



be ready always to give an answer  
I Peter 3:15

earnestly contend for the faith  
Jude 3

June 2023

## FEMUR...

### Grossmont and Balboa Park

Within days of returning from vacation (May 1) I tripped over my socks in the kitchen and fell hard on my left hip breaking the biggest bone in the body, the Femur. The multiple fractures were right at the ball and socket which required emergency surgery and a partial hip replacement.

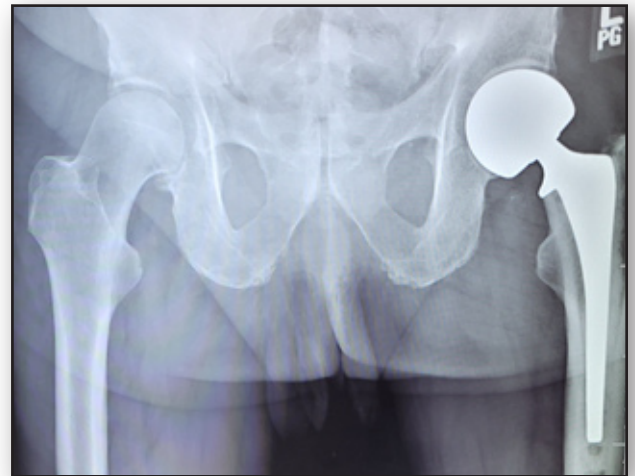
Now at just over 4 weeks of recovery I'm slowly progressing but still require a walker which has become my constant companion. Through therapy and a good care giver, my wife, I am progressing and starting the use of a cane. Long story short, despite my strong desire to get out again I haven't been able to get out witnessing the entire month of May.

However, the Lord has arranged numerous gospel encounters in my handicapped condition that I never would have had apart from this injury. Thus it may be that this is the very reason for all the pain, or perhaps there are even greater purposes that God has for my good and His Glory.

Although I won't be able to get out again officially for perhaps a month or so, brothers Gary, Marc, Ray and Sister Lisa have carried the torch without interruption each week to our usual destinations. They finished the school year with Grossmont College and now have moved to Balboa Park.

I have been blessed with an abundance of concern, from my brothers and sisters in Christ through prayers, meals, personal encouragement, emails and phone calls. Of course our great King, Savior, deliverer and healer has daily met my needs and grants progress in my healing and peace of mind on a daily basis. My wonderful, loving wife has been a constant help in so many ways and an amazing encourager 24-7.

Please continue to pray for recovery and also my wife who struggles to assist despite her pains.



This is what my bionic hip looks like now. They tell me the recovery time is actually much less than if they would have simply pinned or screwed together the broken parts and waited for the healing of bones. Praise the Lord for modern technology.



I finally got out of the house and Dianna took me to a park at Seaport village for a walk. A middle age man rode by us on a bicycle and stopped. Pulled this jacket out of his backpack and helped me put it on. He Smiled and rode off without a word. I think God sent him.

## NEWSLETTER

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## More about May...



This is my physical therapist Kenneth sent by Kaiser to help me recover at home. As he left I gave him several gospel tracts and explained what the message was. He reminded me so much of a Christian brother that was very close to me a few years back. A sudden heart attack took him home. Life is fragile and we must proclaim the message of life while we can.



Dianna took me to the Lakeside Lindo Lake for a walk. My injury, directed by the providence of God, produced a 30 minute talk with these two Mormon Missionaries (Brandon and Jonathon). Both were from the Salt Lake City area. One of them went to Bountiful High the school Dianna attended. I had them read from the Book of Mormon and explained how Mormonism no longer teaches those things. We can rely on the Bible and that there is but one God. A triune God that has provided for our salvation in Jesus. Dianna shared with them as well. It was a special time where I felt that God was dealing with their hearts. They seemed appreciative.

For three days after surgery I shared a room with Mario, a Spanish man with colon cancer. Since there was only a lightweight curtain separating us I heard his doctor talk frankly with him and his wife that he was doing all he could to keep him alive for just 2 more weeks so he could be at his daughters wedding. While he was sleeping I spoke to his wife at length about life and the hereafter, God and His wonderful gospel. I think they were nominal Catholic. I offered to come see them and speak more concerning this message as he was being discharged that day.

It is heartbreaking to share such a beautiful story and yet not know if they will believe. However, the seed has gone out and God will do what is good to Him.

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Before surgery I told all the nurses, doctors, anesthesiologists and the surgeons that I was a Christian. I explained that many of my Christian brothers and sisters were praying not only for the outcome but for those involved with the surgery, that God would guide their hands. Such a simple testimony that God's people are trusting Him in all things.

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The last example of the gospel going out might not sound like an official proclamation but it actually happens quite often in the life of a mature believer whether we see it that way or not, and that is simply talking about the Lord.

Ben Hall, a Gideon came to visit me in the hospital. It was a delight to see him. Of course we spoke of what we love the most and that is sharing Christ with the lost. Although it was just the two of us a thin curtain is the only thing that separated us from a number of people that came in and out over the next hour to see Mario.

Often there were 2 or 3 beyond the curtain that seemed to pause to hear what we were talking about. Since Ben and I need to speak loudly to hear one another, these beautiful words of praise were easily heard by those near us. I believe God uses even our casual talk that speaks of Him.

## What's Happening and What's Coming???

**7,000 more tracts!...** I just love printing more tracts. We just received another 5,000 "The Narrow Path", 1000 "Jesus and the Quran" and 1000 "Creation vs. Evolution." I also expect we'll print our Balboa Park visitor guide very soon. It is so exciting that we have distributed 10's of thousands of tracts here in San Diego which all contain the gospel. PTL

**Utah outreach...** We are considering an outreach to Utah sometime this year. As I recover we'll be able to more clearly decide what and when would be a good time. Now that Covid has subsided I believe there will be many other opportunities for the gospel to go out in the near future. Please pray for wisdom as we seek the Lords will.

*In Christ,  
Jerry and Dianna*