

Matt's Update

First of all, the McCullough's would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and we hope all is well with everyone. We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas as well.

As of today, February 9th, 2009, Matt is back at Stanford ER. He has another infection and his counts are pretty low. Irene and Greg are with him tonight and Michael and Hannah are staying with friends, back in Arnold.

Our days, weeks and months are all running all together, so it's hard to keep up.

We spent Thanksgiving with our friends, at their house, which really took a load off of us (thanks Dick and Pat for inviting us).

On December 13th, Matt had another MRI, which was "Clear"!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

On December 15th, Matt had his 5th round of chemo.

On December 23rd, Matt went back for the second part of his 5th round of chemo. We all headed back to Fremont for the night, but Matt spiked a high fever, so back to Stanford Irene and Matt went. They stayed the night at Stanford and were released on Christmas Eve. We made it home around 9:00 PM Christmas Eve. We didn't have much of a Christmas Eve, but being home was good enough for us.

We all had a great Christmas and were very thankful we were able to enjoy it at home.

On December 30th, Matt went back to Stanford, for the third part of his 5th round of chemo. Matt's red count was down, so he received a blood transfusion that day. Matt was released that day, but Stanford suggested he stay in Fremont. Matt and Irene wanted to be home for New Years Eve, so they took the chance and headed home.

We went to friends for New Years and had a great time (thanks Dean and Cindy for inviting us).

Fortunately, most of January was quiet and Matt did great.

Our new neighbor Tim, bought Matt a remote control helicopter, which Matt really likes flying. Matt brings the helicopter to Stanford and flies it in his room and down the hallways. Thanks Tim, that was very thoughtful.

On January 29th, Matt went in for his 6th round of chemo.

Last week was a little rough. Matt had very low counts and another infection and he is now at Stanford. We're not sure how long Matt will be here, but it will be at least a few days.

Matt is still not eating much regular food; he's still having a hard time with this. He's still feeding through the tube about 12-14 hours a day.

Matt has three more rounds of chemo and should be done in June. The doctors say his recovery will be about 6-12 months, after his last round of chemo.

These next 3-4 months are going to be tough for Matt, because he still has the radiation in his body and the chemo is cumulative.

We signed Matt up for Little League this year and he says he will try and do what he can this season.

Matt says he is hanging in there and is looking forward to this all being over.

Thanks for checking in, and as always, thanks for all your love and support,

The McCullough Family