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South Carolina hospital touched by an Angel?

6 Jan

This one is definitely more of a God Sighting (<http://hiscrivener.wordpress.com/index.php?s=%22god+sighting%22>), but deserves its own post, because it's just *more*. For those Wall Watchers with children, you'll understand.

DATELINE: Charlotte, N.C. to witness a miracle (<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/141/story/431132.html>). Actually, a few of them.

A girl named **Chelsea Banton** was born five weeks prematurely, and doctors gave her 36 hours to live. They were wrong... **miracle #1**.

Before Chelsea was 2, she was admitted to the hospital for pneumonia, the first of several dangerous run-ins with the illness that have made her a familiar face in Presbyterian's pediatric intensive care unit. Among other health problems in her medical history: hydrocephalus, requiring a shunt in her skull and, later, several shunt revisions; life-threatening viruses; and, this past July, fluid retention that required more than a week's hospitalization and three liters of liquid to be drawn from her body.



That's Chelsea in the middle

She's still here, on life-support, but here... **miracle #2**.

But in late October, things looked grimm and the family created a "plan of action" to take Chelsea off the ventilator if things got really bad. Things weren't getting better, and the entire family was feeling pain, most of all, Chelsea.

For the rest, I'll just use the editorial from the *Charlotte Observer*, and let that – **and this amazing picture** – do the talking.

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Angel of Light? You be the judge.

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This past Christmas, Chelsea turned 15. What number is that? I would say third time was the charm, indeed.

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Gospel Legend could be singing “Home for the Holidays”

10 Nov

<http://hiscrivener.files.wordpress.com/2008/11/wright.jpg>)**FINALLY!**

Thank you, [Gospel Soundcheck on Beliefnet.com](http://blog.beliefnet.com/gospelsoundcheck/2008/11/rev-timothy-wright-may-be-home.html) for this story (<http://blog.beliefnet.com/gospelsoundcheck/2008/11/rev-timothy-wright-may-be-home.html>), update and the latest in a withered string of them seen on the Wall (<http://www.christiantop1000.com/cgi-bin/1000/counter.cgi?id=hiscrivener>) BORDER="0"> .



For the Wall Watchers who have been pelting HiScrivener with questions on **Rev. Timothy Wright's** condition...



1. First, thanks for the interest. Keep that action up.
2. Enjoy the headline. It seems the Gospel icon could be coming home just in time for Santa Claus

I got an update on Rev. Timothy Wright from family friend and spokesperson Laurie Schneider, who says that Rev Wright may be heading home for the holidays. That's great news! She told me by email, "He has sensitivity in both arms and hands. He is moving his neck and shoulders on a regular basis. He is in therapy [three] hours a day."

Although this will be the first holiday season Wright will share without his beloved Betty by his side, at least he will be able to be in the home they shared to help provide solace. And remember, it's still not too late to send a donation or prayers to Rev. Wright may be sent to the care of:

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Cancer Blunder from Down Under: Stand by your man

28 Aug



(<http://hiscrivener.files.wordpress.com/2008/08/amanda-guglielmucci.gif>) In a selfless and sacrificial act, we have God doing what he does best amidst the horrendous claims, allegations and facts throughout **the saga of fraudulent cancer victim and praise leader Michael Guglielmucci** (<http://hiscrivener.wordpress.com/index.php?s=michael+guglielmucci>).

His wife of seven years will stay faithful and



committed to the dude while he processes through his own spiritual sex, lies and videotape

(<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,24248791-5006787,00.html>).

In a word, “WOW”.

“I know that I love him, I know that much,” [Amanda Guglielmucci] said. “We’re just not

going to rush anything, we’re gonna walk through the process, however slowly it needs to happen, in order for the healing and restoration to be complete and then we’ll go from there.”

It can easily be argued that women stay with noted celebrities, politicians and athletes through their discretions because of money and notoriety. Amanda, whom we should just call “Superwoman” can’t say that.

Why? Michael Guglielmucci is not famous – he’s infamous! There is no money because his parents are ensuring the public all the proceeds from the majestic song, “Healer” are going to charity and every cent from the cancer donations are being returned (and high kudos for that). So what’s left?

Love – that of a wife and that of the healer he sang about with passion and vigor.

