

The Lord led me to Dr. Burzynski's antineoplaston treatment for advanced cancer

by Debra McCormick

On June 4, 2010 at 2:30 in the morning I woke with a severe pain. I was scheduled for a colonoscopy and went from that procedure directly to a CT scan. I was diagnosed with a malignant mass in my colo-rectal region with metastases to the liver.

My husband and I immediately went before the LORD in prayer believing He is the LORD that heals. I was anointed and prayed for by our church elders and committed church family. We contacted our prayer warriors around the globe with our news and request for prayer.

On June 28 I was given news that I had one of two options. The first was to enter an experimental chemotherapy program as well as receive radiation treatments to shrink the non-operable malignant tumors. The second option was to enter a hospice program as I had months to live. Even with chemotherapy and radiation the oncologist gave me grim news of a very shortened life span.

The LORD was very specific in His leading us to other options at medical clinics in Houston, Texas. While paddleboating on our pond we saw a great blue heron following us from raft to raft. We prayed for guidance as we meditated on Psalm 32:8, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you."

He used three different people to lead us to Dr. Burzynski in Houston. Knowing that I needed to make the most of the time, I wanted to share my faith. While buying a book about cancer, I asked the woman at the

checkout counter if she believed in God. She was a believer and sent me to her son, who was a doctor that recommended Dr. Bob Rakoski in Houston and Dr. Burzynski. He prayed with me and didn't charge me anything.

A lady in my Bible study had a friend who also recommended Burzynski. Then when I was feeling very sick and weak, I went to my computer, where I had hundreds of emails to sort through. I prayed that God would give me eyes to see, and I opened an email from my niece that recommended Dr. Burzynski.

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I slept well that night, and called the next day. I had an appointment in seven days. We arrived in Houston on July 1 and began a supplement program with Dr. Bob Rakowski. We initiated treatments with the Burzynski clinic on July 29.

As the Samaritan ministry guidelines allow, the travel expenses were able to be shared because such substantial savings would result. Dr. Burzynski's fees were less than half

what chemotherapy and radiation would have cost. We were then able to arrange for doctors near our home in Wisconsin to administer the treatments.

On October 12 I had a scan in Wisconsin and returned to Houston to meet with Dr. Burzynski. After two and one-half months of treatment through The Burzynski Clinic, tests showed I was 80 to 90 percent cancer free!

Another scan in January showed that the cancer had reared its head in a couple new locations, but this is not uncommon. I continue to hope and pray that I will be another one of Dr. Burzynski's many success stories.

Throughout the entire process of working with physicians and oncology staff, my husband and I have proclaimed that God is my healer and we have stood on the Word of God that speaks to His being a healer. My niece helped me set up a page on CaringBridge.org, so I can share my testimony online, and receive prayer support.

The sharing process with Samaritan has been a huge blessing that lifted the burden of the financial pressure, but even more important are the cards and notes. They spoke directly to what I needed to hear. I'm learning that we cannot live in fear and faith at the same time, and the notes reminded me of the Scriptures. Some families sent recorded CDs of them praying for me and reading verses. God has said not to be afraid! I have been blessed beyond measure. ♦

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