love,
Mrs. Calabrese

wendy coates

January 29, 2010, 7:20 PM

Glad you are coming home Genre!!!!
Wendy Coates

Janet Allan

January 29, 2010, 7:47 PM

Praise God!

I am so happy for the whole family! But I won't stop praying for all of you!

Love,
Mrs.Allan

maureen gratton

January 29, 2010, 8:07 PM

We're so happy to hear such wonderful news today. We're so happy you get to go home, sleep in your own bed and be with your family. We'll

keep Nick and his family in our prayers. Enjoy your weekend.
We love you,
Russ and Maureen

maria pellis

January 29, 2010, 9:28 PM

Hip hip hooray!!!

Becky Sharp

January 29, 2010, 11:39 PM

That is the BEST news!!! We'll keep the prayers coming!

Love,
Becky, Taylor & AJ

kathy gialames

January 30, 2010, 8:28 AM

I can see the spirit and faith in yours words. They are full of joy and hope. I know it is the joy and hope you have had all along but it is shining through in this posting. I am teary eyed no over sadness but joy for you all. This are the best tears I have had in quite a while for your family. Thank god for the love and kindness he shows us. god bless and stay strong Genre! Go home and love your family!

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Johna Resnik

January 30, 2010, 3:49 PM

God is good! Great news! Always in our prayers! Love, Johna, Jaison, Austin and Saydee Resnik

Sandra Sims

January 30, 2010, 7:28 PM

So glad you are going home. Keep up the good work. WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR FRIENDS AT THE HOSPITAL. LOVE FROM THE SIMS TYLER AND NICHOLAS GRANDPARENTS

Nalene Fleming

January 31, 2010, 12:32 AM

AMEN -- regarding your description of these nurses. What a blessing they are -- not only to these precious children, but to us, their parents and families, as well! We thank God for them every day!

We are thrilled that Genre got to go home. If we had known you were in this week, I'd have tried to look you up and introduce myself. My daughter Anna is in 937 (since Dec. 14th) for a bone marrow transplant. We're getting closer and closer to a "leave date," though it will simply be a move to Ronald McDonald House for a time. We're too far away to go home for good yet.

However, meeting other believing families on the floor continues to be a source of great encouragement for us. Heather (Katie's Mom) told us about your website. We've enjoyed reading about God's grace in your journey as a family. We praise Him that He is receiving glory and honor through your witness and the faithful witness of other families here.

Keep up the great work, Genre! You have a real mission field around you here on 9B. May God use your (and your family's) witness here to draw many to Himself.

Soli Deo Gloria! Nalene Fleming

Feb. 2nd

February 2, 2010, 2:51 PM

I just got a call from Bev at the clinic. Genre's labs came back and his ANC was 280! He's got 24% monocytes, which is a really good thing! Neither his platelets nor his red blood cells have dropped so no transfusion!!! His bone marrow is working and recovering! Thanking God for a beautiful day and great labs!!

Messages

jill carr

February 2, 2010, 3:04 PM

Awesome news Genre! Enjoy your day today. I got to see your mom, dad and James last night at the basketball game- James did a great job helping his team win a good game. Tell him Good Luck on the rest of the playoffs!

Jill

Kelley Skoloda

February 2, 2010, 3:16 PM

so good to hear! Have a great day.

Tammy Andrew

February 2, 2010, 3:25 PM

Great news! Continuing to think of you and pray!

"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him..." (Psalm 34:8)

Love, The Andrew Crew

Jennifer Calabrese

February 2, 2010, 3:34 PM

That's great news!!! Have a wonderful day!

Tracy Nagy

February 2, 2010, 3:58 PM

Hey Genre...Way to go..I guess you might be eating at Bob Evan's with Nana and me on Sunday morning.. Have a great day and hope Gionna is feeling better.

Joelle Wilds

February 2, 2010, 4:25 PM

Great news! Will continue to pray for all of you.

Jean Halza

February 2, 2010, 4:38 PM

Yahoo! Thank God! Jean H.

Marci Vickers

February 2, 2010, 4:41 PM

Yeah for Genre!!!!!! Keeping you all in our prayers.

Shirley Stahl

February 2, 2010, 4:53 PM

Amen!

Dawn Capecci

February 2, 2010, 5:03 PM

Thank God. Keeping you in prayers. Miss Dawn (Mrs. Weber's daughter)

Kelly Glaser

February 2, 2010, 5:06 PM

SUCH WONDERFUL NEWS! LOTS OF PRAISE TO GOD! Continue to lift you up in prayer!

Kim Wingard

February 2, 2010, 6:15 PM

PRAISE GOD! Have a great day Donna, Genre and the rest of the Baker family!!! Keeping you in our prayers.

Debbie Javor

February 2, 2010, 6:36 PM

That is great news. With God's power he will be restored. Thanks Donna for sharing your thoughts with all of us it means so much to see how God is working Genre it was great to see you at church last Sunday. Love Mrs. Javor

Joanne Fitz

February 2, 2010, 6:41 PM

Yeah to Genre's bone marrow & Praises to God!!!!

anne novotnak

February 2, 2010, 6:46 PM

Yea what a happy day. Of course everyday out of the hospital and feeling good is a day to rejoice. Glad to see everything is going well. Lots of prayers and love always!!!!

Allison Murray

February 2, 2010, 6:56 PM

WOW! What great news!!!

So happy for you all!

Love,

Allison

Ed Gratton

February 2, 2010, 6:59 PM

Awesome.

Karen Leece (Baker)

February 2, 2010, 7:11 PM

That is great!! I love hearing your good news, makes my day!! I'll keep prayin for ya.

Johna Resnik

February 2, 2010, 8:25 PM

GOD IS GOOD!!!!

we'll keep praying!

Johna Resnik

Janet Allan

February 2, 2010, 9:18 PM

Praise God!

What a joy to hear today. I'm singing and dancing in the house!

Love you all,

Mrs. Allan

maria pellis

February 2, 2010, 9:48 PM

Congratulations my loves! :)

donna weber

February 3, 2010, 1:07 AM

yeah!!!! What good news Go Genre!!

wendy coates

February 3, 2010, 2:07 AM

Very awesome! We serve a great God!
Wendy Coates

michele weisensee

February 3, 2010, 12:01 PM

Fantastic!!! Praise God! We are excited to hear the news!!

Michele Weisensee

2/19/10

February 20, 2010, 3:44 AM

I just wanted to let you all know that Genre began his maintenance therapy phase this past Wednesday (2/17). We were delayed last week because of the snow. It was okay - if you need to delay for any reason, it's best to do it in between phases. It's hard to believe that we have almost nine months behind us. Wow...in some ways it seems like it was just this morning that they told us he had leukemia. On the other hand, it seems like we've been dealing with cancer for so long. It's similar to how you feel as a mom. I can remember the birth of each of our babies as if it just happened. Yet, it seems like all three of the children have been with us always. I'm sure you moms all know what I mean :)

Genre was willing and happy to go to the clinic appointment because he knows that during maintenance he'll only be going to the hospital once each month. Maintenance will last for the next two years, eight months - until September 30, 2012. It is broken into three month cycles. Genre gets a spinal tap the first month and the second month. There is no tap during the third month, 'just' a chemo infusion. Then we start again for another three month cycle. This phase means so much less clinic time, but it is so much more chemo at home. Some days Genre has to take up to sixteen pills throughout the day!! The little guy is so cooperative about it. He even knows what each pill looks like and what he needs to do to prevent the side effects. (ie: drink a lot of water to prevent kidney stones) He has been so great throughout this whole illness. He really has done whatever he could to stay positive, for the most part.

Normally, during a spinal tap I stay in front of Genre and lean over him to whisper prayer in his ear. He is usually very heavily sedated and has a hard time talking. One time, he was able to pull my hands toward him so that I would come closer, and he motioned for me to pray. He always wants me to pray during his procedures. This time was different. This time he pulled my hands down and pulled me closer to him. I bent forward and whispered into his ear, "Are you ready for me to pray?" He shook his head no. He said "Me." Genre wanted to pray. As I listened to my son slowly and quietly pray, "Dear God please let my spinal tap go well and let my spinal fluid be good. Please let Whitney do a good job on my spinal tap and please make me not be afraid...", I was so overwhelmed. My son, during his weakest and most vulnerable moment, knew to go to God. I found myself chuckling ...smiling from ear to ear! This dear little thing is so sure, even when he is the most afraid. He has taught me so much throughout this cancer journey without even knowing it... and I am so thankful .

Thank you for always keeping Genre in your prayers. Will you please continue to pray for him as he moves through maintenance? Prayerfully, there will be only a few bumps in the road. Also, please keep all of the 9B kids at Children's Hospital in your prayers - there are so many of them.

Messages

Bruce Nosse

February 20, 2010, 4:18 AM

I pray for him every night. He is so brave.

Lisa Beam

February 20, 2010, 12:45 PM

Reading your updates really reminds me to brush off the small things in life and remember the important things, like family. Nothing else matters. Being healthy is not to be taken lightly b/c it is not always like that and I do remember that almost every night when Aiden goes to bed, I remember those days and am very thankful for today. Thinking and praying for you all.

The Beam Family

donna weber

February 20, 2010, 12:52 PM

Thank you for the continued updates. I am always so impressed with all of you and your faith. I will continue to pray for Genre and all the children. Love Mrs Weber

Kelly Glaser

February 20, 2010, 1:12 PM

In tears..with praise in my heart! Always faithful in prayer,
Kelly

maria pellis

February 20, 2010, 1:12 PM

Genre has added so much to all our lives these past 9 months, he is my hero!

Tammy Sisti

February 20, 2010, 4:03 PM

Once again, I shed tears in response to your faith. You are an amazing child! As always, you and your family are in my prayers as are all the kids on 9B. Tammy

Deanne Harrison

February 20, 2010, 4:18 PM

We're praying for Genre. Hope his spinal tap went well.
Deanne from NAC

susie condrasky

February 20, 2010, 6:07 PM

We are so thankful to hear that the Maintenance phase has started. Before you know it, this phase will also be a part of your past.....we are praying for smooth sailing!
Love to all of you,
The Condraskys

Sue McGuire

February 21, 2010, 2:53 PM

Well, that definitely brought tears. What an awesome kid you are, Genre! Your faith is an inspiration to all of us. Praying that all your tests and treatments continue to go well!

Janice Wilson

February 22, 2010, 2:08 PM

God is holding you all so close and it must really warm His heart to see that Genre has no doubt in his mind about that. And he learned that from you. Lifting you all up in prayer...

Genre's Kids With Cancer Fund

February 20, 2010, 3:48 AM

I apologize for two updates in one night. This update isn't about Genre's health, it's about Genre's Kids With Cancer Fund. Thanks to some very special people who were willing to step out in faith and make this charity a reality, we delivered our first round of electronics to the oncology floor yesterday!! Thank you to the families who have started this giant wheel in motion. Every day something happens to let us know that we are doing what we are meant to do. Things happen out of the blue, people help without being asked, or things just come together when they shouldn't ...every day. This is good.

We delivered Nintendo DS gaming systems, DS games, Leapster systems, Leapster games, and many different baby electronic games! It was so awesome, and I am so thankful that we could begin this very important outreach to help kids dealing with pediatric cancer. These children spend countless hours in treatments/transfusions and the games help them pass the time. I watch Genre escape reality for just a little while when we are at the hospital for five and six hours each week, not to mention those times when he is admitted for days at a time. The game help so much.

So many other good things have happened. We've been blessed to have several photographers join our team. Each one has volunteered their time to photograph these cancer kids and to assure that their parents have beautiful pictures to look at every day. So many people in the golf industry have stepped up to work with these children also. We have even had several families volunteer to mentor new families walking the cancer path. So many awesome things are happening. Please take a look at our website www.genreskidswithcancerfund.com frequently to see what's new. It's almost done and I try to update it as things change.

We can always use more people to help with photography, golf, and mentoring. Some of you have already volunteered to help us in one area or another . We thank you for that. Please don't think I've forgotten you if I haven't been in touch yet. You will be hearing from me soon. Things have just been a little crazy with the holidays and then Genre being in the hospital most of January.

Recently, we were contacted to provide financial assistance for the first time. There is a young family who is struggling and they have a long distance to drive for childcare of a younger sibling. Thank God we had a mutual acquaintance and we were put in contact with each other. That's how this is going to work. I am praying that people will just want to help others, and we will see people coming to us to let us know that someone is in need.

As you may already know, our first scheduled fund raising event is a golf outing at Edgewood Country Club on June 14th. I have received so many emails from people asking how they can help. I am going to try to give you all a few ideas about helping in this update because I don't have any other way to reach you all at one time.

There are several ways you could help us:

1. We need volunteers who are willing to do fundraising for the event. This means actually getting sponsors for the event and/or getting money or merchandise donations. We have lists of places that we'd like to go to ask for donations. We also have letters and everything you would need to do this. It would not be your responsibility to plan or organize. We just need help actually going to the businesses.

2. Maybe you know, or you are, a business owner who would like to sponsor the event, be a tee sponsor, or donate a gift certificate or some

merchandise. This would all be very much appreciated! Just get in touch with Laura or me and we will give you all the details!!

3. We will need a lot of soda/water/Gatorade for the event. We will also need individually packaged snacks and/or protein bars. If you are willing to donate any of these items, we would appreciate it very much. Starting March 1st you can drop these items off at Norwin Christian Church if that is convenient for you. You can put them in the foyer under the sign marked Genre's Kids with Cancer Fund. You can also contact me to drop off at my house, if you know where we live and that works better for you. My email is jbaker9501@comcast.net. Laura Shuchert has also volunteered to be a drop off. She lives next to Kerber's on Guffey Road. Her email is ljshook11@hotmail.com.

4. We need to fill up the golf course! Flyers are being printed as I type. If you love to golf and you love a good cause – this is the event for you!! The day will include a continental breakfast, a boxed lunch and a delicious dinner! You will also have the chance to meet many of the amazing kids that this organization is trying to help.

5. We would like one of our larger auction items to be a backyard barbecue party for 20-30. We were hoping to include a grill, propane tank, grill accessories, cover, lawn chairs, backyard games, all the food and drinks to go with this, (like 20 lbs of ribs, 20 lbs of hamburger, etc..) and anything else you can come up with. Patio furniture would be great. How about a pool? Ok - I'm joking, but not really if you want to donate one!! If you, or anyone you know, can help with this, we'd appreciate it!

6. Finally, any other large auction items that you can help us with would be such a giant contribution! We are hoping for things like signed NFL/NHL items and/or tickets to auction off. College tickets and merchandise is always a big hit. Weekend get aways and/or trips would also bring in a lot of donations in an auction. Donated foursomes to various golf courses would be a big attraction. If you know anyone affiliated with the cultural district, that would be a big help too. Tickets to shows could be paired with dinners and/or hotel stays. Hotels, resorts, and restaurants are all such important fund raising items for this type of event.

Whatever you can do to help – we need it and APPRECIATE IT!!!

Thank you for taking the time to read this. We are really are on our way to beginning this mission ~ to assist families living through childhood cancer in any way we can, emotionally, financially and spiritually.

Thank you to all of you for continuing to read Genre's carepage and for caring about this family so much.

Daunette

Messages

maria pellis

February 20, 2010, 1:17 PM

Sound like a plan is falling into place!!!!!! I can help Laura in the back and forth with Tom, just let me know what she needs from him! love ya, Ree

Amy Gratton

February 20, 2010, 2:13 PM

UNBELIEVABLE

kevin manko

February 20, 2010, 2:27 PM

I will talk to my cousin at Practice Tee in Jefferson.

Joanne Fitz

February 20, 2010, 11:27 PM

You can add my mom to your list of photographers :)

Kelley Skoloda

February 22, 2010, 4:33 PM

Daunette -- we'll donate four, box seat Pirate tickets for a prize or auction item.

Shirley Stahl

February 22, 2010, 6:15 PM

Daunette my practice will sponsor a t

Shirley

Error with Carepages

February 20, 2010, 2:30 PM

Good morning. Apparently Carepages had a problem sending out the updates I posted last night. I posted two separate updates at one time ...just

Janet Allan

February 25, 2010, 2:09 PM

What a wonderful story!

The little insights to your daily life is entertaining and enlightening. Genre is a very special boy and has great deeds ahead of him. Won't it be a wonderful life full of surprises as to what God can do. You get to see first hand His miracles unfold. And won't they be even more special after all your family has gone through.

You can be sure your family's life will never be boring. But, why should that surprise us when God has never been boring!

All my love to the whole family!

Mrs. Allan

maureen gratton

February 25, 2010, 2:42 PM

I'm so glad you are feeling so good and are able to do some fun things. God is using you to touch so many lives. I am so in awe of how God brings people in and out of our lives in a carefully orchestrated way. Thank you for the love you have spread to so many. We're praying for all of you.

Love you bunches,

Maureen

Debbie Javor

February 25, 2010, 2:59 PM

I am so glad that you are able to enjoy your life again Genre. You never know what God has planned to put people into our lives for whatever reason. What a blessing you all are to us. Love Mrs. Javor

Amy Gratton

February 26, 2010, 2:03 AM

A Good Day...

