

## The Knitting Patient

In the month of September 2005 my wife Pam was admitted in a hospital after suffering from eye swellings and intermittent server headaches that was a result of inwards thyroid growth. The eye clinic is in a public hospital sponsored by an international mission, with doctors from different parts of the world serving on short time arrangements. Pam was handled by a team of these doctors. After preliminary checks the doctors put Pam on steroids. The procedure was to put her on higher dose (30 tablets) all taken once in the morning per day for the beginning, to be reduced by 2 tablets each day. After the first day instead of the dose of 30 being reduced to 28 they increased her dose to 32. Pam had her books and knitting kit at the hospital and went on with her studies and knitting during the time she was there. In the mean time she was wondering whether it was a good idea for her to have been admitted in the first place as the other patients seemed to be so sick, all worn out in their beds. From time to time she would assist others who needed support. During this time the nurses kept coming in to check on all the patients in this ward but were obviously looking at Pam with special interest.

We later came to know what this special interest was all about. Steroids are strong drugs that the doctors expect to weaken the patients under its use considerably. The doctors could not explain Pam's response to the steroids. They said she had responded to the drugs in away none of the patients they have administered them to in the hospital has ever responded. They started interviewing her if it could be some thing to do with her every day diet, some thing in the foods she uses at home. Finally they settled on whole wheat bread as the only different food from the ones the other patients said they were using. They came to a conclusion that there must be some thing in whole wheat bread that makes those using the steroids to be stable while under the drugs.

Pam failed to let them know the truth of her response to the steroids. We know it is the power of the healing hands of the God of Israel, and the ordinances that he revealed for his Church to be used as tools of power in the hands of his Saints. Pam was administered to be Seventy Ron Smith, Elders Aaron Smith and Steve Ferguson (during their July/August 05 missionary visit to Kenya) one week before she was admitted to the hospital. Apart from this there were prayers on her behalf from Saints from all over the world. Here is a fact, if we stand united in our purposes no force can over come us. There is nothing that will come against the Saints that the Lord has not left us with an instrument of power to overcome. Nothing.

But even if it were whole wheat bread that gave Pam advantage and led to her first recovery, then the word of the God of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is still proved right for that is what the word of wisdom teaches. Whichever the way the Lord's name is glorified.

The nurses nicknamed Pam the Knitting Patient. Even today whenever she meets any of them on the streets that is what they call her. The doctors said her eyes are now okay, but that this is subject to the thyroid condition. The Lord already showed his powerful hands on her behalf, we know he will be in charge all through.

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