Jesus speaks through the Apostle Paul, “*My strength is made perfect in weakness* ([http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20cor.%2012:9;&version=45](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20cor.%2012:9;&version=45;));.” This story is Exhibit A. The Guglielmuccis are ridden with weakness, yet, this story emanates strength, fortification and a firm foundation. How? The power and love of God.

Listen, I have multiple issues of anger, frustration and bewilderment with Michael Guglielmucci, but what can you say – with a clear, Christian conscience – about Amanda’s faithfulness? Nothing but stand in awe of her support and in the faithfulness of Jesus.

“I never questioned it, when you love someone you trust them. I had no reason not to trust him,” she said. “Perhaps I feel a little bit foolish in this, hindsight’s a fabulous thing . . . but I’m trying not to beat myself up.” Mrs Guglielmucci **even quit work to look after her ailing husband**. Mrs Guglielmucci said **her faith in God had remained unmoved throughout the ordeal**.

OK, maybe stand and applaud a little. Good on ya’. Prayer for her saints, she’s going to need it.

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Cancer Blunder from Down Under: Guglielmucci's 'Wiki' Fingers

26 Aug



(<http://hiscrivener.files.wordpress.com/2008/08/censorship.jpg>) Most evangelists or pastors in the news these days are accused of having *sticky* (<http://hiscrivener.wordpress.com/2008/08/22/austin-pastor-needs-prayer-for-sticky-fingers/>) *fingers* (<http://hiscrivener.wordpress.com/2008/07/31/chicago-priest-caught-with-his-hand-in-the-offering-plate/>), but we have discovered a new realm of "DOH!" with **Michael Guglielmucci** and his **panache for the extravagant faux pas**. (<http://hiscrivener.wordpress.com/index.php?s=michael+guglielmucci>)

In case you haven't heard, Guglielmucci conned the nations out of money by using an aggressive cancer to pay for a certain fetish he had, and boy does the news travel fast.

Check out his Wikipedia page (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Guglielmucci) (hence the "Wiki Fingers" reference. Hey, it's late. Give a brother a break).

Now, I realize any concerned (or concocting) soul can edit this page, and saying "Well, I saw it on Wikipedia" is almost as credible as seeing Barry Bonds hit a home run as he says, "Oh no! I have never taken beef 'roids!"

However, this mess travels fast! Newly added to his page are:

- Guglielmucci admitted that his claims about having an aggressive form of cancer, supposedly diagnosed in 2006 were untrue.
- He is no longer serving in active ministry, and is now seeking professional help.
- All of AdelaideNow's stories are referenced (HiScrivener's source of information on this tale of woe.)

And? Well, it's what's missing that is peculiar. That wonderful video of dude singing with his nose full of an oxygen tube? It's gone. It was there last week when this mess began.

I wonder if Hillsongs took it down claiming the ubiquitous "copyright infringement" policy. And if they did, what a joke that would be. It wasn't copyright infringement when they thought Guglielmucci was on the up-and-up. But now that he is on the down-and-out, not so much.

Stay classy, people.

At least, **that's what this dimwit did** (<http://hiscrivener.wordpress.com/2008/08/09/cross-eyed-ibs-televangelist-style/>) when his excruciating facial features and tomfoolery became evangelical legend (and a piece of fraudulent televangelist folklore).

Oh well, I'm sure there will be more from this story, but until then, a litmus test... let's see how long this video stays online. HiScrivener sets the over/under at three weeks, which is three weeks longer than his freakin' MySpace page should last. Can't someone call the cops on that?! Place your bets, Wall Watchers.

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Crackle and POP Culture50% of MDs agree, “Maybe this God thing works”

26 Aug



Our latest submission to the “No. Really?” department is **this axiomatic story from MSNBC** (<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/26272687/>) entitled “God vs. Doctor.”

Stand down cult watchdogs, this is not a story about Christian Scientists but rather doctors everywhere realizing that the proof of their medical degrees isn’t a match for the power of God. According to this study, *“divine intervention can revive dying patients.”*

You don’t say?! No, really. They said even more.

More than half of randomly surveyed adults — 57 percent — said God’s intervention could save a family member even if physicians declared treatment would be futile. And nearly three-quarters said patients have a right to demand such treatment.

“A right”?! Well, thank God

we live in a democratic nation. For a minute there, I thought this really was Beijing. And now doctors everywhere are sighing in relief because they have an ‘out’:

“Sensitivity to this belief will promote development of a trusting relationship” with patients and their families, according to researchers. That trust, they said, is needed to help doctors explain objective, overwhelming scientific evidence showing that continued treatment would be

worthless.

