

know it, you'll die . . . that cancer doesn't have to be a death sentence, that there is a way to deal with it and the earlier you can get help, your chances are much better and that we shouldn't have to fear it and not talk about it, it's something that should be discussed.



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(translated by daughter) she said . . . well if I'm healed, through her faith, she said I got healed, completely healed, you can be healed too. She really fought, . . . for her healing. But she wasn't alone, the family was right behind [her], we all supported her and I think a cancer patient really [needs] . . . alot of support, encouragement. . . . She said to the other cancer patients, people that have cancer, she said, "if you're willing to get healed you're gonna get healed." Even from the help of your doctor, pray for your doctor, you know, work with him, like work with your doctor. (Native tongue) Ya, and then she said just go ahead with the treatment they're helping you too so work with them, work with the doctor.

Now . . . , I'm completely recovered. I'm able to get . . . my left arm up as high as my right. I use my left side, just as much if not more than my right side. And, I've got a good job, got a great boyfriend, and my daughter is working in . . . , Phoenix and she's planning on going back to school and I'm just altogether happy and I'm just really happy that I did survive and I am really happy that I have this chance . . . , to tell people please don't wait, don't be afraid to tell someone.



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