Sue McGuire

February 26, 2010, 2:11 PM

Definitely humbling... it brings a great feeling of awe, wonder and joy to know that He is in control of every detail like that!

So glad you're feeling so well, Genre! Keep on getting strong, you're gonna have a good summer!

Brenda Brown

February 28, 2010, 9:25 PM

Hi Sweetie,

Pappy Freddy and I are so happy that you are feeling so good. We noticed at my birthday dinner how perfect you looked. Keep on believing and knowing you are getting better.

Will be seeing you soon. Sorry I missed church today, but I had an appointment and took Pappy Freddy with me in case the weather got bad.

Pappy said he would come to church without me, so how about inviting him to go with you sometime.

Love,

Grammy B

Lois Johnson

March 21, 2010, 12:24 PM

Just wanted to say hello and tell you we are excited about the golf outing and the Footsteps of Faith 5K! Hope you have a good day!

Daunette Baker

March 24, 2010, 1:12 AM

Awsum mom. good job writing

3/23/10

March 24, 2010, 2:59 AM

Hello!

I can't believe that it's been over a month since I have posted about Genre. I'm sorry that I haven't updated. A friend said "I know Genre must be doing well...no carepage update!" You know, that really hit me hard. I got to thinking...I came to all of you in the darkest moments of my life. I have used this carepage as therapy to work through all the new words and procedures I learned about; to rehash the miraculous things that have happened; to think through all the decisions we made; and to pour out my heart when I just couldn't talk anymore. Now, Genre has moved into maintenance therapy and I have been so busy trying to 'get life back to normal' that I forgot to let you all know that Genre is well. I apologize. Thank you for being a support system through the toughest days. Thank you for allowing me to yell, cry or vent when I needed to. I realize that, although this cancer has become second nature to us, it does not feel that way to all of you. Genre is still in treatment for cancer. I realize that you would like to know how he is doing and I will pay more attention to posting on a regular basis.

As you know, Genre began maintenance therapy in February. He started therapy with a spinal tap/chemo infusion. He felt well and did not have a spinal headache after the procedure. They did give him caffeine, but at a much smaller dose and he was fine. The next week he was scheduled to take oral methotrexate. The methotrexate is the drug that Genre was only able to take two of the five treatments. It knocked his counts down too low. The oral methotrexate is at a much lower dose and they say it doesn't affect the kids the way the IV methotrexate does. Not so with Genre. The oral dose knocked him down way below 500. The docs want his numbers to linger up around 1000. The docs stopped all of Genre's oral medicine until his numbers come back up. He hasn't had any medicine since about March 3rd. We went to the clinic this past Wednesday for his second spinal tap in this series. His ANC was still only around 500. I'm taking him for a blood draw tomorrow to see where he is one week later. If his numbers are high enough, they'll cut the last dose of methotrexate in half and then test him again in 7-10 days. We will keep doing this until they find a dose that works. It's just a matter of figuring out what works for him.

Beyond all that medicine talk...Genre feels GREAT! He is up to 76 pounds and he grew one inch! His hair almost looks like a crew cut!! He is back on a regular school schedule and he complains when it's hot outside because he doesn't want to be stuck in the house. I'll take that type of complaining! He has been playing outside and taking golf lessons every week with James, Jake and Jordan! He loves it! His coach Kirk is so wonderful with him and he is very understanding of Genre's physical limitations. I have even more good news...Dr. Shaw said Genre can play baseball! Genre almost went through the roof when we told him! Genre's coach from last year (Coach CJ), is going to have Genre on his team again this year. CJ understands Genre's illness and knows that Genre may get tired and have to stop half way through a practice or an inning in a game. He's a wonderful person and so willing to help Genre. He really cares about him. I should also mention that the PAL organization has been beyond helpful in accommodating Genre's first step back from being 'a sick kid'. We are so very thankful for the support. As a matter of fact, the support that we have gotten from the Norwin Basketball Assoc., NCAA Girls Basketball, NCAA, and the Norwin Aqua Club has gone beyond anything a family living in this area could have hoped for. We live in a compassionate and conscientious community. It's not something you truly realize until you are faced with an obstacle such as childhood cancer.

Since I started talking about how thankful we are that we live in such a wonderful community, I have so many more thanks....Thank you to all who have helped Genre...not just in his return to playing sports, but also in Kid's Kingdom at church, in his Sunday school class, or at our homeschool coop. You have all been so careful through the winter, helping us to keep Genre well. Thank you for the emails and phone calls telling me that your kids were sneezing and I should keep Genre away. Thank you for teaching your kids to sneeze into their sleeves, and for all the giant bottles of hand sanitizer everywhere we go. Thank you so much to all the people who walk in our house and immediately take off their shoes and go to the sink to wash their hands....all of this has gotten us through the winter safely. I also need to say thank you to my mom and all my girls. You know who you are and you know that we couldn't have made it through the last ten months without you. Kristie and Gaylene, what would James and Gionna have done without you? There are so many more people to thank...especially those who have rolled up their sleeves and given a part of themselves to make Genre well. Thank you to all of Genre's special friends. Thank you for your prayers, and your well wishes. Cards continue to come for Genre regularly. People continue to write on the carepages and sometimes a package even shows up for Genre to open. Thankyou for all of that. You are all so very much appreciated.

Genre goes back to the clinic on April 14th. He'll have a big adjustment at that time because his friend and nurse, Kristen, will be gone on maternity leave. We have grown to love Kristen very much and we wish her and her family the best as they add another little blue bundle of joy to their home. We'll miss you, Kristen!

I promise to keep you updated. Please continue to keep Genre in your prayers, along with all of the other children on 9B who so desperately need our prayers.

September, 2012 doesn't seem that far away anymore...after coming this far, I know we'll get there!

Messages

Amy Gratton

March 24, 2010, 12:40 PM

How much you all have changed our lives...how much you have changed hundreds of lives...loving you all.

beckie wiltrek

March 24, 2010, 2:30 PM

Thanks for the wonderful update, we are so glad thate Genre is doing so great. We are still praying that all goes well when you have to attend the clinic and the Genre is able to play ball and have a great time with his friends.

Cindy Weinberg

March 24, 2010, 3:12 PM

Hi Genre, It's your friend C.J. Weinberg. Glad to here you're feeling good!! I'll be playing for pal also, maybe we'll see ya someday. Always in our prayers. Take care, The Weinbergs

wendy coates

March 24, 2010, 3:38 PM

Daunette,

We are so thankful Genre is doing so well. I noticed his hair on Sunday and smiled a big smile! Thank you for including all of us in your journey through your wonderful posts! And, I think it is okay if you don't post very often. We're glad that means life is getting back to more of a normalcy.

Wendy Coates

Coleen Queen

March 24, 2010, 4:47 PM

We're glad to hear you are doing so well. We're also very happy to hear you can play baseball this year -- we all know how much that means to you. Tanner is excited to be on your team this year! Can't wait to see you guys at the fields!

The Queen Family

Neil Jones

March 24, 2010, 4:48 PM

I knew no news was good news but you gave us absolutely great news!! I keep passing along how Genre is doing to the swimmers when they ask. We can't wait to see him get wet again! As always, you all are in my prayers.

Coach Jones

Marci Vickers

March 24, 2010, 6:49 PM

Yea for maintenance. Always in our thoughts and prayers. Marci and Connor V

maureen gratton

March 24, 2010, 8:17 PM

Thank you for sharing your journey with us. You are such an inspiration. We will continue to pray for Genre, Ethan and all the precious children battling cancer. Thank you for sharing your hope in Jesus with them.

We love you,

Russ and Maureen

Laura Kochasic

March 24, 2010, 8:24 PM

The Kochasic family is still praying!! I am so glad all is well!

Kim Parker

March 24, 2010, 9:12 PM

Thanks so much for the update. It is so wonderful to hear such good news. We will continue to keep you all in our prayers.

God Bless!

Kim, Mark and Katie

Daunette Baker

March 24, 2010, 10:55 PM

good job good job I love you, mom. from Genre

Daunette Baker

March 24, 2010, 11:02 PM

hi genre john baker hi good job mom hi genre love you from gionna

Brenda Brown

March 25, 2010, 1:42 PM

Hi Sweetie,

Grammy B & Pappy Freddy are so happy you are doing so well. Everyone is always asking me how you are doing, and I am so pleased to tell them that you are doing extremely well. You are such an amazement to me, and I know your faith in God and your family have a lot to do with it.

Will be seeing you tonight.

Huge Hugs and Kisses,

Pappy Freddy, Grammy B, & Skyepuppy

Debbie Javor

March 25, 2010, 3:00 PM

Daunette, thank you for sharing all of your feelings, thoughts, low times, high times. You truly are a blessing to us all that know you. So, amazing what God can do in each one of our lives if we just let HIM in. Thank you for being such a disciple to others too. Love Deb Javor

Lois Johnson

March 25, 2010, 8:33 PM

Good to hear he is doing so well! Praying for good health to continue!

Aaron McGee

March 26, 2010, 11:26 PM

Glad to hear Genre is doing well!

regards

Aaron McGee

Jeanette Navarro

March 30, 2010, 3:30 AM

Daunette - -this is the best news ever...So happy for all of you - love Jeanette

4/21/10

April 22, 2010, 3:45 AM

Hello! Genre went to the oncology clinic last Wednesday for his April visit. No spinal. He hadn't been taking any oral chemo since the end of February. The initial oral dose of methotrexate knocked his ANC down to around 100 – again! Dr. Shaw discontinued all of his chemo throughout March. When we went to the clinic last Wed., his ANC was still only 700 but Dr. Shaw felt he should start back on the oral methotrexate. The docs were a little concerned that it had been around six weeks since Genre had any drugs. They cut the dose of the methotrexate in half. Instead of taking eight pills once a week, he takes four. Today was one week since clinic. I took him for a blood draw. His ANC was up to 2,900. Yes, two thousand nine hundred! That's TOO high! LOL Dr. Shaw would like his number to stay around 1000. I'm sure he'll be adjusting the methotrexate again....

In a little more than one month, it will be one year since Genre was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. A whole year...on one hand the time has just flown by - I can remember Dr. Sidonio telling us about the leukemia like it happened this morning. But on the other hand, it feels like we've been dealing with cancer for so long! Some days are harder than others. When I let my brain AND my heart go back to the night when Dr. Sidonio first said 'leukemia', I can sometimes feel physically ill. Physically ill. Just for a moment, but physically ill. I think it's more the trauma of reliving that moment than it is the actual illness. That one, single, horrifying moment...it was worse than anything. It just seems unreal to me that Genre has been fighting the biggest battle of his life and he hasn't even turned ten.

All of that aside, it's almost one year later and we have come so far. We have moved from confused and terrified, helpless parents to a peaceful and empowered family. We are able to focus all of our energy on all the important things in life. We've been shown so much... By God's grace we have been able to do more than just move down some random pediatric cancer path. He has provided a specific path for us to follow, and He has enabled us to grow and to find ways to make this family work, regardless of what has been thrown at us. For that we are forever grateful.

Genre feels great! He looks great! He IS great! He is up to 78 pounds!!! When he was diagnosed last Memorial day he weighed 70 pounds. In September he was down to only 60 pounds. Now he is almost eighty!! Go Genre! He has also grown a little more than one inch since he was diagnosed! He's a whoppin' four feet, nine and one half inches! Those drugs are no match for Genre!

Genre just started his spring session of golfing lessons (along with James, Gionna, and the Deemer kids). He is back to playing baseball twice a week and he exercises/stretches every day. He is determined to be able to do push ups and sit ups the way he did prior to leukemia. Tonight he did six push ups and fifteen sit ups! He was lifting very light weights with his Dad and stretching with Gionna...I'd say he's off to a great start!

James and Gionna have been very helpful to Genre as he tries to regain his coordination and stamina. Sometimes Genre's ankles just don't want to work for him. He's got significant stiffness in his feet/ankle area. Sometimes he trips. Dr. Shaw feels that will go away when he is done with the Vincristine. James has been catching with him in the back yard and he even has him jogging around the back yard a few times a week. Gionna gets Genre to ride his scooter and his bicycle just about every day. She plays catch with him too. We are just so blessed.

We are thankful for and thrilled with Genre's progress. We are also thankful for all of the people who have cared for Genre since his diagnosis. Kristen is on maternity leave. She now has two boys- Dylan and Noah. She and the new baby are doing just great and we can't wait to see them! I am happy that it is 2010 and not the spring of 2009. This is a happy anniversary we have coming up – Genre is doing so well. I am painstakingly aware that this could have been much different and we would not be celebrating at all. I know too well that other families are not spending their one year anniversaries celebrating and my heart breaks for them. Each of them is in my prayers every day. So, as happy as we are, I promise that I will never lose sight of what He has provided thus far. I will never forget how we have been guided, lifted up, and loved. For all our days, we will praise Him and be forever thankful.

Thank you for all your support and love. We would appreciate you keeping all the cancer kids in your prayers. We also ask that you keep Genre in your prayers as he continues with his treatments -only two years, five months and nine days to go! Remember when it was three to five years????

Messages

Halle Fritz

April 22, 2010, 9:01 AM

Sooo glad to hear all is well. Mike from childlife said that you were in...sad I missed you guys! Tell Genre I said hello and keep up the good work getting strong and staying active. Talk to you soon!

Halle :)

Tammy Andrew

April 22, 2010, 10:52 AM

"...give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!" (Psalm 107:1)
Continuing to pray...
The Andrew Crew: Keith, Tammy, Nate, & Jonathan

maria pellis

April 22, 2010, 11:11 AM

I am so happy for Genre and all of us and I am literally pouring out tears of thankfulness over this latest beautifully written update!!! P.s. The tears are falling in my coffee and I wish you, me and Aunt Donna were having a cup together right now :)

donna weber

April 22, 2010, 12:06 PM

What good news Ours God is an awesome God !!!
Heard Genre is cutting the ribbon for Relay Hope to see you there

Tracy Nagy

April 22, 2010, 12:48 PM

Dearest Baker Family,
It is your extended family that should be giving YOU our thanks. The strength and courage that you have shown us during your most difficult time is an excellent example of what happens when you place your ultimate trust in God. God is great. God is kind. And you all have been a wonderful inspiration to us!! Much love....Aunt Tracy

Karen Leece (Baker)

April 22, 2010, 12:52 PM

So happy to hear such good news about Genre. Always in my thoughts and prayers.

Allison Murray

April 22, 2010, 1:03 PM

Great post, Daunette. We continue to pray for all of you and cheer Genre on! Mr. Murray better dust off his golf clubs, now....forget Genre beating him at Wii....now it'll be golf!

Love to you all,
Allison

Janice Wilson

April 22, 2010, 1:58 PM

Wonderful news - it's amazing how your family has so courageously gone through this past year with such strong faith and determination. Prayers will continue to be lifted up for all of you!

Shirley Stahl

April 22, 2010, 2:17 PM

It's funny the different adjectives used today than a year ago. Scared has become determined, hurt becomes hopeful, who'd a thought? Thank you for always reminding me how good God is. A year ago I would have never thought I would actually know exactly how you feel-but I do. And I'm happy to say that it's amazing the journies that God sends you on and the strength that he gives you to get through. God Bless you guys and all you're doing. You are always in my prayers and thoughts.

Neil Jones

April 22, 2010, 2:34 PM

Seeing Genre at the NAC Banquet on Sunday was such a great event for me, and I hope for him. He is looking great. Maybe once he gets back in the water, we can work on the stiffness in his ankles a bit in a weight free environment. Can't wait to try!!

Lois Johnson

April 23, 2010, 12:14 AM

Yeah Genre!! Time really flies doesn't it~ I totally understand looking back at the dazed and confused stage now and saying WOW! Congratulations, stay strong Genre!

Joanne Fitz

April 23, 2010, 3:31 AM

Wow, what a journey it has been for Genre and the Baker family. As your friend, I am so blessed to know all of you. I thank you for sharing your "Footsteps in Faith" with all of us. I KNOW you have strenghtened the faith of many people through your "God Wink" stories. We can all use those reminders that He is ALWAYS there. Love you :)

susie condrasky

April 27, 2010, 3:10 PM

WOW! What terrific news! Thanks for the update....we always love to hear how you all are doing. Love, The Condraskys XOXO

Genre and Genre's Kids with Cancer Fund

May 13, 2010, 7:33 PM

Hello! Genre had a clinic visit yesterday and I wanted to let you all know that he is doing well. You might remember me telling you that Genre's maintenance therapy is broken into three month cycles. For the first year he has two months of a spinal tap and a chemo infusion, and then one month without a spinal tap. Yesterday, he started his second quarter of treatment for this first year of maintenance. He had a spinal tap and a vincristine infusion. Although it's so much easier to go to the clinic appointments now that I know Genre's brain is 'normal', it is still so hard to watch them inject that huge yellow tube of methotrexate into his spinal column. It still bothers me so much. The docs treat the vincristine like it's not that 'harmful' of a chemo. It isn't, really. It doesn't drop his numbers like the other meds. It doesn't cause the REALLY harmful side effects...but knowing that the Vincristine is what stiffens his ankles and makes it hard for him to run – that makes it difficult to watch. Even though I know this is the 'easiest' part of treatment, it still stinks that he has to go through it!

