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apologies to Ray Jansz who also very kindly assisted with TJs hospital transport. the error has been corrected & updated on this & all latter circulations. so many jansz's... i hope i havent missed anyone else !!!!

From: [Braden Koch](#)
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On behalf of Tyrone & Bernadine... i thank you for your concerns & responses to Updates 01 & 02. your kind wishes & emails have been fw to them. please circulate this new 'Update 03' to your database/contacts who may be known to them.



TJs long wait for an approved donor & kidney transplant is now over. The new journey continues for Tyrone & Bernadine as they now enter a new stage of their lives together. All is going well and TJs

new kidney is working very well with no rejections. there have been some concerns but no complications. Tyrone & Bernadine were not the perfect kidney match as they belonged to different blood groups but fortunately modern medicine was able to overcome any perceived shortcomings and proceed with the transplant. the medical teams are happy... and TJ is progressing extremely well... but will still need close monitoring and further treatment to overcome any blood group deficiencies.

There is still a long long way to go & there will be some highs/lows and good/bad days... but rest assured that our local Elvis Presley, the Barefoot Champion & Wesleys cricketing hero of the 70s is now back. TJ (and bernadine) will soon be in training for the World Transplant Games... where they will excel & bring home many gold medals.

B returned home on sun 16/1 and TJ returned home on fri 28/1. TJ was required to attend hospital (RPA) everyday for checkups & blood tests etc and he continues to undergo numerous tests & procedures (for as long as it takes). B was required to attend RPA less frequently. B recovered quickly and was on the go within a matter of days but has been experiencing a lot of back pain recently and is now taking strong painkillers (under doctors supervision). TJ requires a lot of medication (20+ tablets a day) and i really dont know how he keeps up... but i admire him for his positive attitude. he watches his sugar & salt consumption critically as he has a 25% chance of developing diabetes. TJs progress has been great and his RPA visits have now been reduced to twice a week & this will be further reduced depending on his progress.

Following his discharge... a transport roster was put in place & thank you to all who supported this need. special thanks to jeanne & cammie kuveju who stayed with T&B for the 1st week & looked after all their requirements. good on you jeanne & cammie. transport was also provided by chris jansz, alan jansz, ray jansz, romanie vangramberg, angela jansz, lucian jansz, buster harvie, robin herft, chris swan, avril almeida, yeolande jason, sydney jayawardene, brian mack, braden koch, & numerous others who remained on emergency standby. the rosters worked well and T&B are very appreciative of your kind efforts.

The transport roster is no longer required as B has been driving for some weeks now and TJ has been driving himself to RPA since march. B returned to work in early march and TJ will be returning to work on mon 11/4/2011. a thanksgiving service (conducted by the RPA) was held on friday 25/2 for B and other living donors. B was presented with a medal in appreciation of her generous gift of life (donor kidney) to another human being. good on you T&B.

T&B are now more self sufficient & independent & are taking control of their own requirements & life is returning to some normality again. B is seen regularly cooking her delicious meals, and TJ helps by adding the finishing touches (ie: finishing all the food). it was really funny as i watched him secretly trying to run up and down his hallway... no doubt trying to revert to his glory days & to relive his sporting achievements.

Its important that we continue to support T&B in whatever we can as they will go through various stages of emotions. as we all look towards the future... may T&B be truly blessed with a rich & fulfilling quality of life.

you cannot thank a person enough for giving a gift of life. there are significant words like 'thank you' & 'i love you' but nevertheless they are simply words. It takes a lot of courage & you must be a very special human being indeed to be a living donor as this decision is difficult, traumatic, and full of mixed emotions. Bernadine is a super special human being !!! a reminder that you are all encouraged to consider the merits of being a carver donor (dead donor) & register asap. ie: make a pledge to donate your organs after you have said goodbye to this world. you will be truly blessed for reaching out to help/assist a fellow human being... be that a family member, friend, or stranger.

pastor Braden (self appointed) would like to share this message with you:

- we may speak different languages, worship different gods, or believe in different philosophies... but we must all share the common objective of love, fairness, equality, and consideration for others.
- we will pass this way (life) but once... any GOOD that we can do, or any KINDNESS that we can show - let us do it now... for we will never pass this way again.
- heroes are those who have departed & left this world we know... but they gave a chance to others so they may live & grow. heroes are those who cannot see what they have done... but they saved the lives of many and affected more than one.

