# WAYS TO KEEP UP WITH TREY

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**#1** Pray

**#2** Get people to submit their DNA to the national marrow donor program

**#3** Give a financial gift to the Trey Freeman Medical Fund
P.O. Box 325, Newcastle, OK 73065
*all proceeds go to help with Trey's medical expenses

**#4** Get a $5 "pray for Trey" bracelet.
Contact FBC Newcastle at 387-4366 for ordering information.

**Thank you for your prayers and support!**

the Freemans

# PRAY 4 TREY

"THE LORD IS GOOD, A STRONGHOLD IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE; HE KNOWS THOSE WHO TAKE REFUGE IN HIM." NAHUM 1:7

# TREY'S STORY

Trey Freeman was born on April 13, 2006. To look at Trey, you would never know anything was wrong. He was a beautiful baby boy. But...he was missing something very important within his tiny body. Without it, he could not survive even a few months.

Trey was born with X-linked severe combined immune deficiency syndrome (SCIDS). This is also known as the bubble boy disease. Without an immediate bone marrow transplant, Trey would have no hope of surviving in the outside world.

At two weeks of age, his sister, Brittany (a perfect HLA-typed match), donated bone marrow for Trey. Trey's body received the bone marrow successfully, and he was released from the hospital in July of 2006.

For the next 6 years he lived a very healthy and normal life, active in t-ball, soccer, and all kinds of other activities. However, all that changed in September of 2012. Trey began to get very sick. It took several weeks, but his doctors finally discovered that Trey had developed a very rare form of large granular lukemia (LGL). Basically, some of the cells in his body began to proliferate, attacking him like a cancer.

The doctors quickly formulated a plan to get the abnormal "lukemia-type" cells in remission, and then get Trey ready for another bone marrow transplant, this time using high dose chemotherapy.

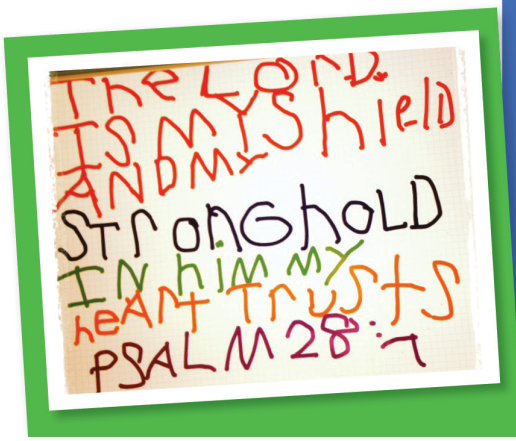
On December 27, 2012, his brave sister, now 12, once again donated bone marrow. The hope was that the chemotherapy would eliminate the bad cells, and everything would begin to work properly in Trey's body. A few weeks later, he came home and we were hopeful that the transplant had been a success.

Not long after that, our doctors discovered that the abnormal cells had returned...with a vengeance. Our hearts were devastated, but our hope remained.

After four months, numerous medications, and countless prayers, our doctors now believe that Trey needs a third bone marrow transplant. This time, however, the marrow will come from an unrelated matched donor. They are still working hard to keep the bad cells suppressed, and when they get the percentage of bad cells as low as possible, they plan to have Trey do more chemotherapy, and then perform the transplant. They do not know for sure that this will work, but feel it is Trey's best shot at beating this incredibly rare disease.

In the midst of this very difficult time, there have been many good things!! People's lives are being changed daily because of Trey. He truly is having an amazing impact on many people's lives, but Trey's own life has been impacted the most. On January 8th of 2013, after the transplant was over and the bad cells had returned, Trey had a moment that would change his life forever.

My wife was with Trey in the hospital. She went over to his bed late in the night, and began talking to him. Out of no where, Trey asked, "Am I going to die?" My wife told him that he would not die until God was ready to take him home. Trey said, "But I'm not a Christian, I don't have Jesus in my heart." That night, as a 6 year old boy, he made a big decision. Trey asked Jesus to forgive him of his sins and to take control of his life... and that night, Jesus gave Trey a new heart. When Trey finished praying, Emily saw that he was crying...she didn't say anything because she didn't want to embarrass him, so she went back over to her bed. A little later, Trey said, "Hey mom! Did you see me crying?" Emily said, "Yes." Trey said, "I wasn't sad, those were happy tears." Trey had happy tears in the midst of his physical struggle and pain because Jesus had filled his heart with hope...and Trey knew it. So as you continue to "pray for Trey," know that Trey and his family pray for you!!!




**We want every person to have that same hope that Trey now has. The Bible says that in order to have that hope, you need Jesus Christ to be your Lord and Savior. You first need to admit you have sinned. You then need to repent (turn) from your sin and place your full faith and trust in Jesus. You must believe that He died on the Cross for your sin and rose from the grave to give you life. Finally, you must submit your life to Jesus and give Him complete control. If you do that, you can have a real relationship with God and the guarantee of an eternal home with Him in heaven...just like Trey. Life is uncertain! Not one of us is guaranteed our next breath! We hope you will trust Jesus today... look to Him and give Him your life.**