It stinks...but we are getting through it. Staying focused on telling people how God has helped us along this journey makes a difference for each one of us. Staying focused on what we can do to help others know that they can live through this and not 'just survive' is truly what makes this even more than bearable. It fills this cancer experience with joy instead of sadness. Genre is well and we are so blessed.

I have so much to share with you since the last time I posted. Genre and James are heavy into their baseball season and they are both enjoying it very much. (Now if the weather would cooperate...) Genre is so fortunate to have a coach like CJ. He tries to understand Genre's illness and he is so patient. CJ had Genre's initials put on each boy's sleeve so that Genre would know that the team is playing for him when he doesn't feel well enough to be there. There have been a few times when Genre hasn't been able to go to a game or a practice. He has hurt his ankles several times over the last few months. As I said, Genre's ankles are very stiff from the Vincristine. Sometimes he has pain if he stretches his foot too far or if he turns his ankle the wrong way. The pain passes in a day or two, but nonetheless, he is in pain. I am so thankful that the only pain Genre has is ankle pain. I am mindful that there are so many other children who hurt so much more than our son.... I am just thankful that Genre can play baseball. If he doesn't make it to every game, that's ok.

We have been very busy with Genre's Kids with Cancer Fund...there is so much to tell! A new friend of ours is a blogger in Pittsburgh. She writes www.thatschurch.com. Her name is Ginny. After hearing Genre's story at church, she decided to use her blog to raise money for gaming at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. Since the oncology floor had enough games for each room, she raised over \$14,000 for systems on the transplant floor! Microsoft stepped in and wound up donating all the systems!! The \$14,000 is being used to buy laptops and other electronics for the floor!! You can read about how this all happened on her site www.thatschurch.com. On her site, you click on the Make Room For Kids tab and she explains why and how she did this (Genre is #3). Once the Xbox's were ready to be delivered, Ginny invited Genre to deliver them with her! You can read about his day and watch a video of it at <http://thatschurch.com/2010/04/30/a-really-good-day/>. This next link is a picture of Genre from the Mario Lemieux Foundation website. The MLF acted as fiduciary agent for Make Room For Kids. <http://www.mariolemieux.org/headlines/mr4k.html> The whole thing was just amazing and we were honored to be a part of it!!!

Genre's Kids with Cancer Fund is now delivering Nintendo gaming systems to the oncology floor on a regular monthly basis. If a child does not have a system when he or she is diagnosed, we give the child a DS system with a new game. If the child has a system, he or she receives two new games from GKWCF. I need to thank Best Buy in Greensburg for their support. They stepped forward to help, when Nintendo would not. We are very thankful for Best Buy, and all of the managers and employees in the Greensburg store. We also have such wonderful support for GKWCF from the staff at the hospital and especially the 9th floor. The doctors, nurses, and Child Life staff have been overwhelmingly helpful and encouraging. I need to thank Mike Shulock because none of this would be possible without him. He is our hands and feet on the oncology floor. If you'd like to hear a little more about how these games are helping the cancer kids at CHP, please take a look at the video made by the CHP media department yesterday. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZWAK2mYv1k> This is the blog from the hospital: <http://begladyouhavechildrens.org/>.

I am posting these links for all of you to see not because I am feeling the need to brag about what we are doing, but because we are so honored to be able to help these families. The games truly make a difference for these kids. Our other services such as family photography, golf lessons, and spiritual/emotional support really do matter to people who are suffering. We are working on a way to provide 'to go' bags to each new mom on the

oncology floor. When you are hit with the cancer word, you are unprepared! You can't even think about what you might need someone to bring you from home...it takes every bit of energy and focus you have just to breathe!!!! My friend brought me a bag with everything I needed in it. Another cancer mom was able to tell her what I would need on this long journey. She included a few toothbrushes, pony tail holders, finger nail files, nail clippers, pens, notepad, Tums, Tylenol, tissues, quarters for laundry, and so much more. I have used the bag 47 days over the last year. Every time we had to go to the hospital in the middle of the night, I just grabbed my bag and we left...we are hoping to be able to do this for all new cancer moms.

Just in case any of you are interested in helping us in any way at all, I'd be happy to list some things we need....

The games, the marketing, and the bags do cost money. Sadly, the oncology floor sees 6-8 new cancer diagnoses each month. Some months the number is higher. We raise our money through corporate and private donations. We would be happy to send our information to any individual or business who you think may be interested. Please let us know if you have anyone in mind. Email us at genreskidswithcancerfund@comcast.net We are now able to accept donations online through active.com. This is a secure site used by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the Race for the Cure. You may have used it before if you have registered your children for sports online. A link to active.com can be found on our website on the donation page. www.genreskidswithcancerfund.com

We still need some golfers for our golf outing on June 14th at Edgewood Country Club. If you would like to golf, please visit our website to register online, or to print a registration form. The registration is \$125 and it includes breakfast, lunch and a steak/salmon dinner. There are skill prizes for men and women, along with a hole in one prize of a new car! We have many auctions including a signed hockey puck, signed Lemieux shirt, Steeler tickets, Steeler autographed balls, Pirate tickets/dinner, dinner/hotel packages, and much more. We would appreciate any sponsorship level given. We are able to accept cash, checks and credit cards at the event. Thank you to so many of you who have already contributed!!

We appreciate all of the donations of water/soda/Gatorade. If you would like to contribute in this way, please sit your donation in the foyer at NCC under the bulletin board with Genre's pictures on it. If you would rather drop your donation off at our house, please just email me. Thank you for the cases that have been donated already!!

We just started to collect used gaming systems of all types. A friend has offered to collect these systems (whether they work or not) and sell them on ebay to raise money for GKWCF! What a great idea!!! If any of the handheld games seem gently used, we will be cleaning them and delivering them to the oncology floor for the Child Life team to distribute to the siblings of the cancer patients. Siblings spend many hours at the hospital as well, and many families can not afford these games. Please tell your friends/churches/daycares/schools that GKWCF would be happy to take their used electronics!!

Another friend has volunteered to work with our community to organize fundraising. We have had several calls asking how people/businesses can help in ways other than a monetary donation. Organizing a drive to collect the used electronics, Coins for Kids with Cancer, and participating in our 5K/1 mile fun walk are all ways that the community can get involved. If your workplace, preschool or daycare might be interested, please let us know. We would be happy to talk with them about forming a team for the Footsteps in Faith 5K and collecting donations for GKWCF. We would love to share with them how a simple water bottle can raise almost \$100 for kids living through pediatric cancer!! Please get in touch with us for more information!

The golf outing and the Footsteps in Faith 5K information are explained on our website www.genreskidswithcancerfund.com. They are both found under the Upcoming Events tab. As I am almost out of character space on this post, I'll write more about the Footsteps in Faith race on my next update. There are many areas where we need help regarding that fundraiser as well – volunteers, sponsorships, auctions, food, etc....Please keep this in mind.

As I close this post I just want to mention that Memorial Day is the one year anniversary of Genre's diagnosis. It has been a difficult year filled with much heart ache and much love. It has been a year of personal hardship and spiritual growth. It has been a journey on which I expected to never experience one moment of joy, and I was totally wrong. I enjoy each moment more now than ever before and I thank God for that. I want to say thank you to every one of you for your prayers and love. Thank you to every single one of you who is helping to build Genre's Kids with Cancer Fund. Whether you are directly involved or you make it possible for us to do what God lays before us, you are vitally important! We appreciate you very much! More than anything, "Thank you, God, for all that you do for us each and every day. Please help us stay focused on You. Amen."

Messages

Zoey Johnson

May 13, 2010, 9:52 PM

We are happy to volunteer for both the golf and the walk outings.we just need to know what to do and when to be there. Also,May 22 will be 2 years since I was diagnosed. It is unreal. Zoey Johnson

Coleen Queen

May 14, 2010, 4:21 PM

We're so happy everything is going well with your treatments. We really missed you at the last few games. We hope to see you this weekend down at PAL. The Queen Family

donna weber

May 15, 2010, 1:49 AM

wow i am so impressed with all you all have done, I am of course thrilled to hear Genre is doing so well . God Bless you all

One year ago...

May 26, 2010, 1:53 AM

On this anniversary of Genre's leukemia diagnosis, I find myself with an overload of mixed emotions. In my heart I am so humbled and so in awe of all the good things that have happened to my son and to my family over the last year – truly I am. I try to pray to say thank you, and I don't know where to begin...do I thank Him first for my son being alive? Do I thank Him first for my son being well? Do I thank Him for the amazing changes this has made in John and me? In what order do I thank Him for my mother and my priceless friends? Where do I thank Him for the doctors and angel nurses who care for Genre and all the other children living through this disease? Where does Genre's Kids with Cancer Fund and the amazing people who make it happen rank? Before I fell asleep last night, I wanted so badly to thank God...but I didn't know where to begin....there is so much...

I wasn't ready for the flood of emotions that would start to creep into my head and my heart the minute I woke up today. Before I got up off of the bed, I fought off the panic I started to feel racing in my chest. I beat the pounding, racing heart and the fear that started to creep up my neck, but I couldn't get rid of the sick feeling in the pit of my stomach. It was haunting, for lack of a better word. Those first weeks of becoming the mother of a leukemia patient are so far behind me...they are locked away forever! I never expected to relive every moment in my head. I never again expected to hear the words that were spoken that day...but I did...today. I didn't expect to feel the pain again, but I did. So much pain and it's a whole year later... Before I was able to pull myself together, my heart hurt again. I just wasn't as ready for today as I thought. I really thought I had it beat. I didn't. After much thought and much prayer, I pulled myself off of the bed and began my day.

Beginning last night, Genre wanted to relive everything that happened last year. He would say things like "Right now I am at the concert at church and I started to get a fever." He said "Hey Momma, do you think my back hurt yet? What time did that happen?" We did this all night last night. When he woke up this morning, he started again. He reminded me that he was swimming in the morning and that he felt great early in the day. (He also wanted to know why the pool isn't opened yet this year!) By lunch time he moved toward remembering travelling to the hospital and he wanted to know who I called on the way to the hospital and when I told my Mom that he had leukemia. Honestly, I had to ask him to stop. I explained to Genre that we will definitely talk about it again, but that I just couldn't do it today. That may sound selfish – part of me feels like it was. I just KNOW that I can't let my mind and my heart go back to the two hours we waited for the oncologist (Dr. Sidonio) to come and tell us that Genre had leukemia. It is even difficult to type about that time. I just can't relive that moment now – maybe never. What came after that was unthinkable and I won't dwell there. I haven't done that for the last year and I refuse to start now.

I decided that the best thing to do would be to keep busy...keep moving and don't think. The three children and I went to a late breakfast and then we went mini golfing with my mom. My mom and Kaitlynn came with us to dinner to celebrate Genre being well . We went to the Outback because Genre loves to eat ribs there. It was wonderful to be with my family and feel so much happiness together. A few hours of laughing and a lot of love is always good for your heart!

It's almost 10 pm now...I'm glad the day is over, even though I am so thankful that today is May 25th 2010 and not May 25th 2009. I am so aware of all the blessings that we have been given over the last 365 days and we are so thankful for them. We are so grateful that our son is alive and that he is doing well. We get to love him and hold him every day. There is so much good.....but it was still a really hard day.

Messages

Amy Gratton

May 26, 2010, 2:09 AM

IN GENRE'S GENERATION...FIND A CURE...WE WILL...FIND A CURE...AND GENRE, AND YOU, AND YOUR WHOLE FAMILY ARE A PART OF THAT. ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER, MY STRONG, BEAUTIFUL FRIEND.

Tammy Fleming

May 26, 2010, 2:19 AM

God Bless you all!

wendy coates

May 26, 2010, 2:20 AM

Daunette, So thankful for all God has done with Genre and your family this year...and so thankful that He has walked with you...even through the darkest moments. Looking forward to celebrating this weekend!

Wendy C.

Kris Horvath

May 26, 2010, 2:28 AM

Daunette,

No one ever told us how difficult it would be when we became parents! Now we know what our mom's and Big Vince and Sarge felt when we were little! There is nothing that you wouldnt do for your children! I believe that so many people live without really knowing what is truly important, but sometimes God gives us an opportunity to live on both sides of the fence and what an eye opening experience it is!! We've been blessed! May He keep you all in His special care.

All My Love,

Kris

Carla Pellis

May 26, 2010, 10:52 AM

Dear Daunette:

I've been thinking about you and your family and praying for you too. One thing's for sure, you don't have to try too hard to keep busy! Why

isn't the pool open yet? I can remember begging my dad to open ours in April. We've been busy too, and I haven't had any success in getting the partnership to make a decision on our beach house. I hope you have many golfers and prizes by now. I'm sorry I haven't been able to help. My hope is things will calm down here, and I can help in some way with the 5k. Until then, know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and stay well!

Love,
Carla

Kristie Deemer

May 26, 2010, 11:13 AM

Daunette-- Thank you for letting us see that God helped you get through a rough day. Thank you for sharing your own vulnerability that lets us see that even someone with tremendous faith can have huge struggles. I thought of you all day and am glad that you worked hard at keeping yourself away from those darkest moments. We love you all and are so incredibly thankful for each one of you.

Much Love,
The Deemers

maria pellis

May 26, 2010, 11:29 AM

Everyone has a story...but Genre's (and all of ours) will have a happy ending because you have allowed HIM to be in charge! I am so thankful and I love you cuz, Ree

Susan Valenta

May 26, 2010, 11:52 AM

Celebrating your strength and spirit on this one year mark. May God Bless your family as you continue on this journey. Best wishes for a fun filled summer.

donna weber

May 26, 2010, 12:29 PM

So happy for prayers answered you and the entire family are so strong. I can as a mom only imagine what you are feeling. My "children" who are grown had many scary moments but nothing like this and I know how i felt at those times. so I times that by hundred and can imagine. Congratulations and parayers for continued healing

Janet Allan

May 26, 2010, 2:42 PM

Daunette,

My how difficult our female emotions can make a day! Your struggle was very normal for a mother, but you handled it the best way possible. You turned to the God who sustained you throughout the year. You are my hero!

I'm sure all the mothers who read your testimony can relate to how difficult your day was. I also know that I can never truly understand what you have been through or what you feel. Even when you pour your heart out to me (all of us) I can't fully understand the pain. I do know this and hopefully it will help you.

Children do not remember childhood pain as greatly as the parents do. Genre's memories will be more of the people who helped him than the pain he felt. You, however, will remember both VERY VIVIDLY. So take some comfort in knowing that with every passing day, Genre's memory will fade a little more. His bad times will be a foggy memory and maybe that is why he was trying to relive it. Genre was probably trying to remember all the people who were kind to him and how blessed he was by their love and help.

You are a great Mom and mentor, but more importantly you show us that we can follow Christ even in our darkest hour. You are an inspiration to all of us and we love you dearly.

All my love and adoration,
Janet

maureen gratton

May 26, 2010, 4:11 PM

Daunette,

Thank you for sharing your heart and your faith. We're so glad that Genre is doing well and on this side of the leukemia. He is a very special boy and I'm anxious to see God's plans unfold for him.

Russ and Maureen

Mary M Russman

May 27, 2010, 2:10 AM

Daunette,

We have prayed every night for Genre and will continue to do so. You are so very BLESSED!

Sending lots of love and hugs your way.

Mary Margaret

Nalene Fleming

May 27, 2010, 2:48 AM

Dear Daunette, I'm so glad for your honesty. I still cannot think of meeting with the surgeon nearly three years ago, then watching our daughter writhe in pain after a very touch and go surgery, without shedding tears. There is something healthy and right about grieving over these effects of sin, of mourning the many losses in our lives. Yet, your desire to remain focused on the incredible multitude of blessings that we have received and cultivating an attitude of gratitude for all that God has given to us is very right, as well.

As I watch the effects of 17 months of cancer treatments and a bone marrow transplant on the body of my six year old daughter, I, too have been wrestling with this great tension -- thankfulness combined with grief over the many losses I see (lagging energy, highly improbable fertility, a heart and kidneys that struggle to keep up, a short term memory quite damaged, and much more).

May God grant you grace and strength to mourn freely the many losses you all and Genre have experienced, even as you seek to praise Him for His many precious provisions. The gift of growth comes through the this wrestling, as we watch the "beauty rise from the ashes."

Your fellow wrestler,

Nalene Fleming

Lois Johnson

May 29, 2010, 9:53 PM

I know the feeling you had on May 25th. We have done the same thing for 2 years, and while Zoey has moved beyond that , it still is a struggle to face the date on which she was diagnosed. I went through the same emotions as you for the week leading up to May 22nd, I just have to thank God for the past 2 years and all He has done for us and her. I think it will take us time to actually forget the dates and not hold them in any thought, we take one day at a time. As I told Zoey it is now the count down to the 5 year mark. We are 2 years (less 30 days) remission, with 3 more to go!

September 24, 2010

September 25, 2010, 1:02 AM

I haven't forgotten about Genre's care page...it's just that Genre and his brother/sister keep me so busy that I don't get a lot of time to sit and write about what he's been doing! It's all good stuff and it's wonderful to be able to keep busy with them! I'm thankful that we are able to be busy. This summer has been much different than last! We've concentrated very hard on keeping things simpler...we have spent more time together this summer as a family than we had in a long time...the kids seemed to enjoy it as much as John and I have. Some days, after we've done nothing but swim and play run-down all evening, one of them will say 'This has been the best day ever!' You can't help but smile.

