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## Rebekah's Journey

by Darlene Schacht, March 2006



*Rebekah Adams, February 2006*

Several months ago, my heart was touched by the story of then three-year-old Rebekah Adams. While Rebekah should have been rolling on the floor with her little sister Sarah, and sticking her hand in the cooking jar, she was laying in a hospital bed getting poked with needles, her body and immune system being killed off with chemicals and her flesh burning with the damaging affects of radiation.

Rebekah and her family were just getting used to her recent diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy (and other neurological issues). Then, in April 2005 Rebekah's life, and that of her family, were turned upside down one more time when she was diagnosed with an inoperable bone and soft tissue cancer called Ewing's Sarcoma. It had started out with a little bump on her face that appeared in March 2005. By April 20th--only weeks later--the bump had grown considerably, taking over her entire face and starting down her neck. After a week of testing, the family was given the devastating news of her illness.

The odds of survivability were small enough that the doctors told them, "We would understand if you chose not to treat." They never even considered not treating. The course of treatment planned for the following months was extensive chemotherapy and hospital stays that would range from 3-7 days, 2 weeks home, and then back again. If Rebekah got

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Colossians 2:2



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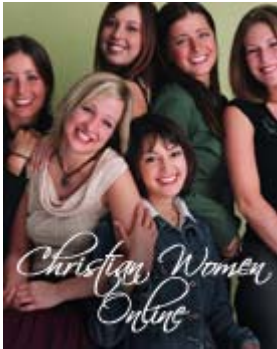
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sick at all in between the scheduled stays she would be stuck back in the hospital. It was the doctor's hope and the hope of her family that the tumor would shrink enough through treatment so it would become operable.

It was at that time, which her family sent out a plea, "We need prayer for a miracle here please." The plea was meant to go out to family and friends. But God had another plan and their plea got worldwide attention through the Internet. Over the course of the next several months a countless number of people along with their churches were praying that God would restore Rebekah's health, and give comfort to her family.

Within weeks, the beautiful brown hair that once draped her young shoulders was gone. It was replaced by family and friends who rallied around to offer financial and emotional support.



After 12 weeks of chemotherapy God had worked a miracle and the tumor appeared to be gone. The family believed, but the doctors who did not, explained that stopping treatment at that point would be fatal. This type of cancer is extremely aggressive and usually requires amputation. Because of the location of Rebekah's cancer that was obviously not an option.

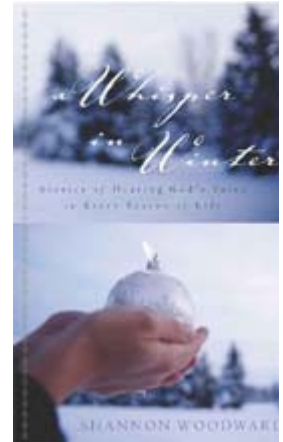


Rebekah started 31 days of extensive, daily radiation. By August 2005, Rebekah was suffering tremendously from the effects of radiation. Her mouth, throat, face and neck were covered with burn sores inside and out; even liquid medicine was causing pain. Her face was burning, and although she was given a lot of

morphine, she was still feeling the pain. They almost lost her several times.

Rebekah's parents, Scott and Frances Adams continued in their faith in God. They needed another miracle. As they spent 30-50% of their time living at the hospital, there were times when a miracle seemed out of reach. Yet there always seemed to be a glimmer of hope that kept them pressing on and praising God for the good that they had in their life.

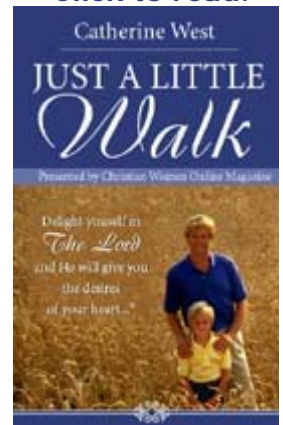
Chemotherapy continued every third week through the end of January 2006. On February 14th, 2006, Scott and Frances received the greatest gift of love--God had healed their daughter and the doctors were recognizing it. On Valentine's Day the doctors declared Rebekah cancer free.



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They still have to do complete scans and tests every three months for the next 4 years as the doctors say it is likely to come back. After that they have 5 more years of a high likelihood of Leukemia setting in because of the chemicals put in Rebekah's body. Scott, Frances, Rebekah and Sarah believe and hope for better; they know that God has brought them through impossible times, healed Rebekah, and in His will can continue to protect her. That is their prayer.



Throughout all of this they have shared Rebekah's journey on their daily blog and provided a website where people can learn how to help. If I hadn't followed this journey through the valley of the shadow of death that they walked through last summer, I wouldn't have experienced the measure of faith that I felt when I saw their eyes fixed on the mountain before them. If I hadn't felt the pain of their burden as they walked through that valley, I wouldn't have known the unspeakable joy that I had when I saw them walk over that mountain.

Please join me in continuing to lift up prayers, delight in their joys and share their ongoing journey.

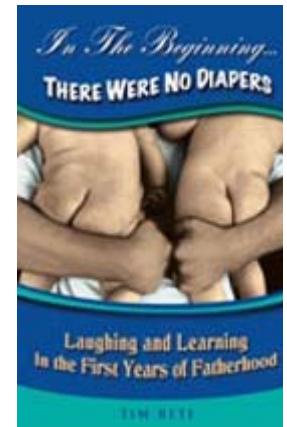
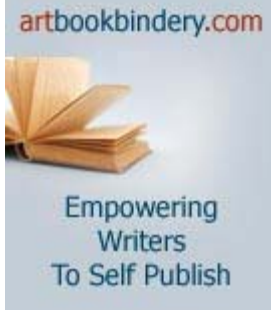
*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.*  
Psalm 121: 1,2

You can learn more about Rebekah at these websites:

[www.rebekahspage.blogspot.com](http://www.rebekahspage.blogspot.com)  
[www.HelpRebekah.com](http://www.HelpRebekah.com).

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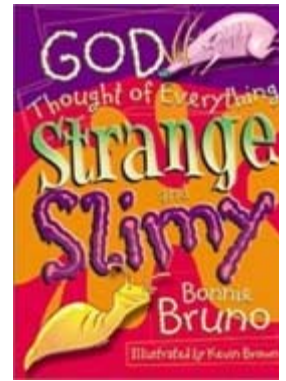


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