

**Dearest Family and Friends:**

**I want to send my deepest appreciation for all of your prayers for my physical condition. The prayers have worked!**

**I went to see Dr. Grant, a neurosurgeon at Duke Children's Hospital at Duke Medical and he told us the "bad cells" that had eaten my skull away in a 3" circle have gone dormant. He said the only thing he knew of that could do that was chemo or radiation. WE KNOW that all of your prayers and God's hands were stronger than chemotherapy!!**

**I just want to thank you all for the kindness that you've shown for being there to support me in ways that you've not known. For praying and offering hope and for showing me that you cared. Thank you for your acts of kindness, it has really meant a lot to me. I pray in turn that you'll be blessed by the loving hand of God and your days will be filled with peace and with God's awesome grace. I have seen the love of God in each of your acts of kindness and answered prayers.**

**Now I am asking for your continued prayers as I still have many battles to fight and mountains to climb. I have numerous doctors' appointments and tests still ahead of me. I have a condition known as Eosinophilic Granuloma. That is part of a larger disease that has yet to be determined. It could be lymphoma, or other cancers or other malignant diseases. It could take several more months to find out which disease it is and I am looking at treatments of chemo, radiation and brain surgery which will include removing the damaged skull and replacing it with artificial bone.**

**So far I have had 2 lumbar punctures and 2 radiation treatments. Last week they found an infection in my blood which is leading stronger toward lymphoma. My head pain and nausea has kept me out of school and please pray for me as I have all of my exams the next week.**

**Please pray for my parents and my granny too as this is hard on them emotionally, physically and financially.**

**I am just trying to get through my senior year of high school and I can't wait to go to college next year. I was so excited to cheer my last year of varsity football and can't wait until football season next year at college! I don't care if I have to cheer bald, I just want be there! With your prayers I know I will be. Then I am looking forward to graduation and going to Gardner-Webb next fall. I want to be a pediatric nurse. I would rather be doing other things this Christmas Season but I know my trials now will make me a stronger, more loving person. I know that God has a great purpose for my life and my trials now are just a part of that fantastic journey. Thank you for traveling with me!**

**Love,**

**Juleigh Marya Gilbert**