

Kristi's Story

We Need Each Other!



"I didn't see it coming," says Kristi Gillett. "I didn't have a clue other than the night sweats that at age 33 I would be told that I had cancer. I exercised regularly and ate well. I was the healthy one of the family who kept everything together."

Kristi wondered, "Would I even live to be 34? Who would be the mother for our six-year-old daughter? Who would take care of my wonderful husband?"

Kristi felt some relief when she was told that the kind of cancer she had could be controlled with medication. Hopefully, it would go into remission and stay that way the rest of her life.

Things went pretty smoothly until Christmas of last year. Kristi underwent tests to determine if the cancer was gone. She thought, "What a nice Christmas gift...to be in complete remission." But that's not what happened. The cancer had come back.

Kristi feared the worst. She thought, "What if the disease would win?" Feelings of despair overwhelmed her.

Then Kristi went to a Prayer Ventures workshop. After the workshop, she talked to Betsy Lee. Betsy suggested that a 'soaking prayer team' might help her—a group of friends who would pray daily for her, soaking her in God's love. Betsy offered to train the team.

Prayer Ventures has trained several teams like this. PV has even produced a CD that has been used across the country to set up teams who pray for people with chronic illness.

Kristi was thrilled. For two months, a team of women took turns praying for Kristi. They prayed for physical healing, and also for the mental and emotional battle she had to wage against the disease.

"It gave me so much hope to know I wasn't alone," Kristi recalls. "God gave me such peace, joy and strength through these women."



Kristi Gillett (in purple, back row) with her prayer team

Kristi's friends benefited too. They grew in prayer and experienced God's love and healing power in ways they never thought possible.

Wendy, one of Kristi's friends says, "I now pray more frequently and more spontaneously with people who need prayer. What a gift!"

After praying for two months, the team gathered at Kristi's house to celebrate her positive biopsy results. Today Kristi feels hopeful and stronger. She serves on a prayer team at her church praying for others who need God's help.

"After my experience with the prayer team," said Kristi. "I have a greater sense that we are not alone on this earth when going through trials."

Kristi's story is a wonderful example of what Prayer Ventures does best: It gives hope to those who need it and inspires them to pass it on others. Kristi is right. We need each other!