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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your prayers since my surgery. Next week, the 19th, I have my month follow-up with the doctor. X-rays will be taken to see how the bone grafts are doing and to see if the plate he installed is still in place.

I am still on restrictions...one of them being that I am not suppose to work on the computer! So I am sorry I haven't written but will just write a quick note for now.

Surgery went well. The doctor "cleaned up" the nerve roots where the herniation was located and cleaned up two other areas that were just waiting to herniate.

Since that time I have remained in a lot of pain in my left arm with numbness in the left hand and fingers. It hurts as bad as when I first herniated it in April. But little by little it is getting better. I had hoped that after the surgery all pain and problems would be gone. The doctor said that sometimes that happens, but not all the time. It could take up to 2 years to get back to close to normal usage of the arm and hand, if at all. Needless to say, I am very disappointed that it did not work out that way for me. But God knows why. So please continue to pray for me as the pain is wearing me down and the limited use of my left arm and hand is discouraging. Pray that God will give me the grace and strength to handle the pain. All of this had made me understand better the people who suffer day in and day out with much more severe pain than what I have. Pray that God will use me for His honor and glory in all.

One thing that happened in the hospital, I saw a nurse who trained me some years ago and I had witnessed to her frequently about the Lord. She heard I was in the hospital and came to tell me that she has recently given her life over to the Lord and has been serving Him. She and her 8 year old daughter are attending a fundamental Bible church and were recently baptized! Praise the Lord! You never know how the Lord may use you in reaching people for Him, even after many years!

Thanks again for your prayers and for your cards and visits and flowers. I will contact you next week after the doc's visit to let you know what he says. Please don't tell him I was at the computer!!!

God bless you.
Sally Borrello