Nice. I always thought there was something farfetched about that whole “**Lazarus come forth** (<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john%2011&version=31>)” and being raised from the dead at the very request of Jesus ballyhoo. But this story clearly wipes the cobwebs from my comprehension and the next time I hear this message, I can shout “Amen” with a clear conscience.

Thanks, MSNBC.

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December 23rd, 2008 by [Joel](#)

More on the Angel in the Hospital: Photo captures image of an 'angel' in hospital hallway

When Chelsea Banton was born five weeks prematurely, doctors predicted she had 36 hours to live.

Proving them wrong was the first miracle for Chelsea, now an Independence High School freshman.

“She spent the first four months in a neonatal intensive care unit,” recalls her mother, Colleen Banton of Mint Hill.

Before Chelsea was 2, she was admitted to the hospital for pneumonia, the first of several dangerous run-ins with the illness that have made her a familiar face in Presbyterian’s pediatric intensive care unit.

Among other health problems in her medical history: hydrocephalus, requiring a shunt in her skull and, later, several shunt revisions; life-threatening viruses; and, this past July, fluid retention that required more than a week’s hospitalization and three liters of liquid to be drawn from her body.

Always the skeptic, but I don’t know who to answer this.

Prayer has helped sustain the whole family.

“We had been praying every day, my oldest daughter and I and Chelsea,” Colleen Banton said. “...Praying for a miracle.”

That miracle, Colleen believes, came Nov. 5 – seven weeks after Chelsea was admitted to the hospital for pneumonia.

What originally seemed like a bad cold nearly killed her.

“She was on life-support from the moment she got there,” her mother said.

That was Sept. 21. Over the next six weeks in the hospital, Chelsea faced one threat after another: pneumonia in her left lung, then her right lung, then sepsis, blood clots, staph infections, E. coli, a collapsed lung and feeding problems.

In late October, doctors met with the family to discuss “a plan of action,” Colleen said. One of the decisions she had to make was whether she would take Chelsea off the ventilator. Earlier, doctors had removed Chelsea from the ventilator several times, but had replaced it when the struggle to breathe became too difficult for the teen.

But a family meeting Oct. 31 was a turning point.

“At that point, the family... agreed that when she did come off the ventilator again, (they) weren’t putting it back in,” Colleen said. “Whatever happened, would happen.”

On Saturday, Nov. 1, “they took her off the ventilator and she did good,” her mother said. “She was breathing on her own.”

The next day, “her stats went down,” and doctors put her in an oxygen mask.

But over the next few days, Colleen noticed her daughter “wasn’t getting better. Things were kind of lingering.”

And Chelsea, who had been having anxiety attacks and crying throughout her hospital stay, was having more of them.

“I said, ‘She’s been through enough,’” Colleen remembers. “I said, ‘Can we just take her mask off? She’s been through enough.’”

“I wanted to do what the Lord wanted me to do. And I really felt like I’ve had her for 14 years, and if it’s time for her to go to heaven, then I know she’ll be healed.”

The mask didn’t come off immediately, though. They waited until family members had a chance to come to see Chelsea – perhaps for the last time.

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Chelsea was removed from intensive care on Nov. 14 and went home three days later.

Her mother believes it was a miracle – attended by a very real angel bathed in light at the door to the pediatric intensive care unit.

“What was so ironic... is it was a rainy day,” Colleen said. “It had been overcast all day. And the sun only came out at that point.”

To those who doubt her story and photograph, Colleen Banton says: “If they doubt it, that’s fine. ... But I know what I saw, and the picture’s untouched. I didn’t make it up. That’s just something that I believe.

“I believe that more people have changed since this happened. I know I have. I look at things differently than I used to – because I know God is in control.”

On Christmas Day, Chelsea will turn 15 – another miracle considering all of the medical trials she’s faced, according to her mother.

“I’m learning,” Colleen Banton said, “that every day she’s alive is a miracle.”

