

I have been in the hospital five times in the last three years. It started with pneumonia one week, then twice for gastroparesis because of problems with my diabetes. On Aug. 4th, 2009, I had chest pains and was hospitalized for a heart stent. I was in for five days because of high blood pressure.

Then, on Sept. 4th, 2009, my husband and I were on our way to Branson, MO for Labor Day weekend. We had a bad car accident where our car hydro-planed due to the heavy rain. We were taken by ambulance to a small town hospital in Missouri which was a horrible experience. I was then taken by ambulance to a trauma center hospital in Kansas City. We were both there for five days. I had a brain bleed and my husband fractured two vertebrae. We got back home to Lincoln and within a few days, my husband was back in the hospital with a ruptured bowel. He had to have emergency surgery, where they removed 1/3 of his colon. He had an ostomy bag for 3 months, which was a real challenge. He has been in and out of the hospital several times since and has been off work for seven months.

Through all of this, we are thankful to be alive! God is so good and faithful during all of these hard times. He has blessed us with so many family members and Christian friends whom have prayed for us, brought meals, and helped us out with our finances. We are so very thankful and praising God for His goodness and faithfulness.