



CORRINNE BOSMAN

“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives”. Genesis 5:20

Corrinne has undergone 33 operations, endured excruciating pain and now spends time in hospitals telling other women of God’s goodness! Here is her story..

Corrinne gave her life to Christ at the age of 6. At 19 she was in a motorbike accident where she almost lost her right leg, most of her calf muscle was destroyed and the thigh bone was shattered. After 17 operations the leg was saved and the bone was lengthened.

About 20 years later Corrinne experienced problems with her bladder, she was initially diagnosed with an overactive bladder but medication provided no relief from the symptoms. Two weeks after a sling was fitted under the bladder, the condition worsened accompanied by pelvic and lower back pain. In February 2007 Corrinne was correctly diagnosed with interstitial cystitis, which is a chronic condition with leaking of the bladder lining and constant inflammation. Although various treatments were introduced, the pain became debilitating - she could not work, could hardly drive to fetch her children and became dependant on medication to manage from one day to the next.

When Corrinne realised that her memory and mental health were deteriorating, she began to reduce her dependency on the drugs, follow a regular exercise programme and closely watch everything she ate. The biggest step was the difficult process of accepting the limitations of the disease and resting more often. There were many times of despair and anguish but together with the support of her family, the illness became manageable.

Eventually the protocols became less effective and Corrinne went to the toilet up to 70 times a day, she had hardly slept during the past 18 months. In January 2008 she underwent a cystectomy – removal of the bladder, and construction of a new bladder from the small intestine! Corrinne felt certain that she would not live through the operation, but 3 days before going to the hospital God sent an old friend with this message: “you will grow old”. The operation was a success but 2 days later there were complications with her blood pressure and the morphine given for pain relief was removed. The pain was so excruciating that Corrinne asked God to allow her to die, she told her husband that she was ready to go. At that time another friend was urgently prompted by God to drive from Secunda to Pretoria to tell her that she would not die and God still had things for her to do – he had no idea what was happening at the time!

From that moment her blood pressure began to stabilise and the morphine could be used again. Corinne was out of intensive care and able to start eating solid food only 5 days after the operation, usually food can only be taken at 12 days afterwards! After 4 months she was able to gain control of her new bladder and the constant pain was gone.

In the months of recovery Corrinne started making bracelets with healing messages, and gave them to other women she met in the doctors rooms. She was amazed at how this opened doors for her to pray for them and speak about Christ. This has grown into a full ministry with many ladies involved in making bracelets which are sent around the country and even overseas. Corrinne visits women at the Urology hospital, and is often called to pray for patients there. She can relate many testimonies of how God has healed and performed miracles in many different ways!

Christ has brought Corrinne through the valley of the shadow of death, and she has so much to thank Him for:

- * Life and health
- * A new bladder and ability to sleep
- * Supportive and patient family and friends
- * Skilled and compassionate doctors
- * Opportunities to pass on hope and overcome fear

How can we be part of spreading hope? You can e-mail Corrinne for information about her charm bracelets (R60 each), they come with an explanation of the symbolism of each bead and are really beautiful! Corrine@executiveboardrooms.co.za.

To get involved with a hospital visitation ministry, please contact Mathilda at hospmin@absamail.co.za.