Genre is well. He is strong and he has really enjoyed his summer. I have added some pictures to his album so please take a look at all the hair!! Thick and curly is the way his hair grew back in. It's beautiful! Lots of times I laugh because I'm usually hollering at him to brush his hair now...just six short months ago, he didn't have any!

Genre was able to go to Kennywood this summer! It was on his 'to do' list and there was nothing that was keeping him from the park this year! It was so much fun for him - especially spending the day with Jaden and his other buddies! He hadn't been there for two years - last year he was just too sick to go. I suffered a lot of teasing during the days leading up to our Kennywood outing. There were jokes about portable pressure washers, giant wagons full of hand sanitizer, and bubble suits. We made it through and enjoyed a beautiful day with our friends. It was a beautiful day with beautiful people.

Genre played baseball for coach CJ on the Braves PAL team this summer. CJ and the other dads were so kind and understanding with Genre. They took such good care of him, without treating him too differently. They even let him play third and second base - He loved it. When Genre was too tired to finish a practice or game, they just let him sit out. CJ was so understanding every time Genre didn't feel well enough to go to a game. I don't think CJ realizes how much that meant to Johna and me. After Dr. Shaw said Genre could play, the PAL organization allowed Genre to register late and also put him on CJ's team. They were so helpful. Of course, early in the season our very large friend, Nick, pitched to Genre and nailed him directly in the hip. The ball smacked him dead on! Genre never even moved out of the way!!! Nick and his mom felt so terrible! Everyone at the game gasped and panicked!! John tried to explain that Genre's hip is just like every other kid's hip...it hurts, but it's ok! His hip has nothing to do with leukemia. Funny how far we have come!

In August we planned our Footsteps in Faith 5K and 1 mile Fun Walk. Jodi was the race director and she did such an amazing job at organizing the event! We had almost 600 runners and walkers! We were hoping for 300! The list of volunteers to thank stretches into the hundreds! Breanna's Girl Scout troop organized the concession stand for us - the NCC praise band donated their time and their talents - firemen and police officers blocked the roads and filled the dunk tank - Coldwell Bankers donated all the baked goods - the Norwin cheerleaders - all the volunteers who worked in the children's area - Terry who was a good sport and sat in the dunk tank - our balloon lady - our hair wrapper - the CHP nurses - our set up crew - our clean up crew - the Stoners - Gaylene, Kristie, Johna, Courtney, Anne (and all their husbands!), Tracy, Joanne, Tracy, Bonnie and Pete, Jeanne, my mom...the list goes on and on! So many groups stepped out to donated products or their time...the Irwin Council - the Irwin Public Safety Director - the Norwin Chamber - the Schubers - Bob Evans, Irwin - Kerbers - the ladies who put the race bags together for us - Calvary Assembly - Virginia Montanez and www.thatschurch.com - the Mario Lemieux Foundation - Microsoft - LWE - Pitt Rental - all the companies who donated products to make the auction a success.

I am sure that I have forgotten to mention someone who helped us in some way. This is not an exhaustive list. We appreciate the tents and tables you all allowed us to borrow. We appreciate the coupons and baskets you donated, and anything else that I might forget to mention. Thank you for walking and running. Thank you for coming to Irwin Park to eat or play games. Thank you from all of us who planned this event. Thank you for helping us make a difference in the lives of some really sick kids at CHP.

After the race and Gionna's 7th birthday, we headed to Hilton Head for a week. Dr. Shaw gave Genre the 'ok' to go to the beach....that was a tough one for me. Genre was so excited and he is positive that Hilton Head is 'the best beach in the world.' I, on the other hand, wasn't so sure. The thought of him swimming in the ocean with all that 'stuff' in there practically gave me a panic attack. Honestly, I prayed and prayed that I'd be able to go and enjoy my family. I prayed that I'd be able to go to the beach and not feel a little sick every time I saw Genre digging in the sand. I prayed that I wouldn't want to yell and be miserable every time he put his face in the water... I'm so happy to report that we spent seven peaceful days together playing in the water and the sand! He was well the whole time – germs and all! There isn't much to tell because we really just enjoyed each other and played at the beach. We ate a lot...we golfed...and we rode bikes a lot. It was the most wonderful vacation we've ever taken. If I think back, there was a time not too long ago when I wasn't sure we'd ever take Genre to the beach with us again....and there we were – riding the waves, biking for miles, and eating crab legs until we couldn't eat another bite. Thank you.

During Genre's last clinic appointment, he struggled with the sad news that his nurse and friend, Kristen, would no longer be working on Wednesdays. She is staying home with Dylan and baby Noah more so that means less time at CHP. Genre could barely pick up his chin to look at Kristen. He was sobbing and she just felt so bad! It was awful for both of them, but true to Kristen, she promised that she would Skype with him and that she'd meet us to have some fun outside of the hospital! We are hoping that she and the boys will meet us at one of Genre's favorite places – the zoo. She already set up her Skype account and Genre can't wait to see her.

You may remember me writing about our opportunity to be a part of the Make Room For Kids/Mario Lemieux Foundation/Microsoft event to donate all of the Xbox's to the transplant floor at CHP. That happened back in April when Microsoft and their generous employees outfitted the entire transplant floor with gaming systems. As if that wasn't amazing enough...the goal now is to make sure that the Adolescent Medicine floor has a game in every room as well. That's the Make Room For Kids goal for 2011! Virginia says that Genre's ideas about sick kids needing games triggered her to do this. Sometimes it takes my breath away to know that so many good things, like this, came out of the worst moments of our life. Eventually, every inpatient room at the hospital will have a gaming system – pretty much, because Genre got leukemia....

Through Make Room for Kids, Genre's story touched the heart of our new friend, Luke, from Microsoft. Since we met him in April, he has kept in touch and has checked on Genre's progress regularly. As a matter of fact, he asked if Genre would come to the Microsoft regional sales meeting at Nemaquin Woodlands this week. He thought it would be nice to tell the Microsoft employees what happened at CHP and for them to meet the little guy whose idea triggered the event. Genre was able to tell his story about sick kids needing games to a room full of people who understand gaming! At one point, Luke asked Genre how the games helped him. Genre said that a blood transfusion would take three hours and a chemo treatment could take one hour. Some days he would get five to six hours of infusions...his DS really helped him through it. I leaned over and said "hand held gaming system." (Nintendo, not Microsoft, makes the DS.) The room laughed at my statement, but then Genre came off with this – "Well, if you and your people would make a hand held gaming system, then I wouldn't have to be careful about what I say... " The room exploded with laughter! It was a great experience and the Microsoft people were so compassionate and generous.

Not only did Luke want Genre to tell his story to a room of 150+ Microsoft employees, he asked if Genre would be willing to demonstrate the new Xbox Kinect system which debuts November 4th. Kinect is the newest addition to the Xbox 360. It is a remote free gaming experience. (Do I sound like I just sat through their sales meeting?) There are no remotes. Your body is the remote. After the presentation about the new system, Genre and James had the opportunity to demonstrate the game to the whole room! They were jumping, leaning, and bending to earn points in the Adventure game. It was so much fun for them! Everyone was cheering as their raft rode down the river. Luke let Gionna demonstrate the game after dinner. She jumped right in and did just as well as the boys. To the kid's surprise, Luke told them that he'd be bringing them a new system early in November. They haven't stopped talking about it!

Genre continues with his treatments every month. He is still on a three month cycle where he has a spinal tap the first two months and they give him a break during the third month. He still takes oral chemotherapy every day. His tenth birthday is the last Wednesday of this month. That should be clinic day. Dr. Shaw doesn't want Genre to get chemotherapy on his birthday so he'll go another day that week. A good friend of mine asked me if I was bothered at all by the upcoming double digits. I have to admit, I didn't like it when James turned ten...but that was before leukemia. I don't even feel a twinge of sadness that my baby is ten. Now, every birthday is completely appreciated and enjoyed, double digits or not. At this point in my life, I know so many moms who aren't going to celebrate any more of their child's birthdays. Birthdays are good.

We just continue to thank God every single day for all of the blessings that have come out of leukemia. I thank Him all day long for getting us through this far. I thank Him for giving me air when I couldn't breathe and peace when I thought I would lose my mind. I am so thankful for the love and friendships that have grown out of cancer. I am eternally, not temporarily, grateful. I know I say this all the time, but so much more good has come out of leukemia than I could ever have imagined. I live it and it's hard to believe...it must seem a little strange to some of you... Thank you for continuing to check on Genre's carepage.

Thank you for keeping him in your prayers. I'll try to update sooner next time.

Messages

Joelle Wilds

September 25, 2010, 1:11 AM

God continue to Bless Genre and the Baker family - what an inspiration to us all...

Joelle Wilds

carrie Botkin

September 25, 2010, 1:18 AM

God is Good! I so love opening Carepages to such wonderful news. May God continue to pour blessings on Genre and your family.

Neil Jones

September 25, 2010, 1:34 AM

In God and with God - all is possible. Genre's story is one that all need to hear about.

Kristen Morgan

September 25, 2010, 1:38 AM

SOOOOO, Genre. . . .when are we going to the Zoo? I'm ready whenever you are!

Love, Kristen :)

laura schuchert

September 25, 2010, 3:08 AM

Glad to see your update:) so many blessings in the last several months!!

Jeanette Navarro

September 25, 2010, 1:34 PM

I sat here and cried like a baby because your news was so wonderful!!!! Jeanette

Dale Christopher

September 25, 2010, 10:27 PM

Genre, you are amazing!! Now if we could get some golf time in!

I Love You

Pap Pap Dale

Brenda Brown

September 26, 2010, 11:34 PM

Hi Sweetie,

Wow what an exciting experience you are having with Microsoft. I knew you would be a great person, I just did not realize it would be at such a young age.

Keep getting better and keep that beautiful hair shaggy, Nana and I love it that way.

Huge Hugs and Kisses,

Grammy B, Pappy Freddy, & Skyepuppy

PATRICIA ANTONUCCI

September 27, 2010, 2:45 AM

Hi Daunette and thank you for the visit w/your family through your writing - God certainly has blessed you w/much such as your strength and the gift of writing so beautifully and gratefully. I can picture everthing and thrilled for Genre's good news. I love what God has given to all of you through leukemia and how you pay it forward - whether it be faith or games :) My love and prayers, Tricia

wendy coates

September 27, 2010, 4:02 AM

Daunette,

What a great story about Microsoft! Thank you for sharing... I looked back at all the photos...heartwarming images showing all he has been through and how far he has come. What a praise!

Wendy

Dawn Capecci

September 27, 2010, 5:02 PM

Genre you are an amazing little. I am blessed to have meet you. you and your family are in my prayers.

Nalene Fleming

September 28, 2010, 3:20 AM

Wow! What a summer! I praise God that you have enjoyed such a delightful respite (in so many ways) and had such precious time as a family. Genre, your hair looks fabulous! Anna's is growing back, too. Isn't weird and wonderful at the same time?!

May God continue to bless you and your family with health, strength, and patience as you continue with your treatments, Genre.

Rejoicing with you -- Nalene, for Anna and the entire Fleming clan!

Halle Fritz

September 28, 2010, 9:58 AM

I love to read wonderful updates...glad everyone is well and that you had an awesome summer! :) Hello to everyone!

Halle

New Project and Genre

October 22, 2010, 8:38 PM

The day after Genre was diagnosed with leukemia, a dear friend of mine gave me what she called a 'to go bag'. In that bag was everything that I would need during a hospitalization. She said that I should leave the bag packed and when Genre wasn't feeling well and we needed to get to the hospital I could just grab that bag and go. Little did I know on that day that we would use that bag more than 50 times in eight months. Sadly, Tracy knew another family who had lived through pediatric leukemia and that mom was able to tell Tracy everything I would need. The bag had everything I needed from shampoo/conditioner and toothpaste to gum and notepad/pens.

At the moment when you first hear the words, "Your child has cancer", you can't think. There is no way you can possibly think of yourself and what you will need over the next two weeks to one month. You do not know that you will be sick in your stomach for the next two weeks...You don't know that you will have a continual headache for the next two weeks...You don't realize that you won't sleep for days and you will need something to do in the middle of the night so that you don't lose your mind. You just can't comprehend the severity of the pain and fear you are about to experience and then continue to live through.

The bag Tracy brought me helped me not only through those first two weeks, but every stay thereafter. Each time my son was ill and needed to go to the hospital, I was scared to death...but never once did I need to think about what I needed to take for myself. That burden was taken away for me by the "to go" bag my friend had prepared. I hope Genre's Kids with Cancer Fund can do that for every mom who deals with this nightmare. We are planning on giving these 'to go' bags to every newly diagnosed family at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

So many of you have expressed an interest in helping with the 'to go' bags. I am going to provide a list here with the products and approximate sizes we plan to use. Please feel free to email if you have any questions or if you'd like to be involved in any way. genreskidswithcancerfund@comcast.net You can drop the supplies off on my front porch or in front of my garage doors. I would be happy to meet you at your convenience.

Each bag will have the following items:

Shampoo and conditioner – approximately 8 – 12 oz size

Hair brush

Pony tail holders

Lotion – approximately 8 oz size

Disposable razors

Body wash – approx. 8- 12 oz size.

Deodorant for Dad

Deodorant for Mom

Toothpaste (brand name please) – approx. 4 oz. size

Three toothbrushes per bag

Dental floss

Finger nail file

Nail clippers

tweezers

Small Tums

Small Tylenol

Lip balm

Small feminine products both tampons and pads

Steno sized notebooks

Post it notes

Pens

Highlighters

Gum and/or mints

Deck of cards

One gallon size baggies – to put the shampoo/conditioner in - incase the liquids would leak

One quart size baggies

Snack size baggies – for the smaller items

Misc. coupons as they are donated

We need 120 of each item per year. (Toothbrushes = 360). Would you consider committing to supply one item for one year? Would you ask your workplace, organization, or church group to provide some of these items? Whatever you can supply, in any amount, is very much appreciated and needed.

The beautiful 9B nurses have agreed to distribute the bags since they really are the first point of contact for a newly diagnosed patient and family. The

hospital tells us that there are normally 6 – 8 new diagnoses each month. We are planning on providing ten bags per month. Thanks for all the emails and questions about the bags. As always, I am inspired and amazed by your eagerness to help these families.

Just a quick note - Genre went to the dentist yesterday. He needed to take 2000mg of Amoxicillin before they cleaned his teeth. In case you don't know, Gen isn't allowed to floss his teeth because it breaks free all of the bacteria between your teeth. With a compromised immune system, that bacteria is really harmful. Genre hasn't had his teeth cleaned in over a year and I have continually worried that he will have a real dental problem once he moves beyond chemotherapy and childhood cancer. As Miss Tammy was cleaning his teeth yesterday, s he mentioned that Genre only has two more baby teeth to lose. They are both very loose and will fall out soon. She said this is uncommon for a boy who just turned ten. He's really ahead of the game as far as losing teeth goes. He started losing his teeth when he was just four. Of course, I was worried about that way back then! LOL When I told Tammy my fears that stem from Genre not being able to floss, she said that I shouldn't be concerned. She told me that there isn't really anything to floss – he barely has any teeth! She said that he is brushing each side of his teeth because none of them touch! His teeth are perfect! I was concerned about giving him Fluoride. He has so many other drugs pumped into his body regularly...I just didn't want to add anymore. She said his teeth didn't even show one sign of wear and tear!! Do you realize how many days Genre was too sick to brush his teeth?? I wish I could count all of the days Genre was just too tired to get out of bed, much less walk to the bathroom to brush his teeth!! Do you realize how many times he has had sores in his mouth and he was unable to brush? It dawned on me that way back when Genre was a baby and he had ALL of his teeth before James, and began losing his teeth before James, God was already preparing him for this ordeal. He even had Genre's teeth in mind...that just boggles MY mind! He has protected Genre every step of the way and I just don't know how to say thank you.

Genre is well. He is feeling strong and he is full of energy! He is dressing as Polamalu for Halloween. He was too sick to Trick or Treat last year so he is very excited to get out this year.

Thank you for all your help and prayers. Genre goes to the clinic on Wednesday for a spinal tap and treatment. I will update to let you know how he is feeling.

Messages

maria pellis

October 22, 2010, 9:44 PM

I will sign up to help in whatever way you need me to with this...Flat dollar contribution or supply something for a year, whatever you need dear!!! Ree Ree

anne novotnak

October 22, 2010, 10:07 PM

I don't know what to say other than God had us all in his hands every step of our lives and has a plan for all of us and we never even know it. Thank-you Genre and Bakers for teaching me so much!!!

