

August 29, 2008

Dear Friends:

We are safely at the Montage. In July, we had to leave and go back to the desert. I was admitted to Eisenhower Medical Center for 10 days due to pneumonia. I then stayed home for two days to recover before heading back to the Montage. I found I was really out of shape after being in the hospital for 10 days. I am just now starting to gain my strength back.

I have had many visitors which always make me happy to have my friends around me. I have had my feeding tube for four months now. I haven't had solid foods or liquids by mouth since my tube was placed. All food, liquids (even water) and pills go through my tube. I was feeling depressed, but am now feeling like myself again. I am hopeful I can set new records for PSP patients. I am grateful I can afford to have full time nursing care. People with PSP usually die due to falls or pneumonia. Now that I have the feeding tube, it will help eliminate pneumonia, and with nurses, they help prevent me from falling. I have fallen twice since our stay in Laguna, but have taken precautions such as shower bars. I am listening to my nurses and waiting for them to help me even if I feel I can manage on my own to prevent from falling.

We had Kelly's wedding in June at our home in Hailey. Toni has had a lot of legal issues to deal with in Idaho over water rights on our property. Things seem to be now working in our favor.

Next week, the "bike group" arrives for a few days. I plan to return home to the desert on September 10th just after I get another Botox treatment at UCLA. I still have trouble with my eyes. That seems to be my biggest problem at the moment.

All the boys seem to be doing well, which is always good news. That's all for now ...

Hope all is well with you.

Love,
Chuck