

Nicolas Kanzleiter. September 2009

For those of you who are regular visitors to our website and friends of Peace Church München, you will already know that Nicolas, the younger son of our pastors Christine and Reiner (Friedenskirche) had a serious accident early in June this year. This caused Nicolas to break the 6th vertebral bone in his spine. As a result, he lost the power to move his limbs. For the first few days it was uncertain if Nicolas could breath without the help of a ventilator.

That is all some weeks ago and Nicolas has moved on considerably from that point although it continues to cost him enormous amounts of energy and determination to make this progress.

From a physical point of view, Nicolas can not only breath on his own but also has regained most of the function in his arms and upper body. He cannot yet move his fingers and legs. He uses an active wheelchair for several hours a day and that gives him a reasonable degree of independence. The sensation over the surface of his body is really only constant above the breastbone. He eats well and is regaining a lot of his original strength.

He has a very full and extensive program of therapy that includes physiotherapy, Ergotherapy and wheelchair training. Christine, Nicolas's mother, has recently undergone an intensive and demanding training period in order to learn how to care for him when he comes home, initially for weekends.

Nicolas is a very courageous person. He has an accurate grasp of his condition and the possible progress he can expect to make on this long journey. He has the total unswerving commitment of his parents and brother who visit him every single day. His friends remain loyal and see him when they are able. Peace Church and Friedenskirche are providing to the best of their ability, a praying and active community to support this family who are very much valued by them.

It is a difficult and heartrending process that each one of this family must go through. The consequences are far reaching and the adjustments are many. They try hard to plan for the future as it is presented to them now, but hope for miracles from God.

Please remember them all in your prayers.
May the love of God wrap this family,
and us all, in his healing and restoring Love.

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