PATRICIA ANTONUCCI

October 22, 2010, 11:12 PM

I am always touched by your updates and so happy that you have God - can you imagine what it would be like to go through this without HIM? I know you all have witnessed to others through all of this and have added to HIS flock. Thank you very very much for your service and generosity, and I would love to help. My Love and Prayers, Tricia xoxo

Marci Vickers

October 23, 2010, 5:30 PM

Wow!!!You said it !!! As a fellow Cancer Mom, you know how it is. All those things you said are sooo true. I felt the very same way. Gosh is it good to know that somebody knows how I feel. I love all the things you are doing thru Genre's Fund. You are wonderful and truly making a difference. And by the way, I love Genre's hair. He is a gorgeous little guy~!! I'll keep praying for you. We have 2 months to9 go and we are DONE w/ cancer treatment!!!! I cant imagine what that will be like. I dont remember life before. Hang in there.You are next!!!!
Marci Vickers(Connor's Mom)

Tracy Seman

October 24, 2010, 2:42 AM

I was struggling to read this through my tears.

The way you all have walked through this whole ordeal has been inspiring and faith building to me and so many others.

Praise be to a God who formed even our primary teeth in our mother's womb - for he knew what they would endure - He is Good! Another God wink to add to the list :~)

I can not take any credit for that to go bag - I think that it was all God's doing to bring you to the point now of blessing so many others.

How many have been touched because of your willingness to sacrifice time, energy, sleep :~) to accomplish all that has been done in the last year!

May He continue to guide and bless the efforts that you put forth and most importantly it is my prayer that others would be brought closer to Him because of the love you show during their darkest hours.

I love you my dear friend (and your whole family too :~).

See you tomorrow!

Love ya,

T

Terry Erwin, Jr.

October 25, 2010, 4:26 PM

Genre,

I know I have donated blood for you in the past. With your costume this year being Troy Polamalu, will you be needing any of my long hair to help complete the costume - since there are those who think I have too much hair or extra hair? It being so short now, I think my hair may look more like Tom Brady than Troy!!

Good to hear you are doing so well in all ways!!

Terry-Jedi Master

Cindy Painter

October 26, 2010, 1:24 AM

I have to continually thank you for breaking the ice for me on our journey. I can't tell you how much you have helped me! I get so very much from your posts! Much love to you!

Shirley Stahl

October 26, 2010, 4:19 PM

Daunette - I'm in for a year, two years, three years.... I know about the headaches, sick stomach, restless nights. I also know about the comfort of God and I am so happy that Genre is doing so well. Thank you

November 1, 2010

November 1, 2010, 10:40 PM

Hello! Genre was at the clinic for his treatment this past Wednesday. I am happy to report that there was no spinal headache! Having him rest for the 24 hours after his spinal tap seems to be helping in preventing the headaches. Thank God, as the last one lasted six days. Genre will have another spinal tap/treatment the Wed. before Thanksgiving. No spinal tap in December.

This cycle, as I have probably repeated many times, was a three month cycle with two spinal tap months and one month 'off.' He still got a treatment infused into his port in the 'off' month, but no spinal tap. Beginning in January the new cycle will also be a three month cycle. However, this time the cycle is one month of a spinal tap/treatment, and two months with no spinal tap, just an infusion. Hooray!! This will be the treatment pattern until September of 2012! Like I have said, at that time they just stop the chemo altogether.

Trick or Treat was a lot of fun this year! Watching Genre run from house to house was such a happy time for me. Thinking back just one year...he wasn't even strong enough to walk down our steps to go outside on the back patio for a picture...and we only have two steps. Thank God it is this year and not last! Thank you for you prayers and love - I will post again after his next treatment.

Messages

Shirley Stahl

November 2, 2010, 12:10 AM

My heart dances when I hear how well he's doing.

Debbie Javor

November 2, 2010, 4:42 PM

That is just so awesome news, glad you had a good time trick or treating with your family and friends Genre. Mrs. Javor

Mary M Russman

November 3, 2010, 1:08 AM

Wonderful news! Thanks for keeping us all updated.

MM

Sue McGuire

November 3, 2010, 3:37 PM

It's so good to hear positive news! May God continue to bless you!
Sue

Doing great!

November 24, 2010, 7:53 PM

Genre's appointment at the clinic today was a late one. He was scheduled for 10 am and they never even began his procedure until 1 pm. It was a busy, busy day at the clinic. The little guy wasn't allowed to eat or drink and he never complained once. My mom and I don't eat/drink in front of him (except coffee as he does not want coffee) and I could hear her belly growling across the room!

All reports were great today - too great, as a matter of fact. They like to keep Genre's ANC around 1000 and today his was 2200! Because of his increased ANC, Whitney increased each of his medicines. Now momma needs to make sure I learn the new doses before I fill up the pill box! Genre's spinal fluid looked clear as did his blood...which is always the BEST news. Thank God for clean blood and clear spinal fluid.

I really don't have much to report in this update. Genre has been well and feeling very strong. He has been to the circus, out playing golf and looking forward to pumpkin pie tomorrow. Tomorrow...a day of thanks...a day to reflect upon all the blessings in our lives. At this time of year we love to ask each other, 'What are you thankful for?' If you asked me what I'm thankful for, you might be surprised at my answer. You might be appalled at my answer. I'd pick Jesus first. I'm thankful that He saved my life and that he gave us the breath and the strength to walk through pediatric cancer. Dare I say it? I'm thankful next for leukemia. The exact thing that I hate the most in the world is one of the things for which I am most thankful. This terrible time in our lives has brought so much positive energy and love into our lives. This nightmare has allowed us to love like we never loved before, and to appreciate like we would not have appreciated, had we not known these trials. Leukemia has, in a very strange way, been a funnel of peace for John and I. It's taught us patience and perseverance. It's shown us how to focus and prioritize. Leukemia has given us family and friendships that we will cherish forever. It's showed us hundreds of kind, generous, and loving people who we did not know before leukemia. Yes, in a crazy/ I can't believe this is real kind of way, I am thankful for leukemia.

All that being said, our child is in remission and we are blessed with two other healthy children. What else could we possibly ask for? Life is good. Love to all of you. Happy Thanksgiving

Messages

Joanne Fitz

November 24, 2010, 8:37 PM

How great is our God!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Love & a Happy Thanksgiving to ALL of the Baker family:)

Mary M Russman

November 24, 2010, 9:17 PM

Happy Thanksgiving Daunette! You always put things in perspective for me. I am very thankful to be with you along this journey.

Hugs,
MM

Shirley Stahl

November 24, 2010, 9:24 PM

ditto..thank you. Shirley

Ed Gratton

November 24, 2010, 9:55 PM

"Thank God for clean blood and clear spinal fluid" - Absolutely! Have a great Thanksgiving!

Kim Parker

November 25, 2010, 12:07 AM

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your precious family! God is so good! Enjoy this holiday season.

Much love,
The Parker Family
Kim, Mark and Katie

tammy pavsek

November 25, 2010, 5:10 AM

glad to her you guys got good news love you both the Pavseks

Molly Kauffman

November 25, 2010, 5:01 PM

so glad you are all doing well and have so many things to be thankful for! Our family wishes your family and your mom the best thanksgiving ever! love, the kauffman family

donna weber

November 25, 2010, 5:51 PM

amen

Johna Resnik

November 25, 2010, 5:59 PM

We are so thankful fo all of you!

Kristen Morgan

November 25, 2010, 7:04 PM

Happy Thanksgiving, Bakers! Thinking of you!
Kristen

Jeanette Navarro

November 25, 2010, 9:07 PM

Happy thanksgiving to all the crowd in Irwin!!!So glad to hear the continued good news. Love to all...Jeanette

Marci Vickers

November 25, 2010, 11:46 PM

Daunnette-That is great news!!! Ive had my share of growling stomachs as well so I feel your pain. And thankful for Leukemia- I know what you mean for the same reasons. It has also taught my other children how to truly "care" for another-especially when they can't care for themselves. And it has shown them how precious life is. Im happy part of our battle is coming to an end but sad because we will have some people we love exiting our lives. I will miss them and hope to always be in touch.I never would have known them if leukemia had not struck our lives. How ironic. I truly believe- God puts you where he wants you to be. Praying for both you and Genre. Love Love Love the Hair!!! Marci Vickers

PATRICIA ANTONUCCI

November 27, 2010, 6:58 PM

Hi Daunette and thank you for letting us know the very good news!! Thank you, God. I know our trials and tribulations teach us lessons we could never have learned otherwise and thank our Almighty Father for this. Whatever do people do without God???--sooooo sad. It definitely brings us closer to God. We have HIM and for that I am very grateful, and I know your family has brought others to HIM through lukemia :) God bless all of you Love, Tricia

Susan Stephenson

November 29, 2010, 3:41 PM

Great news! Miss you guys
Susan and Randy

January 20, 2011

January 21, 2011, 3:50 AM

Happy New Year just a few weeks late...I wanted to let you know that Genre had his January clinic visit yesterday. He is officially half way through his treatments. Twenty months done and twenty more to go!

Yesterday Genre had a spinal tap with a spinal chemo injection. He also had a chemo treatment through his port. I have to say, he handled the sedation and the pain medicine like a champ. He was barely tired or wobbly when it was all over! We are just thanking God for one more month of leukemia-free blood and leukemia-free spinal fluid. That is all we ever need to hear!

Things are so different one year later... this time last year, Genre was in the hospital for almost two weeks and couldn't use his legs. He couldn't walk! He was undergoing MRI's, EEG's, CT Scans, and more. Thankfully, this year, he is busy working on his first Pine Wood Derby car, which he will be racing this weekend. Without needing to think about it, Genre made his car inspirational. The car is purple with yellow words that say Be Strong Be Courageous. He is feeling so healthy and strong. When he's not enjoying Boy Scouts, he's at a basketball game or playing with his friends. We are so grateful that it's this year and not last.

Genre is now on a three month treatment cycle that will continue through September 2012. The first month is a spinal tap/chemo injection and a port chemo injection. The next two months are 'just' chemo injections into his port. No spinal! That cycle just repeats itself for the next twenty months. He won't have another spinal tap until April!! The various oral medications that he has been taking daily will continue through the next twenty months as

well.

As we look forward into the new year, I realize that it's so important to never forget the past. Each day I purposefully remember Genre in the beginning of his treatment. ..not to be morbid or dramatic, but to remind myself to be thankful for what we have now. The further we move away from those first eight months of leukemia, the less terrifying they seem. I know it's like that with so many problems in life, and we so desperately TRY to forget the pain that we felt or the discomfort that we lived through. But, for me, I never want to forget how much I appreciated every single moment of every single day back then. I was in constant communication with God and I was so aware of His presence in our lives. I just don't want to 'get back to normal' and forget. That's my goal for 2011 – to keep appreciating, and to never forget.

Happy New Year to you all. I will update after Genre's next clinic visit. Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and love.

Messages

Neil Jones

January 21, 2011, 4:07 AM

God is wonderful! I will keep Genre in my prayers to continue on his road to complete recovery.

Amy Gratton

January 21, 2011, 12:11 PM

God is good. AND, we want a picture of that Pine Wood Derby car!

maria pellis

January 21, 2011, 1:29 PM

Beautiful news for all of us!!!

susie condrasky

January 21, 2011, 1:56 PM

WOW!!! What a journey you all have traveled, and took so many people with you along the way....you are an inspiration!

Jodi Fowler

January 21, 2011, 2:52 PM

Beautiful. So thankful for Genre's health! Thank you for that reminder, of how important it is to be aware of God's presence each day. Can't wait to see a picture of that car...Good Luck at the race!

Joanne Fitz

January 21, 2011, 5:10 PM

Praise God for what he has done in Genre's life! Amazingly, we are all being blessed by Genre's journey. Love you, Genre!!!!!!!!!!!!

Cindy Painter

January 22, 2011, 7:53 PM

LOVE to hear how "normal" things can be so soon after such a rocky road. Thank you for inspiring us!

Luke Sossi

January 23, 2011, 8:15 PM

I love these updates!!! I am so impressed with your family's positive outlook. Truly an inspiration....

January 21, 2011

January 22, 2011, 4:27 AM

Sorry for two posts back to back...

Remember Dr. Sidonio? He was Dr. Shaw's Fellow until this past summer and he treated Genre for fourteen months. We emailed with him tonight and he was happy to see a picture of Genre with hair - and a little too much of it, I must say.

Dr. Sidonio is working at a hemophilia clinic at Vanderbilt in Tennessee. He has 100 patients and many of them are Von Willebrand Disease patients, not just hemophilia patients. You might remember that Genre has VWD...nothing related to leukemia. His blood doesn't clot as well as it should. He doesn't bleed more; he bleeds longer. The drug that works on MOST VWD patients does not work on Genre. There was much uncertainty surrounding what to do with Genre's port surgery when he was first diagnosed with cancer. There was even MORE concern when they were going to puncture his spine...and then again...and again...and again! They were certainly HOPING that the blood products would help the puncture to seal properly!

Dr. Sidonio wrote that he regularly uses Genre as an example about how to treat Von Willebrand Disease patients for spinal taps and port placements. Genre went through so much after his port surgery! There was so much swelling/bleeding/uncertainty! It is so WONDERFUL to know that all the distress we felt (and everything that Genre endured) is helping other kids through their battles! What a perfect way to look back on that whole nightmare! As I've said before - I don't believe for one second that this leukemia was some "random act of cell mutation." SOMETHING GOOD will come out of it!

Good night!

Messages

Amy Gratton

January 22, 2011, 1:41 PM

So cool

maureen gratton

January 22, 2011, 4:54 PM

Hi Daunette,

I continue to pray for Genre and for the other children in Childrens Hospital. I miss seeing all of you.

God Bless,

Russ

Cindy Painter

January 22, 2011, 7:56 PM

Genre does have a nice head of hair!!!! Wow, to look at pics throughout and now, Genre has really matured! YOU LOOK GREAT! Wow how time flies!

Marci Vickers

January 24, 2011, 1:01 AM

Right On!!!! Something good will come of it. I truly believe that too. There are so many wonderful special people we have met and never would have if it wasnt for leukemia. And i truly believe it has made me a better person- I appreciate the little things now. And Im grateful for that. Hang in there. 20 months to go. Marci Vickers

Kim Parker

January 24, 2011, 4:00 PM

That's wonderful !! God works in mysterious ways, indeed. Take good care,

Kim Parker

Nalene Fleming

February 1, 2011, 3:36 AM

God does NOT waste a thing! What a special anecdote! I enjoyed hearing about Dr. Sidonio, whom we really liked, as well. I'm glad to know he's doing well, and isn't it wonderful to enjoy all that hair? Anna's loving having hers back, though she's getting a little impatient as she waits for it to grow "long!"

Nalene Fleming

March 19, 2011

March 20, 2011, 12:13 AM

Hello. I just wanted to let everyone know that Genre had his March clinic visit and we are thankful for one more month of clean, cancer-free blood. Genre has been enjoying his two month break from spinal taps. In April he will start his next three month cycle which begins with a spinal tap and chemo injection. Dr. Shaw thinks Genre looks great and he continues to tell us that every day in remission matters. He says that the longer a child stays in remission, even on chemotherapy drugs, the better the long term outcome is. We have been doing this for 22 months...18 more to go. We're more than half way there and I couldn't be happier about that. It seems much better to be 'more than half way there.'

Genre finished up his basketball season a few weeks ago. John and I are so proud of him. We weren't even sure if he would be able to last through a whole game. Not only did he LAST through the game, he worked very hard to be able to PLAY the whole game. Every day that was warm enough, Genre was in the driveway shooting baskets. If it was too cold to be outside, he dribbled in the garage. Genre worked harder than he has ever worked in his life, and it paid off for him. He even scored a few points in some of the games! He never seemed tired and he was a real part of his team! :)

Thank you for your continued prayers and love. The little guy still has a way to go so we very much appreciate you thinking about him and praying for him. Have a wonderful night. I will update again next month.

Messages

Mary M Russman

March 20, 2011, 2:36 AM

You just put the biggest smile on my face! Thank you for letting us know how Genre and YOU are doing!

Hugs,
MM

carrie Botkin

March 20, 2011, 2:41 AM

God is good!

How wonderful to hear that Genre is still do well! Praying for the next 18 months to be full of blessings.

michele weisensee

March 20, 2011, 2:51 AM

What awesome news!! Praise God!

Love,
Michele

Joanne Fitz

March 20, 2011, 3:05 AM

WAY TO GO GENRE!!!!!!
THANK YOU, JESUS :)

Amy Gratton

March 20, 2011, 11:54 AM

Very good to hear :-) Peoples' lives go on...people get busy...but Genre's journey still continues and you all still put one foot in front of the other. Even though I may not always check in, Genre is often on my mind, and in my heart and prayers...every time I run...I think of Genre. Thanks for sharing, Daunette.

Kathi Horwat

March 20, 2011, 2:25 PM

I see nothing but greatness for a guy that has so much will, strength, and faith in God. So good to hear back from you. Kathi Horwat

Jean ogg

March 20, 2011, 4:54 PM

Congrats...God is good! We miss seeing you guys but your family is always in our prayers.

donna weber

March 20, 2011, 5:55 PM

Our God is an awesome God continued prayers I am so happy for you all

Kim Parker

March 20, 2011, 9:40 PM

Thank you for these updates. We always love to hear good news! We will continue to keep your family in our prayers, and celebrate these milestones with you!

God Bless!

