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*A Personal Experience from Jerry Deans,
Us TOO Board Member and
Prostate Cancer Warrior*

A Fresh Chapter... Not the Last Chapter

So it's been a year since I updated many of you on my now 18-year battle with prostate cancer and asked you to contribute to the cause. It's been an eventful year with many ups and downs and if you know someone who is dealing with cancer of any kind, they are likely riding this same emotional and spiritual rollercoaster, whether they share it with you or not.

To begin with, my progress towards achieving another remission on several of the latest and greatest medications stalled after seven months and my PSA started rising again. Not a good sign that the cancer was so quickly learning its way around these new treatments. Then this past April, new nodules appeared in my lungs, confirming our fears.

To make matters worse, my trusted oncologist announced his retirement and advised that I would need to find a new doctor. I knew it would come to this if I lived long enough but it's quite another matter to have to face it at the same time the treatments appear to be failing. I met with my doctor for the last time and he recommended that I select an expert in immunotherapy who recently moved his practice to New York City. And it turns out that I had met this person when we worked together on a review panel for prostate cancer research some years ago. I was quite impressed with him at the time and thought he would be a great alternative if I ever needed to switch doctors. This little "coincidence" gave me hope that the change of oncologists might work out ok.

So my wife Patsi and I took our first train trip to the Big Apple to meet with this new doctor. And he recommended immunotherapy, an exciting new treatment that uses the body's own immune system to fight the cancer. We decided to repeat the scan of my lungs just before starting the new treatment and lo and behold, with no change in my treatment regimen, the new nodules disappeared. So being a person of faith, I gave God the glory and thanked everyone for praying for me so diligently. I will probably start this immunotherapy in the fall.

This means that "God willing and the creek don't rise" as they say where I'm from, I will be participating again as a Warrior in the SEA Blue Chicago Prostate Cancer Walk and Run on September 10th. I am walking to raise money for the work of Us TOO International, an organization that supports prostate cancer survivors and groups that are helping men and their partners all over the world, cope with this disease.

If you can help with this cause, please make a contribution by clicking on my fundraising page below. The impact that this organization has on the lives of those struggling with this disease is phenomenal. It has helped me and thousands upon thousands more manage the roller coaster ride of cancer and live to find **a fresh chapter in our lives... not the last chapter.**

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