

Heaven's Reach Ministries

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Showing, Teaching, and Releasing God's Love

All things work together for good!

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose. (KJV Romans 8:28)

The last 8 weeks were very trying, however God's word was proven over and over again! I sure never thought that any good could come out of having the entire right side of my body in immobilizers and casts, but it has!

It has not been easy at all, but as I'm coming out of it I can see how God used it for good and for His glory!

Lesson 1: I have learned that I am blessed to have such a wonderful husband! I can truly see how something like this could make or break a marriage! I have had to depend on Dean for everything from the smallest to the largest of things. He has been my total caregiver. I have learned to trust and love him in ways I didn't know I could!

Lesson 2: I have learned a lot about turning control over...ever ask for help and when you got it you got so frustrated and you couldn't step back and receive the help? I didn't exactly ask for all the help I had to receive, but I was put in a position where I had to turn everything over to others to get anything done. I found myself so irritated, because well although Dean and the others were doing what needed to be done, they weren't doing it the way I would have done it and I just wanted to scream STOP let me do it! However, I couldn't do it if I wanted to so I just had to stop and let them do it.



For example, we were going to the H & F student graduation and I needed to get ready, I was totally unable to dress myself let alone fix my hair, make-up, or anything. Dean (poor thing), Belky, Paola, Melida, & Miriam took on the job of

getting me ready.

I was not happy from the get go: I was saying Dean why are you doing it that way you have to do it this way. I wasn't so verbal with the girls, but I was thinking the whole time, you are curling my hair that way, you can't iron that way, what are you doing to my make-up! It was a night-mare for me, but you know what, when they finished the results were better than what I would have gotten if I'd done it myself!

That lesson was: sometimes we ask for help, sometimes we need help, sometimes we just get help unsolicited but we can't let go of what we need to so that we can receive that help because we feel like they are messing it up or not doing the job the way we think it should be done, but actually if we'd just back off and let them help they would do a great job, and even if they mess up some, it creates a teaching opportunity, but by not allowing someone to help us we are taking blessings away from everyone including ourselves!



Wow, was I wrong! What huge blessings I would have missed out on if I had not followed what I knew I was supposed to. It turns out that my written Spanish is pretty good, but my speaking Spanish needs improvement. So my teacher was thrilled to concentrate on reading and speaking Spanish.



In the process I learned that my teacher, although a professed Christian that attends an evangelical church on a regular basis had never read the bible. I was so surprised. She said I am a single mom of 3 boys and bibles are expensive & I cannot afford one. She gets the word from church but not on her own. She said I would love to read the bible. I am blessed to have a Spanish/English bible so we decided to make part of my class reading the bible.

I've never seen anyone so hungry for the word and so excited to be receiving it! We started in Genesis and are now in Exodus. She was like wow, I've heard the story of Joseph but I didn't know it was in Genesis, and to hear the total story of creation, Joseph, & Moses. She is so moved by the blessing to be reading the bible and I am not only learning Spanish, but receiving blessings upon blessings as we read! Now Dean and his teacher are reading the bible as part of their class as well.

Sometimes we never know why we are suffering during trials, but if we seek God He will show us the good that has, is, or will come from it! I am still healing from my injuries and it is possible that I will need to have surgery on my knee for a total recovery, but I am doing very well. I don't ever want to experience this again, but I am so glad that God has blessed me with lessons learned and good from my trials!

God Bless you all!

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