The Parkers ... Kim, Mark and Katie

wendy coates

March 21, 2011, 12:49 AM

Hi Daunette! So glad to hear over the halfway mark....very awesome! Hope to see you and catch up some time.
Wendy

Janet Allan

March 21, 2011, 1:13 AM

Wonderful news! God is good, so very good. Give all the family a hug from me. This Easter should have intense meaning for all of you. Treasure the progress and blessings you have received!

Love,
Mrs. Allan

PATRICIA ANTONUCCI

March 21, 2011, 6:19 PM

WOW what great news and thank you God! and thank you for sharing Genre's medical news and sports news :) Genere, you are a shining example to you and old.
my love and prayers, Tricia

Brenda Brown

March 21, 2011, 9:25 PM

Hi Sweetie Pie,

We are so happy that you are feeling great and doing so well.

We are anxious to spend some time with you and everyone else sometime this week.

Tell Gionna to get better.

Huge Hugs and Kisses,

Pappy Freddy, Grammy B & Skyepuppy

Nalene Fleming

March 23, 2011, 2:07 AM

Glad to hear the good report! Hang in there! God is faithful!

Nalene Fleming

mimi mcgeary

March 23, 2011, 7:32 PM

So glad for the wonderful update...We will keep Genre and all of you in our prayers. We remember going in to check blood and were always so thankful too to hear the good news. We pray God's continued healing touch and the grace to help Genre's body to continue to make healthy cells. Love to all, Mimi for the McGearys

April 13, 2011

April 13, 2011, 7:38 PM

This morning Genre visited the clinic for the spinal tap which begins this next three month cycle of treatment. His blood work was perfect and completely free of leukemia cells! His ANC is hanging in there at numbers even better than they expect! Just like always, Genre was full of smiles and lots of love to show the nurses and doctors. There is never an ounce of fear or any hesitation in him as his port is accessed or as they prepare him for his spinal tap and Methotrexate injection. I am filled with pride every time I watch him go through these treatments. Even now, twenty three months later, he takes my hand and pulls me toward him. He pulls me close to his mouth and he whispers, "Pray." As I tell him that Jesus is with him and as I tell him over and over that Jesus loves him, he smiles the faintest little smile and says, "Thank you." It's beautiful and it continually reminds me of the courage and strength that, for Genre, comes solely from his faith. We are so blessed.

Genre is doing really well. He is strong and he's doing great with his school work. He is almost completely caught up from all the weeks of lessons that he missed. He works very hard to make sure that he is not behind in any subject. Genre is looking forward to Boyscout camp this summer. Once he found out that they will be shooting guns and arrows, he was in! He and his Dad are going to try the weekend camp first. John can go to that camp with him. We are not yet ready to send him off without one of us there. The people who run his pack are really great and we trust them very much. It's just hard for us... It will be easier, (I think), once his port is removed.

Speaking of ports being removed...God willing, we only have seventeen more clinic visits to go. Can you believe that? Seventeen. Goodness...do you remember when I was typing three to five years?

John and I recently volunteered to be a part of the CHP oncology auxiliary board to support the oncology floor. We were honored to attend the first meeting this past week. As we sat in the room with approximately fifty other people, we were just overwhelmed with thanks and an appreciation for what we have. Our story was the 'good' story in the room. It was an evening that is difficult to explain...we both went through a wide range of emotions. In a room full of people, we are usually different from everyone else...we are 'the parents whose child has cancer.' I'm not complaining about that classification – it's part of our life now. At the meeting, we were one of many in a sea of parents with really sick kids, and parents who no longer have their child with them. While we were happy NOT to be 'the only ones', it was emotionally sickening to be surrounded with so many parents who have lived through so much pain. So many. As I sat there, I kept thinking how there was no way to measure the unimaginable amount of pain that had been collectively lived through in that room. I had to concentrate on paying attention to the speakers so that I didn't allow myself to be

overcome with grief. Sometimes it just sneaks up on me. Even though we have been living through this for some time now...there are moments when the thought of dealing with cancer for one more second is unbearable. Sometimes I just want to blink my eyes and never deal with cancer again. Thankfully, God gives me the strength to ask Him to help me through those moments. Then He centers me and reminds me of all the blessings and wonderful things that have come out of leukemia. He gives me the strength to keep putting one foot in front of the other and to continue doing what we know He would like us to do.

I want to let you know that I will be adding another Carepage entry later today to update about Genre's Kids with Cancer Fund. There are some wonderful things happening with our Fund and I would like to share them with you. I'll do that in a different update.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. Thank you for the way you reach out to us and weave yourselves into our lives. Each and every one of you is forever in our hearts.

Have a beautiful day!

Messages

Brian Calabrese

April 13, 2011, 8:06 PM

Absolutely wonderful update...so happy to hear this news. Genre, you are truly an inspiration to me. The guns and arrows are incredible, great memories for me. I hope you and your Dad have a great time together at Boyscout camp.

Brian Calabrese

Tammy Fleming

April 13, 2011, 8:38 PM

So great to hear such positive news. Genre you and your family are an inspiration to us all.

carrie Botkin

April 13, 2011, 8:52 PM

God is indeed good.

I'm am practically overcome with happiness for Genre and your family. How wonderful that though he has to endure his treatments, he is responding so well. Genre will always be in my prayers.

Janet Allan

April 13, 2011, 9:37 PM

Baker family,

You are still blessing the rest of us with your life stories. They remind us to not take life and all of God's gifts, big and small, for granted. We get so complacent with our normal lives that we forget to stop and say "Thank you God for all your blessings!"

Your stories are a ray of hope and an boost to our souls. Thank you again for taking the time to share them with us. We are ever grateful and blessed!

Every time I wear my cross earrings, I say a pray for your family. I wear them often, so you are never far from my mind.

All my love to all of you,
Mrs. Allan

Mary M Russman

April 13, 2011, 11:44 PM

Daunette,

Once again thank you for sharing this journey with all of us. You will continue to be in our prayers.

Hugs and more hugs!!

MM

donna weber

April 14, 2011, 11:55 AM

What great news We will keep the prayers coming

Kim Parker

April 14, 2011, 3:59 PM

Daunette,

Thank you for updating us. Your family is such an inspiration for us all! What an amazing, faith-filled little boy Genre is!

We will continue to send many prayers your way.

God Bless You All!

Kim

Dawn Capecci

April 14, 2011, 5:20 PM

What great news I will keep the prayers coming

Susan Valenta

April 14, 2011, 6:41 PM

Daunette,

Your words are inspirational and I can feel you are all doing God's work. Sending you a great big hug and lots of prayers for your journey.

PATRICIA ANTONUCCI

April 15, 2011, 1:24 AM

Daunette, thank you almighty God again and again for Genre's good news and his strength as well as your family's. i am very happy for your involvement in the oncology aux. board - you will be an asset and others will reap from your love, faith, and dedication. kisses to you and yours, tricia

michele weisensee

April 15, 2011, 4:14 PM

It is so wonderful to hear how God is working in your lives. Thank you for sharing your faith.

Love,

The Weisensee's

Cindy Painter

April 15, 2011, 10:14 PM

I am so inspired by Genre's faith and courage. Alex still gets nervous during access and spinals. I love the way you communicate on here. It makes me feel like you are talking to me and I am catching up with an old friend. I absolutely love hearing all of this good news from you. Not only does it give us such inspiration but gives us hope for our near future. I am thrilled you and John are on the board for oncology. You are perfect for the job and represent so wonderfully.

Terry Erwin, Jr.

April 18, 2011, 11:57 PM

Dear Padawan Learner

It was nice to see you today - if only quickly from a distance. I am very glad to hear how well you are doing! Keep true to the real force, my youngling!!

Terry - Jedi Master

April 14, 2011 GKWCF

April 15, 2011, 1:22 AM

Hello. Thank you for reading this update about Genre's Kids with Cancer Fund. We gave out our first gaming system to a child with cancer in March of 2010. Since that time, GKWCF has experienced much support and growth. We have been greatly blessed over the last twelve months and we are now able to include charitable giving to the electronic gaming that Genre knows is invaluable to a child living through a long treatment. The games will always be the beginning of this beautiful Foundation. However, only one year later, we have branched out in several different directions so as to help oncology families the best way we know. I am so proud and yet, at the same time, so humbled, to present Project H.E.L.P. (Hands Encouraging Loving & Providing)

Project H.E.L.P. – this is what we do now.

1. Genre's Kids with Cancer Fund provides a handheld electronic video system with two game cartridges to each new cancer diagnosis at CHP. If the child is too old or young for a Nintendo DS, they can choose from an mp3/iPod, or Leapster educational game. There are electronic baby toys as well. If the child already owns a gaming system, they receive two new game cartridges. There are 8-10 new cancer diagnoses at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh each month. These games are distributed by the oncology Child Life Specialist.

2. Genre's Kids with Cancer Fund provides each family with a "go bag" filled with items and necessary toiletries to use during lengthy hospitalization

stays. The bags are full of personal supplies for the very shocked and unprepared parent who has just heard the words, 'your child has cancer'. The bags have notebooks, pens, Tylenol, Tums, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, etc..., and they are distributed by the oncology social workers or floor charge nurse.

3. Genre's Kids with Cancer Fund has closely partnered with the oncology social workers at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh who selectively refer oncology families to our organization based on immediate need. We are committed to providing financial assistance on an individual basis because the disease is devastating. Its impact is challenging and the needs are great. Some families may need assistance with parking and travel costs while others may need help with child care for their other children. Often, parents take Family and Medical Leave and fall behind on their monthly bills. For the families who travel long distances to CHP, we supply the social workers with gas gift cards to be distributed at their discretion. We serve all Pennsylvania regions, Ohio and West Virginia – if a family is admitted onto the oncology floor of CHP, we will help them no matter where they live.

4. Genre's Kids with Cancer Fund provides financial support to the Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology Program at CHP for their teen weekend trip. This year Dr. Shaw took 23 cancer teens aged 15-21 to Seven Springs for a weekend trip. Teens who have lived through cancer join the teens who are actively receiving treatment. The 'experienced' teens provide support and encouragement for those kids who are just now living through the disease. Adolescents and young adults with cancer have the same needs as their peers. This program is designed to help them stand up as individuals without standing out because of their disease. They experience camaraderie and emotional support while spending time with other teens who have cancer.

5. Genre's Kids with Cancer Fund offers a multitude of services to families living through pediatric cancer. Emotional support and free family photography with color editing are among these services.

In such a short period of time, we are blessed to be able to help so many families...and there are SO many families...and SO many needs. Those five points are just the beginning of what needs to be done on the 9th floor.

This Carepage has two parts. It is a letter of thanks. Thank you for the support you have given us over the last year. It is because of you that hundreds of cancer kids are enjoying a handheld game as they sit through hours and hours of chemotherapy treatment and blood transfusions. It is because of you that over fifty families have received a bag from us, and they knew that someone was thinking about them and praying for them just as they began living through the darkest time of their life. It is because of you that a special single mom breathed a sigh of relief and knew that her water bill was paid once she and her child left the hospital after a very long stay. It is because of you that a widowed mom was unable to speak through her tears when she found out that her gas would not be shut off once her child was released to hospice care – after months in the hospital. We at Genre's Kids with Cancer Fund may be blessed to actually do this work...but the work is done because of the support you provide. Thank you so much for that.

Please know that we are dedicated to making the lives of these families a little easier in any way we can ~ emotionally, financially & spiritually. When a family asks why we help, our answer is simple. We are supposed to be God's hands and feet on Earth. We are supposed to show His love. This family was shown His love by all of you, and we will forever pass that on.

Part two of this Carepage is a request. Will you continue to help us? Your support and the support of anyone with whom you can share this story is vital to our mission. We have tried to make donating as simple as we can. You can always mail a donation to PO Box 127 Irwin PA, 15642. You are now able to donate on our website as well. Go to the green tab/contact and then click on donate.

We are hosting two fundraising events again this year. The first one is our golf outing on June 13th at Edgewood Country Club. Last year we were honored to have 82 golfers attend our first event. We raised enough money at that outing to pay for the electronics for the whole year! Won't you join us this year? We are in need of golfers who would like to support a great cause. We would also appreciate any donations of products that could be used for our silent auctions. If you, or someone you know, would like to contribute an item for auction, please shoot me an email at genreskidswithcancerfund@comcast.net. We would appreciate great restaurant gift certificates, show vouchers, unusual items, gift cards, foursomes, tools, getaway packages, auto care gift certificates, electronics and/or sport items....I list all of these because you never know what might remind you of someone you know. :) If you are interested in golfing or sponsoring the event, I'd be happy to send you the forms. They are also available on our website at www.genreskidswithcancerfund.com. Click on the Events button and you will see a golf outing button.

Our second event this year will be our FOOTSTEPS IN FAITH 5K and FAMILY FUN DAY at Irwin Park. The event is set for August 20th. Last year we were just amazed when over 600 people showed up to run or walk! We were blessed by over one hundred volunteers plus all of the policemen, fire departments, sheriffs, and public safety people who joined us to make the event a success. I know it's early, but if you're like me, you need to put things on the calendar as soon as you know about them. We also do a basket auction and a silent auction at the race. I'm asking for your support of our race/walk and also to think about any way in which you or a friend might help us make the auction area a monetary success. Don't forget the live music, children's area and great food that are available after the race!

My dear friend, Jodi Fowler, is the race director. If you need to contact her for any reason please shoot her an email at jodifowler2010@gmail.com. She is already busy planning for the event and this year we are hoping to need even more volunteers! Race registration and sponsorship information is available on the website under Events/5K. This year's confirmed sponsors (so far) are Dick's, Sheetz, Trib Total Media, and Children's Community Care. We anticipate many more!

Again, thank you for taking the time to learn more about Genre's Kids with Cancer Fund. Thank you for caring about Genre and each child living through this awful disease. We appreciate your prayers and support so much!

Messages

Marci Vickers

April 16, 2011, 11:48 AM

Daunette- You are an inspiration as is your son. i admire you both so much
Marci(and Connor)

5/13/2011

May 13, 2011, 10:44 PM

Hello!

I just wanted to let you know that Genre visited the clinic this past Wednesday. His report was cancer – free blood and a good ANC. His numbers were a little lower than they have been, but he could be fighting off a cold. That would mean that his body is acting the way it should. Genre is now 5 feet tall and 85 pounds! That means he has gained 25 pounds on chemotherapy, and he has grown five inches!!

May 25th will be two years since Genre's diagnosis. Two years ago I could not have imagined that my baby would leave to go to an over-night Boy Scout event tonight. Two years ago I wasn't sure that would ever happen. But, today he is strong and he is well... He is also with his Dad! Nevertheless, it was difficult for him to leave me today. He hugged me over and over during the hour before they left. I got a bunch of kisses. He was trying his hardest to hold back his tears as he said, "I'm going to miss you, Mama." I told him that I felt just as sad as he did. I asked him if he realized that we really hadn't been apart for nearly two years. I explained that this is an important step that he needs to take because he is getting closer and closer to having his port removed. He said he knew all that but that it would still be hard for him to get to sleep tonight. Tell me about it.

I just want to quickly tell you about the Mother's Day card that Genre made me. It's really not one that you ever think you might get when you have a baby. Genre made me a card that said "Happy Mother's Day Mom. Since I had cancer, I know now that another mother would not have loved me as much as you and they would not have taken as good of care of me. Thank you for everything you did for me when I got cancer. Love, Genre" Yep...what do you do with that one with James and Gionna sitting there looking at me? They had just given me a Mom t-shirt and an I Love Mom statue. LOL! Don't get me wrong, I LOVE my t-shirt and I Love Mom statue. I know you moms get what I'm saying.

Never in a million years did I think I'd have these stories to tell, but it's ok. It's good to laugh. Genre goes to the clinic in another 28 days. I will update after his appointment. Thanks for always listening!

Messages

Mary M Russman

May 13, 2011, 11:35 PM

It IS OK and it IS good to laugh! What a sweet, sweet boy Genre is. You are amazing Daunette and thank you again for sharing your "journey" with us.

Hugs,
MM

Debbie Javor

May 14, 2011, 12:15 AM

What a special boy you are Genre never thinking about yourself but others. Know God will never leave u. Love Mrs. Javor

Joanne Fitz

May 14, 2011, 12:36 AM

;) If you need a friend to talk to tonight....I am here...Love ya

Cheryl Pesl

May 14, 2011, 2:46 AM

Wow, what a powerful and uplifting update. So glad for the good news. - Cheryl P.

donna weber

May 14, 2011, 10:13 PM

Great News from a great Mom What an awesome young man

Cindy Painter

May 15, 2011, 1:42 AM

Happy, almost, 2-year anniversary! You inspire us all! That card choked me up. What a wonderful young man! He really gets it! He really gets it! God bless you all!

beckie wiltrek

May 15, 2011, 7:56 PM

Thanks so much for the update. I am so glad that Genre is doing well. The card that he made u was wonderful. God Bless.

verna sipple

May 16, 2011, 1:38 AM

Great to hear your doing well and able participate in all those things you to do. we miss seeing you at church, but the boys keep us informed ur doing well, love ya buddy and so great to hear of your progress,. love pap and nan sipple (travis and clay's nanny) shine in dear boy

Molly Kauffman

May 16, 2011, 12:36 PM

So happy to hear the wonderful news!! We are so happy that he is doing well and love the Mother's Day card-priceless!