Bernadine (and Tyrone) has fulfilled all of the above... and they are indeed true heroes. You may contact them on +61 2 96312505 or tjansz@bigpond.net.au

Note: Tyrone & Bernadine acknowledges your concerns & thank you all for your support. Tyrone has also written a 'Personal Tribute' which is attached to this Update (below).

Thanks for your Support. Greatly Appreciated.

Kind Regards...

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A Tribute to a generous, unselfish wife, for a gift of love to her sick husband

On the 12th January 2011, a miracle happened within my body. My beautiful and loving wife, without any thought for herself, willingly, generously and unselfishly donated one of her healthy kidneys to me.

It was sure a gift of love. No greater gift of love can a husband receive from his wife, than one of her healthy kidneys, to give him a better quality of life.

Her faith and her belief in God, gave her the strength and courage to undergo pain, discomfort and suffering to make this sacrifice for me. I am truly grateful, and thank her from the bottom of my heart.

Bernadine, my loving wife, you gave me a gift of one of your healthy kidneys; I give you my heart and my undying love forever.

Both operations were textbook operations, performed by two professional teams, and went very well.

Bernadine's operation took about five hours, and going from a healthy person to be dependent on one kidney took its toll, and for the first two days, she was in a lot of pain and discomfort. Being strong and resilient and with her strong faith in God, she bounced back on the third day, and even got out of bed and surprised me by visiting me in my room. She recovered very quickly and was discharged on Sunday the 16th of January 2011. She is doing well, with a bit of discomfort, and will be her old self again very soon.

My operation took about six hours, and going from an unhealthy person to a healthy person, my pain was bearable, and got better day by day.

I was discharged from hospital on the 31st January 2011, after a small setback, but with some medication all's back to normal.

A miracle has truly happened within my body and I have been given a new lease of life. I do not have to go on the dialysis machine anymore, and that is truly a blessing.

My faith in my religion and acknowledgement of God has been tested, and I truly believe that the loving and caring hand of God, guided the surgeons and medical teams to perform both operations for Bernadine and me, without any problems.

Bernadine and I also truly believe that her dad, Mr. Neville De Kauwe was with her holding her hand, comforting her, and making sure, that everything went well, throughout the operation. We also believe that my mum, Mrs. Doreen Jansz was with me holding my hand, comforting me, and making sure, that everything went well, throughout the operation. Bless their souls and may they rest in peace.

A big thank you to all family and friends who visited us in hospital.

For those who could not visit us in hospital, thank you for your prayers and cards of good wishes that we received.

A special thank you to all family and friends who were there with us on the day of the operation from the beginning till we were both taken to our rooms after the operation.

A big thank you to Bernadine's mum, Mrs. De Kauwe for being with us from the beginning at 6 am till the end at about 10 pm at night.

We would not have been able to go through this ordeal without the family and friends being there for us.

We thank you all for your prayers and well wishes from the bottom of our hearts.

I will be under constant supervision for the next three months for possible infection and rejection and have to go for daily blood and urine testing. The first three weeks will be daily, but if all's okay, on a staggered basis for the rest of the three months.

Thank you to all who have responded by volunteering to take me to hospital to have these tests done on a daily basis.

Thank you to Mrs. Jeanne Kuveju for taking a week off work to take me to hospital for tests.

Bernadine and I thank our beautiful daughters Shari and Stephanie, for being there for us to comfort and care for us with their love, in our hour of need.

A special thank you to Shari for taking time off of work to be with Bernadine. She has been a rock of support to both Bernadine and I, and we thank her from the bottom of our hearts.

A very special thank you to our great friends, Braden Koch and his family. He has been a true friend and has been with Bernadine and me from the first time I went into Liverpool Hospital seven years ago, after that assault I received at Warwick Farm Station and had to go on the Kidney Dialysis machine. Thank you Braden for all that you have done for Bernadine and me.

All the emails that you have sent to all Wesleyites, family and friends keeping them up to date on what's happening, for organising a roster to take me to hospital on a daily basis. For all your care, love and support, Bernadine and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts, and always will be grateful.

We are looking forward to a better quality of life for us both and with God's loving and tender care, we are very confident we will make it. Always thankful and grateful.

God bless you all
Bernadine and Tyrone
February 4, 2011