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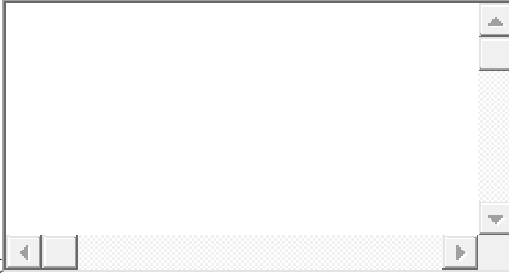
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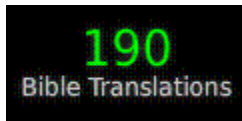


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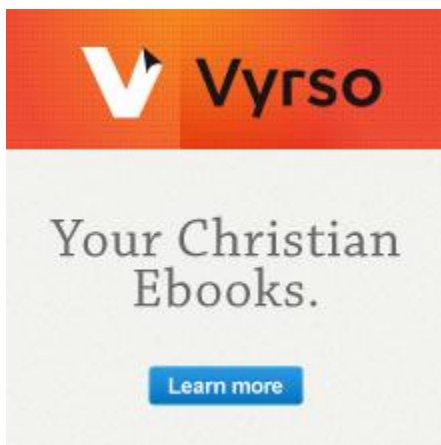




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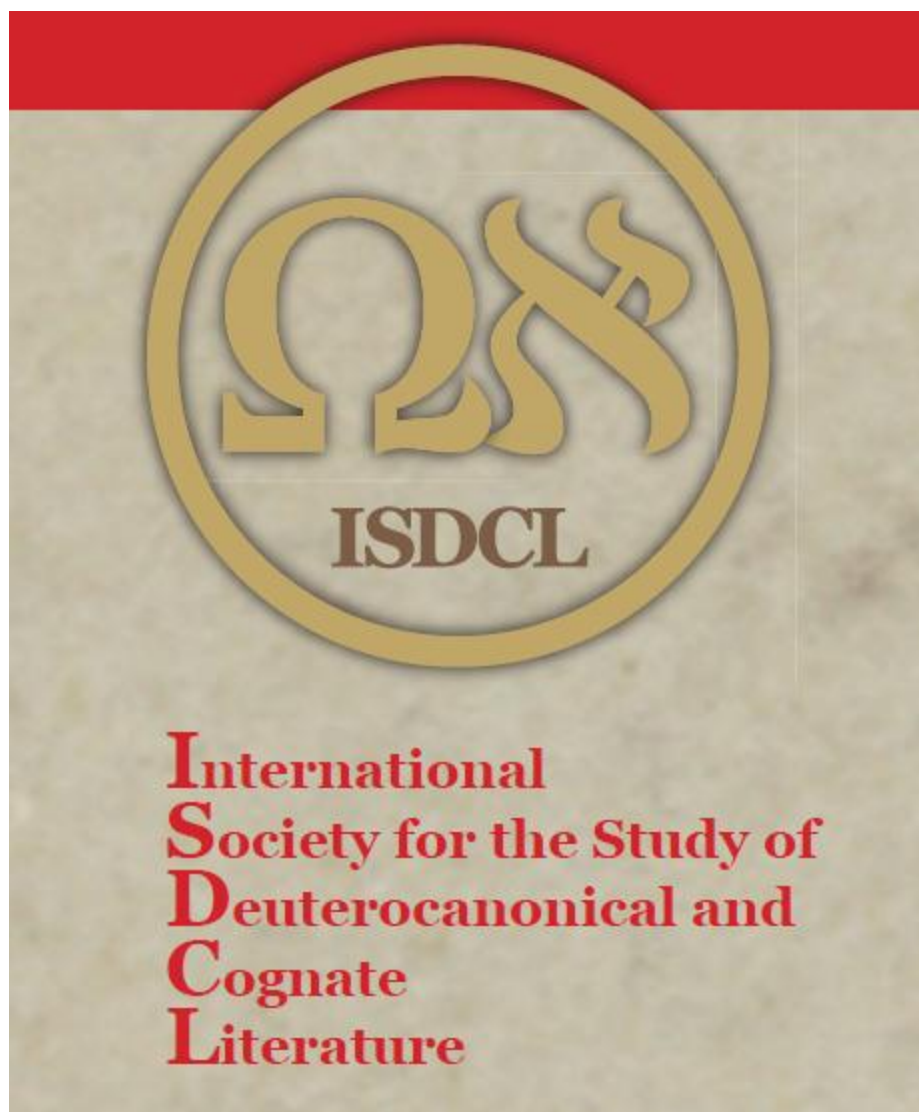


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