PATRICIA ANTONUCCI

May 16, 2011, 5:23 PM

WHAT WONDERFUL NEWS! as I tearfully and joyfully read. sending my love and smiles, Tricia

Thank you, God.

p.s. did u get any sleep :)

Kathi Horwat

June 20, 2011, 6:08 PM

Just don't go crying all over it, because it sure would be hard not to! Laminate that sucker because you earned it, and that kid is a winner in every way! So is the rest of your family. Miss you...Kathi

2 years!

May 25, 2011, 12:19 PM

Good morning!

Today is two years since Genre's leukemia diagnosis! Two years! I woke up feeling like I needed to share that this is still a hard time of year. I thought that I'd tell you all how the last few days have been difficult because I can't get it out of my head that during the last few weeks , just two years ago, cancer was eating away at my son's circulatory system....

I won't go in to that this morning. I got all of that negativity out of my head earlier today. (Thank you, Friend.) Instead I want to share all of the good things that have come out of cancer.

Genre is well!

Our family, and anyone who has allowed Genre's strength and faith to touch their lives, has grown so much through his illness. We have gradually become better people while watching Genre handle cancer with such determination and a happy spirit. We all appreciate life more than we did before and I think we all have a new awareness about just how fragile life really is. Because Genre's journey through cancer is so long, we don't get to quickly forget what we've learned.

Our family has been abundantly blessed by the love and kindness of the people who constantly surrounded us through this journey and lifted us up daily. I have said many times before - through leukemia, friends became family. We will never forget what was done for us...how we were loved and cared for.

Through leukemia acquaintances became friends. People that we only knew casually stepped out to provide meals, offer babysitting, and to give their own blood and platelets. Strangers became a part of our life. People who didn't know Genre at all took an interest in his health and his ideas. Today we call them our friends. Each one of these very special circumstances is forever a part of our journey, and we will never forget.

Because of leukemia we are honored to know the entire oncology staff at CHP. I know each one of them was put on the earth for this very special purpose of caring for these sick children. The love and compassion shown by each one of them is unsurpassed and their dedication is unmatched. I thank God for them and for all He allows them to do for these children.

Through Genre's compassion and love for other people came, at first, Operation Electronics - a name he and Jaden coined one night while they were eating pizza. OE grew into Genre's Kids with Cancer Fund and all of the beautiful things we are able to do today. Because of Genre's cancer, over one hundred children at CHP have been given some type of electronic game or music device. Because of Genre's cancer, over 80 moms and dads have been given the supplies they need to get through those horrifying first few days. Families have received enough money to provide food for their other children, had their gas and electric paid, rent has been made current, Christmas gifts and meals were provided, and gas cards have been given regularly. On top of that, the entire transplant floor and the adolescent medicine wing have an Xbox in each room because of Genre's gaming idea. Are you hearing me smile through my words? All of this has come out of our son's CANCER. CANCER!

I write none of this to brag about my son or the hard work of GKWCF and every volunteer. I write this to say that there can be no doubt that God will use any bad situation in our lives for our good...I write this to say that our son way dying in the days leading up to Memorial Day 2009. In my human mind it was impossible for me to see, on my own, that any good could come out of cancer quickly destroying my son's body. On my own, I would have drowned in my fear and sadness...

As we are presented with awful things like sickness, loss, and struggles, we need to immediately and constantly remember that our focus can't stay on the bad thing that is put before us. If we lift the evil, the sickness, the worry, and the fear up to God, it's way easier to deal with. God's shoulders are definitely bigger than ours and He carries the burdens much more easily. I've learned that first hand and if this journey has helped anyone else know that peace, then it was well worth the walk.

Thank you for listening to me again. John, my mom, and I plan on loving and appreciating each other every single minute of the day today. To honor Genre today, please let somebody know that you are so thankful for their life. Have a beautiful day!

Messages

maria pellis

May 25, 2011, 12:28 PM

You never cease to amaze me, by beautiful cousin!!!! I am thankful for your life...Love ya, Ree

Carla Pellis

May 25, 2011, 2:11 PM

Dear Daunette:

We are celebrating with you today too! Thanks for sharing and may God continue to bless you and your family with all you need.

Much love,

Carla and family:)

Kim Parker

May 25, 2011, 3:57 PM

Daunette,

What a journey you have been on! Thank you for your beautifully written updates. I continue to be amazed at your strength, courage, and faith. We will continue to keep you all in our prayers!

God Bless!

Kim, Mark, and Katie

anne novotnak

May 25, 2011, 8:09 PM

I want to thank you all for what you have taught myself and my family! We love you and thank-you for being a part of our lives!

Janet Allan

May 26, 2011, 2:05 AM

Daunette,

What a tribute to God's surprise blessings and continual comfort. Your family is walking proof that God is very much involved in our everyday lives and that His love is never ending.

It is to our benefit that you recognized the importance of sharing your journey with others. Your entire family has touched more lives than any of you will ever comprehend!

Please give my love to the family and let them know my joy is overwhelming at the two year mark!

Janet

donna weber

May 26, 2011, 2:26 AM

I am thankful for all of you to be in life!! Mrs Weber

Nalene Fleming

June 1, 2011, 1:38 AM

AMEN! Cancer is truly a gift -- a rather unexpected, awkward, and difficult one, but a rare and powerful one, as well! We've thanked God many times for it and for the fruit it has produced in our lives and in the lives of so many we know!

Nalene Fleming

Robin Toops

June 27, 2011, 4:31 PM

I had the opportunity to be a "Walker" on Saturday for Cub Scout daycamp with John and the fabulous Genre....although my son, Max is in his scout den, I realized that I didn't know Genre's parents except by sight. Through our hours of "walking" and watching Genre with all of his fellow scouts, I have to say that it was GREAT to see Genre making crafts, running, laughing and playing soccer and just being a BOY! God has blessed you with a great family and a lovely son who God has His hand on...I will continue to hold my own sons even closer and thank Him for their health. You guys are GREAT!

Robin Toops

August 7, 2011

August 8, 2011, 1:01 AM

Hello! I just want to let you know that Genre had a clinic visit and treatment this past Wednesday. He is doing well. His numbers are lower than we would like, but Dr. Shaw is not concerned. He didn't even change any medicine. Genre's ANC is only 500 – which stinks because we will definitely be staying overnight at CHP if Genre would happen to get sick. So...back into leukemia mode we go for a while. I have to admit, we've been getting a little bit lazy in the germ prevention arena. He's not on lock-down or anything like that. I'm just going to go back to our old 'no one in our house if someone has a cold at your house' way of doing things for a while. It's ok. It's a good reminder of how blessed we are to have that part of our lives behind us.

Our family is well and enjoying the summer...lots of friends and fun. We are all busy preparing for our Footsteps in Faith event to benefit Genre's Kids with Cancer Fund. On August 20th we'll have a 5k run/walk and also a one mile fun walk. After the race we'll enjoy a family fun carnival-type morning. There are lots of new games and booths scheduled for the children's area this year, including a giant hamster wheel for the kids. Giant inflatables, balloons, face painting, darts, and a fishing pond are among the many games for the kids to play. The NCC praise band and True Grace will both be playing during the morning. We have lots of great basket auctions and silent auctions as well. There are AirTran tickets, an Xbox, overnight stays, shows with a dinner, a Keurig, and an American girl doll to name a few items for auction. Come hungry because we'll have hamburgers, hotdogs, taco bowls, haluski, and a bake sale!

Thanks to our generous sponsors, the race costs have been met as of today. All money from registrations, games, ticket sales, auctions, food, and donations go directly to programs specifically designed for the families using the oncology floor at CHP. Genre's Kids is 100% volunteer driven. These beautiful friends work countless hours to make our golf outing and our Footsteps in Faith possible. Please come out and support us for the day! If you like to run or walk, please register and join us for the 9:00 start! If you like to eat and play with your kids, we would appreciate you coming out and supporting our family fun area. There is something for everyone that day!! We expect to be at the Park until 1:00 pm. We would appreciate your help in passing our event information along to your friends...the more people who hear about our event, the more lives we can touch.

You can register online at www.genreskids.com. We will be having a registration table at the Irwin Giant Eagle this Saturday from 11-1. We will be happy to register you at race bag pickup on Thursday (8/18) at Kerber's on Guffy Road from 6-8. You can register on Friday (8/19) from 6-7 pm at Irwin Park. Registration is also available the morning of the race beginning at 7 am. If you have any questions, please email our race director, Jodi Fowler, at jodifowler2010@gmail.com.

Thanks for always checking in on Genre and thanks for caring about Genre's Kids with Cancer Fund. There are so many needs on the oncology floor and we couldn't help with any of them if it wasn't for you.

Many Blessings and Much Love ~

Messages

Marci Vickers

August 8, 2011, 1:42 AM

Thanks for the message --- gonna try to make Genres race this year.

Beverly Gorr

August 8, 2011, 3:15 PM

Thanks for the update. Continued prayers that Genre continues to do well, as I know you are all looking forward to his upcoming event. I love seeing the signs everywhere. It was wonderful seeing your entire family at Relay last month and hope to see you on the 20th.

12/21/11

December 21, 2011, 3:56 PM

As I'm sitting here in my kitchen this morning looking out at the snowflakes that are beginning to fall, I realize how beautiful and different each of them is...just like each pediatric oncology family we meet. I apologize for this update upfront; I already know that it will be longer than usual...

I finished delivering the last of the Christmas gifts a few days ago. For those of you who may not know, our social worker, Sharon, told me about four oncology families who wouldn't be "celebrating" Christmas the way we all do. Each of the families is struggling in ways that none of us could really comprehend. I want to take a minute and briefly tell you about each of them. If you've already learned about them, just skip ahead to the third paragraph from the bottom. (Smiley face)

Kaeleigh has been living with stage four Neuroblastoma for some time. She is seven. The doctors aren't sure what to do as they've used all the

'standard' protocols and none of them work. Kaeleigh is now on experimental treatments in the hope of finding something that will save her life. Mom and Dad are both back to work after long periods of time off. They are just poor. Plain and simple...they struggle every day financially and emotionally. The kids Christmas lists included warm clothes, slippers and even warm blankets. Yet, when I met Kaeleigh's mom she said that she feels blessed because Kaeleigh's treatments have kept her alive this long...and Kaeleigh has been happy through it all. I know Kaeleigh and her siblings will be very happy on Christmas morning – because of all of you.

Breadyn is five. He has leukemia. He is about one year behind Genre...only he wasn't as fortunate as Genre. Breadyn's mom and dad are drug addicts. They chose to 'forget' to bring him in for his treatments during the most imperative time of the regimen. The state took Breadyn and his little brother, Isaiah, and put them into foster care. Thankfully, God's plan was for a beautiful husband and wife, who have no children of their own, to want to adopt the boys. Foster Dad is a minister at a small church and Foster Mom is a beautiful, responsible, and graceful woman. They owned nothing for children...no movies, games, toys...or clothes. They have willingly taken on a parent's nightmare and Sharon knew they needed help. People helped...just about everything you need to raise two boys was provided for these two wonderful people. I have a feeling Mom wants to learn more about what we do – I hope you will have a chance to meet them at Footsteps in Faith!

Raven is a Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma patient. She is 10 and they live about an hour north. Mom is a single mom who couldn't work for almost one year. They live in a strange town with no family, and no one who really knows them. When I spoke with Mom and asked her what Raven would want for Christmas, she told me "a three ringed binder would be nice." Yes, you read that correctly...a three ringed binder - like all the ones you've tossed out this past year. As we talked further, I learned that Raven didn't have a winter coat, boots, or warm pajamas. Her wish list included a warm blanket for her bed and school supplies. Mom was a tough nut to crack...she didn't want to let me know how bad their situation really was. It took a long time, but she finally broke down and told me that the best thing she could get for Christmas would be a new pot OR pan. As we talked, I learned that mom was sleeping on a raft-type thing and that she didn't have a coat herself. When I called John, yelling in his ear that Raven's mother didn't have a bed, he 'by chance' was sitting with a guy whose family owns a furniture store and they enjoy sharing with those less fortunate. (Smiley face) Yes...within a week, Raven's mom had a bed and a small dresser. So many people helped this family and Mom has called several times to say thank you to everyone. She is a lovely woman. She's someone I'll keep in touch with long after this...she is just poor...she wants a job now that Raven is back to school, but the only work she can find is shift work. Waitressing and working at Wal-Mart require you to work at night. She is alone and has an almost-11 year old. I can't imagine being so alone.

Jamar is three. He has stage 4 Neuroblastoma also. His mom is Tyonna and she is just a baby herself. She's twenty. Tyonna has two children; her daughter is two. Tyonna lives with her mom who has early onset Alzheimer's. She is being placed into assisted living by the state, and they will take the house as payment. Tyonna and her children will be homeless. Whatever it was about this story...it touched my heart in a way only God could. I instantly knew that we (and I say that so humbly, because in my arrogance I thought it would be 'us' who help her) were meant to help her. It's such a long story...so much has happened, but I'll try to summarize the best I can.

When I first spoke with Tyonna it was right before Thanksgiving. When I learned that the kids didn't have warm clothes or winter coats, I knew that we couldn't wait until Christmas. Mom doesn't have a car, so they walk everywhere. With one post on our Cornerstone Facebook page, I instantly had warm hand me down clothes for both children. At the same time, Jodi called an old friend, Bryan, who has a church on the Southside (near Jamar). Within one hour, Bryan had a Thanksgiving basket with food and gift cards prepared for the family.

Genre had clinic the next day and, as "chance" would have it, Jamar was hospitalized that day to have his stem cells harvested for a transplant. Jodi was at the hospital for another meeting regarding 'Wear a Hat for Cancer', and when she was finished, she joined us at Genre's appointment. Sharon invited us to come to the in-patient floor and meet Jamar and Mom. She was so sweet and kind – so very grateful for the warm clothes. While we were there, we received an email from another gentleman at the Southside church. Our cancer-family was passed along to him, and he became very interested in them. He works for an agency that is affiliated with HUD in some way. His agency pays for apartments for people just like Tyonna! Sharon and Tyonna are now completing the application process and it seems that Mom may have her own place the beginning of the year! On Thanksgiving, Bryan's church prepared the Thanksgiving meal and brought it to the hospital! Even Grandma and Jamar's little sister were delivered right to Jamar's room. All the pieces just fell into place...

When my niece and I delivered Tyonna's gifts, the two of them hit it off like old friends. Tyonna was crying and thanking us – asking us to let everyone who helped know how much this meant. Sadly, Jamar is still in the hospital and Kaitlynn visited Mom the next day. She took her lunch and a coffee. They spent three hours together and they have become friends. I can't imagine the last time someone listened to Tyonna talk, smiled at her, or gave her a hug. I know Kaitlynn did all three! One of my girlfriends from youth group has a niece who lives near Tyonna. She had some troubles very early in life and she is a very young single mom. She has since changed her life and she drives out to our church each week. We are hoping that the two young women will meet and come out together...I feel like Tyonna's life may be different from here on out. (Smiley face!)

Everything that these families needed was provided! Every need! We delivered warm coats, boots, jammies, clothes, pots & pans, blankets, potty seats, cleaning supplies, personal items, and toys! We had grocery gift cards, art easels and play tables ...it was absolutely beautiful! Overwhelming in the most extreme sense...but beautiful. I found myself just spiraling out of control after I made one delivery alone. My mind went crazy for a few minutes and I am so thankful for my every-steady girlfriend to listen to me yell and cry. Driving home I was thinking about how I know four needy oncology families...Really? I know pediatric oncology families? I should realize this...we've been doing this for three years...but it still shocks me sometimes and yes, sickens me....but I see the good. I feel the good. I KNOW HOW GOOD THIS IS! It's like a double edged sword. I am so abundantly thankful to God for the way he carries us through this storm. I am so abundantly thankful for the countless blessings that have come from this. Yet, I am so sickened by the fact that Genre is living through cancer. All of this is because of his CANCER! Can I really be thankful for cancer? Am I nuts? My human brain has a hard time processing that sometimes. I hate CANCER! How can you have any good thoughts about cancer??? I do, but I HATE IT!! I'm thankful that I can pray and ask God to quiet my brain....I'm thankful that I can ask Him to let me feel the emotions I need to feel and to help me push down the ones I should not...and I am so completely humbled by the fact that He allows us to do this work.

Genre is feeling well. His numbers are still much lower than the docs expect, but he is healthy. He continues to take his chemo daily and he goes for his treatments monthly. He has a spinal tap/chemo treatment tomorrow morning. He is a little nervous because it is so close to Christmas....would you please pray that he doesn't develop a spinal headache after this treatment?

Nine more months to go! We are down to single digits...can you believe that? Thank you for your love and support. Thank you for helping us through some of the most difficult times, and thank you for caring about what we do. I don't know how to tell you how much you matter...I don't know how to let you know that you are each a part of my heart forever. Thank you to all...I will try to update tomorrow to let you know how Genre is.

Merry Christmas!

Messages

Kristen Morgan

December 21, 2011, 4:22 PM

So proud of you, Genre... and your whole family. Merry Christmas!!

Debbie Javor

December 21, 2011, 4:32 PM

Daunette what a spiritual blessing you and your family are to all of us. How the way your family perseveres everyday is beyond me. I thank you so much for sharing every thought that is on your mind. Please tell all of those families and yours to have a Blessed Merry Christmas. If there is anything I can help with please let me do. Your sister in Christ Debbie

Kimberly Aukerman

December 21, 2011, 4:32 PM

Thank you so much for sharing - this is what Christmas is about - the gift, of our savior - that "works all things out for good, for those who love Him" - it is beyond our comprehension but just having hope and faith in that is how we can get through each day. I am truly blessed by having you in my life now! Kim

maria pellis

December 21, 2011, 6:58 PM

I'm crying here, for all of it, happy and sad! We really need to talk cousin and I miss you! Ree

Shirley Stahl

December 21, 2011, 8:25 PM

You're amazing! Thanks for the update. I can see the smile on God's face. Well done my child, well done!

I'll be praying for Genre.

Cindy Painter

December 21, 2011, 10:49 PM

Wow! What a beautiful, yet sad, yet uplifting post! You touch so many and ask so little. You are an inspiration and a blessing to us all! Not sure if you know Maggie Elder, but she is also a 9b'er and desperately needs all the prayers she can get. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers too. I would love to talk or get together with you after the holidays. Praying Genre doesn't get a headache and your clinic visit goes as good as possible. Keeping all of these beautiful children and their families in our prayers. Thanks for sharing their story. Much love to you all! Wishing you a very blessed Christmas Baker Family! <3

Laureen Eichelberger

December 22, 2011, 3:02 AM

Thank you for sharing Genre's site, we will pray !

Coleen Queen

December 22, 2011, 6:46 PM

Merry Christmas to all of you. You are always in our thoughts and prayers. Have a wonderful holiday!

The Queen Family

Lisa Beam

December 22, 2011, 6:53 PM

You are all so amazing! Praying and thinking of you all. Have a Very Merry Christmas :)

The Beam Family

Sandra Civitello

December 22, 2011, 8:13 PM

Daunette- Your amazing love and strenght always inspire. We are so happy to hear Genre is doing well and we will pray for no headache!! Love and Christmas wishes from your Philly ancestors!!!!--Sandy

susie condrasky

December 22, 2011, 10:42 PM

Now THAT is a Christmas story!!!

merry xmas! the condraskys

donna weber

December 25, 2011, 6:14 PM

what a great christmas story Please as i know you will. i cant help but think the needs of these families will continue for awhile and after the holidays they may need continued help.

12/22/11

December 22, 2011, 9:04 PM

Thanking God for a perfect clinic visit today ~

Genre's clinic visit today went very smoothly... Whitney (PA) did Genre's spinal tap and it all went perfectly! Cancer-free blood and cancer-free spinal fluid! His ANC has gone up from 700 to 1,400. (Yeah!) Genre gained some weight so there were slight increases in his oral medications. Honestly, I struggle with that one. I want him to have his full doses of medicine so that this awful monster goes away and stays away. But, on the other hand, the closer we get to the end of this drug regimen, the harder it is to watch him put each and every pill into his mouth. On Wednesday night he takes sixteen pills. As I stand at the kitchen counter with him and he puts them into his mouth, I still pray, "God, please only let that medicine go where you want it to go. Please don't let it affect his brain." Watching Whitney inject the yellow poison Methotrexate into his spine today was almost as hard as it was the first time I watched them do it...I know he doesn't need the chemo...I know he is healed. But, I also know that this is the path on which we are meant to travel. We need to see it through to the end.

Another spinal tap in March...one in June...and then the LAST ONE in September. Thank you for keeping Genre in your prayers. It's appreciated more than I can say.

Wishing you all a Christmas and New Year filled with health, happiness, and love.

Daunette

Messages

jill carr

December 22, 2011, 9:11 PM

That is wonderful news! Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!
Jill

Mary M Russman

December 22, 2011, 9:36 PM

Thank God!! What wonderful news. Genre will continue to be in my prayers.
Sending hugs,
MM

Deanne Harrison

December 22, 2011, 9:44 PM

Glad to hear Genre's visit went well. May your family have a blessed Christmas.
Deanne

Kim Parker

December 22, 2011, 10:14 PM

We send our love to you and hope Genre feels better soon. May you all feel God's love during this season of miracles.

Kim, Mark and Katie

susie condrasky

December 22, 2011, 10:45 PM

Wonderful news! The end is near!
susie

Kelley Skoloda

December 22, 2011, 10:59 PM

What a way to set the stage for a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year. So happy to hear such good news.

tammy pavsek

December 23, 2011, 1:38 AM

great news glad to hear it god is good and an early christmas present

Kathi Horwat

December 23, 2011, 3:40 AM

This is wonderful news, Daunette! I have had the spinal taps, and I am sure they are hurting you more than him. Thank you so much for the update...and would love to see you sometime soon. Also wishing you the same joys for the coming season. Kathi Horwat

wendy coates

December 24, 2011, 1:21 AM

So glad Daunette! Have a great Christmas!

Shirley Stahl

December 24, 2011, 5:13 AM

Happy to hear. Merry Christmas!

michele weisensee

December 24, 2011, 5:23 AM

What wonderful news. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

Almost Done

August 4, 2012, 11:26 PM

I know a woman whose 9 year old daughter relapsed only two weeks before the end of her treatment for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. Two and a half year and she had to start all over... Satan uses that against me almost daily as we move closer to the end of Genre's treatment. Genre's clinic appointment was Wednesday. When the docs finally came in, after waiting a very long time, Dr. Shaw said that the blood spinning machine couldn't read Genre's blood. They needed to work on his blood manually and then take a look at the blood slide under the microscope. As I felt the room starting to spin, Dr. Shaw must have been able to see that I wasn't handling his words very well. He said " I'll tell you when there is something to be worried about." That should have made me feel better...it didn't. I don't really know what happened in the next few minutes. I have heard the words, "There's really nothing to worry about," many times before. Logically, I know that Genre's original diagnosis process wasn't normal. I know that most cases don't happen like his did. It all just smacked me in my face again. I can't even really tell you what I was thinking. The only thing I do remember going through my head was 'He got us through all of this. He will get us through anything else that comes along...' I wasn't really praying. I wasn't really thinking. I do remember trying to concentrate on breathing and not crying. Thankfully, Genre and Gionna were oblivious to what was happening because they were playing the DS.

After Dr. Shaw looked at Genre's blood, he assured me that everything was fine. No evidence of disease at all. His ANC was 1400 which is perfect and right where they would want his number to be. I, on the other hand, was not so fine. I had a difficult time driving home safely. Gionna loves the song Blessings and she wanted to listen to it over and over again on the way home. Do you know those words? "What if your blessings come from raindrops? What if your blessings come through tears? What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near?" It took everything I had to fight back the tears. When I finally got home, I couldn't get my legs and hands to stop shaking. I couldn't get my stomach to stop hurting. I was screaming and praying in my head for help. All three kids were there and I couldn't possibly let them see me a wreck. They never even consider relapse. I'm not even sure if James and Gionna know that there is such a thing as relapse. It was the second worst day of my life.

So...there you go. I keep telling all of you that I am not Super Woman for living through childhood cancer. I was absolutely panicked. I know for sure that we can get through everything God puts in front of us with His help, but I don't want to do this again – EVER!!! I have to be honest, the closer we get to being done, the harder it's gotten to focus and keep really awful thoughts out of my head. I feel like I'm being attacked and I would really appreciate your prayers. This part of the journey is really rough.

On a much lighter note...I have wonderful news! Genre will be having his last spinal tap/chemo injection on August 29th. While he is sedated, they will do his final bone marrow biopsy. That's where they go into his hip and remove some of the marrow. Since leukemia is a cancer of the blood, they want to take a look at the newest cells and the marrow is where blood cells are produced. God willing, that biopsy will be cancer-free. When we get the results in 3-5 days, they will schedule Genre's last port chemo injection for September 25th. The next day, September 26th, they will remove the port from his chest. On September 29th he will turn 12 years old. Three years. Four months. Done. Thank God.

Lots of good things are happening with Genre's Kids with Cancer Fund! We have been reaching out to the neediest families on the oncology floor. If you'd like to hear more about what we do with Genre's Kids with Cancer Fund, please sign up for our newsletter. Every few months we will email to let you know what's happening and who we are helping. Visit our website at www.genreskids.com to sign up for our newsletter under the CONNECT tab.

Our 3rd annual Footsteps in Faith 5K/Walk and Family Festival is happening on August 18th this year in Irwin Park. We would love for you to join us and we could use your support! You can find all the information on our website. (Just go to the Events tab.) New this year is a half mile kids' run inside the park. It should be really fun for kids 10 and younger! We have some new games this year, great food, silent & basket auctions, as well as family-friendly music from Cornerstone's worship team. I hope to get a chance to see a bunch of you there!

Thanks for caring about Genre's updates. Thanks for listening to me ramble three years later! I am more thankful than I could ever say. Have a beautiful day!

Messages

donna weber

August 4, 2012, 11:47 PM

i can only imagine the ups and downs of this journey and can certainly understand the fear when you were waiting. Sometimes our faith just takes a little bigger boost. that's what prayer is for. Praying as always for good results. Praying for all of you and all the medical folks involved

Kris Horvath

August 5, 2012, 2:26 AM

Daunette,
So great to see you the other day!! I promise to keep all of you in my prayers! All my love,
Kris

Kim Parker

August 5, 2012, 3:45 AM

God Bless you all! Will continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers as you reach the end of this long journey. You are an inspiration to so many!

Much love,
Kim, Mark, and Katie

Sandra Civitello

August 5, 2012, 4:11 PM

So happy to hear Genre is well and the Fund is so successful. More worried about you, remember to take time for yourself, breathe and enjoy. And hopefully feel all the love and support being sent your way.
Sandy

Denise Ratica

August 6, 2012, 12:22 PM

We are praying for all of you. God is Good!

PATRICIA ANTONUCCI

August 6, 2012, 4:54 PM

Daunette, I am so sorry you had to go thru this very difficult day but so happy God blessed you all w/good results. you all certainly turned this cancer into so much good for others and thank you. you are definitely serving as God wants us to do. thank you for being such good examples for us. much love, tricia

susie condrasky

August 24, 2012, 5:29 PM

Don't know how I missed this message from such a long time ago....Always thinking about and praying for all of you!!!!
Much love,
The Condrasky Family

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September 27, 2012

September 28, 2012, 4:24 AM

It's over... Genre is done with his leukemia treatments! On August 29th he had a bone marrow aspiration and that procedure showed that his body is NOT producing cancer cells. His last chemotherapy injection was Tuesday, September 25th. Yesterday, they removed the port from his chest after three years, four months, and one day!

For the next year, Genre will go to the Clinic for a blood check and physical. After that, they will taper his appointments to three months, then six months, then once a year. Today, however, Genre is feeling a lot of pain in his chest and up into his shoulder. He can't raise his left arm over his head...but he is done. Done. What do I say about that? What words are "good enough" to describe this? I don't know where to begin or how to continue with this story. I'm not usually at a loss for words – especially when there is so much that has happened over the last month... I watched them core into Genre's hip for a marrow sample and we found out that our son is cancer-free. I watched his port be accessed for the last time. I watched his nurse, MaryEllen, inject Genre with chemotherapy for the very last time. The next day, I watched as the anesthesiologist pushed the medicine into Genre's IV to make him fall fast asleep...I kissed him good bye and left the operating room. I sat in the waiting room until the doctor came out to tell us that everything went perfectly. He handed me Genre's port in a plastic cup, and he left. It was over. Done. Protocol complete.

What came next was a crazy flood of joy that I can't explain with words...a joy that I still feel bursting inside my chest. It feels like my heart is going to pop out of my chest because there is so much love and excitement bubbling around in there! A weight has been lifted from my shoulders and the only way I can describe the feeling is that I feel 'light'. I can't stop smiling...I can't stop babbling. I talk constantly - all day long. I want to tell the story to everyone I see. I want to stop strangers and tell them that our son is cancer-free. I want everyone to know that he is warrior. I need them to know that he won the fight of his life and that Genre is done!

There won't be any more toxic chemicals injected in to our son. There won't be any more toxic pills in our kitchen. Genre can fish! Genre can play in a stream. Genre can go to the pumpkin patch and play in the hay for the first time in over three years! He can run through a corn maze and we don't need to worry about what he is breathing in...he can play out back when John is cutting the grass and we don't need to worry that there may have been mold in the grass for him to inhale. We can take him canoeing, to see a dairy farm, in to the monkey house at the Zoo, and to the Aviary.... Where do we begin???

On top of all of that, I need to tell everyone what God has done through this. I have this passion in my heart to let everyone know about all of the crazy-amazing things I have been blessed to see! On Tuesday night before Genre's surgery, I was praying about a whole lot of stuff.... On our way home from dinner, I looked at the Daily Bible verse on my phone. This is what it said – "Ecclesiastes 7:8 Better is the end of a thing than its beginning, and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit." Seriously, that's what it said. Do you know how many scriptures there are in the Bible? Do you know how many topics are in the Bible??? After I read that, I went home, put my head on my pillow and went to sleep. Never thought about the surgery again...never doubted for one single second that Genre was in God's hands.

He has been – all along. God has carried Genre through every single injection, transfusion, procedure, fever, hospitalization, and post-traumatic stress disorder. He has guided our decisions and He allowed us to know that He was there, especially when we needed to know. There is so much more to say about this whole journey. There is so much to be said about all of the people who have helped us through this battle with their love, prayers, their constant friendship, and never-ending support. How do we tell them thank you? How do we let you know that you are loved beyond measure?

Thank you from all of us. You are forever in our hearts.
Daunette

PS...Genre chose to go to Hawaii for his Make a Wish trip! We are going soon!

Messages

carrie Botkin

September 28, 2012, 10:54 AM

Dear Daunette,

I am crying tears of joy for you all. Not just for Genre, but for you, John, the kids, your extended families... God carried you all through this and you turned it into a beautiful way to care for others. Can't wait to see your family out and about town! Sending you all love and prayers, as always.

Carrie Botkin

Timothy Gray

September 28, 2012, 11:45 AM

Congratulations!!! That is awesome! We are all so happy for you guys. Let me know if you have any extra room on the trip...I like Hawaii.

Sandra Civitello

September 28, 2012, 11:52 AM

Tons of love, smiles and happiness coming from your cousins!!

This is the best day ever!!

Love, Sandy

jill carr

September 28, 2012, 1:45 PM

Hi Genre - I hope your chest feels better soon. I was so happy to read about all of the good news. Hawaii sounds awesome, you and your family will have so much fun!!! Jill

Debbie Javor

September 28, 2012, 3:07 PM

What an amazing God we have to cure Genre I am so happy for you all. Enjoy your time in Hawaii and in all the activities that you are ble to do now.

JAMIE SABO

September 28, 2012, 4:44 PM

That is wonderful news! I am so glad it is all over for Genre and your family! God Is Good!

susie condrasky

September 28, 2012, 8:31 PM

ABSOLUTELY the BEST NEWS I've heard in a LONG time!!!! You just made my day, no month, no year!!! :)

maria pellis

September 29, 2012, 1:21 PM

Joy, Joy, Joy!!!! Love you so,

Ree Ree and family

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September 29, 2012, 1:21 PM

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Ree Ree and family

Kim Parker

September 29, 2012, 9:41 PM

So, so happy to hear this wonderful, long awaited news! God bless you all, and give Genre a big hug from us!

Kim, Mark and Katie

Kris Horvath

October 1, 2012, 12:41 AM

I'm sending you and your entire family the tightest of hugs. Our love to you all. Rest, smile and enjoy your family! With all my love, Kris, Ken and kids

Janet Allan

October 1, 2012, 2:40 AM

Hello Baker family,

Over the years I have thought of and prayed for all of you often. You have endured a long trying time. No one will ever truly understand how it has been for each and everyone of you. You had to be a family of strong faith to help each other. I'm sure there were times when one of you needed lifted by the rest and no one saw all those moments, but you as a family. The bonds built throughout this time within your family are forever.

But, what you don't realize is, the impact of your family on the world. It is priceless! You have blessed all of us with your openness to the sad, ugly, painful, beautiful, tears, fears, love, surprises, doubts, encouragements, blessings, missionary experiences, funnies, and now to the overwhelming joys.

You left nothing out. You sugar coated nothing. You didn't hide the bad. You shared the joys. You told of the blessings. You told of the miracles. You told of the others who were reached.

I don't know but that sure reminds me of something. Oh, the Bible maybe.

Baker family you are a living example of the Word of God!

May I be so bold as to say, it is time to change your anchor verse. Might I suggest Philippians 4:8,9

Thank you from the bottom of my heart! May God bless you with overwhelming joy the rest of your earthly life!

All my love to all of you!

Coleen Queen

October 1, 2012, 2:30 PM

Yeaaa! We're so happy for all of you (especially Genre). You guys have been through so much and you deserve this blessing! We'll still keep the prayers coming.

The Queen Family

alex pattison

February 27, 2014, 5:18 PM

A smile in every picture! A lesson to be learned for us all. Genre is wise beyond his years - life will throw us curve balls. He has taken his and knocked it out of the park! So proud to consider him a friend and am looking forward to see all that he accomplishes in life.