

## 2010 Christmas

This report consists of two parts: **History** and **Lessons Learned**. The History part primarily starts from my stroke to when I went home. Many thanks to all the people, you know who you are, that visited me and prayed for me to be an "Over Comer" during this ordeal. The Lessons Learned part is on-going. The first and foremost component is to be obedient to God's Word (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit.

### History

- April 29, 2008 – I had a stroke.
- May 2008 to December 31, 2009. – Many thanks to Marilyn for visiting me and praying for me while I have been in the Hospital(s), Nursing Homes(s) and at home. She only missed two days in eleven months! That is dedication.
- November 2008 to March 2009 – I attended La Estancia nursing home.
- March 26, 2009 – I came home to live. It is good to be back at one's bed! 11 months and I made it back home. It took longer than expected!
- October 2010 – My website was updated at [www.mikedorough.net](http://www.mikedorough.net). I have received many positive comments regarding this new website. Let me know what you think! The link to Caring Bridge is provided on the website as well as information about me.

### Lessons Learned

The following is what I have learned so far. The first and foremost part is to be obedient to God's Word and the Holy Spirit. In being a Christian does not mean there are no consequences to our actions (good or bad). Being led by the Holy Spirit and by reading and doing the actions in the Holy Bible will prevent problems in our life.

Prayer is more important than you think. He (God) makes the *best* out of our *mess*.

There is a **sender** (God by His Word & Holy Spirit through Grace), **receiver** (us through Faith), and **deceiver** (Satan through deceiving us by twisting the Truth).

**God has done His part by giving His Son, Jesus. His grace has provided everything through the sacrifice of Jesus. This is nearly too good to be true because there is absolutely nothing we can do to earn it and nothing we can do to lose it. Our part is simple: We respond to His grace by faith and appropriate what has already been accomplished.**

We see things primarily through 5 senses (sight, hearing, smell, taste, and feel). God wants us to see things through Faith. See Hebrews 11 1. We need to operate in the sixth sense of Faith. As we see things through Faith we will begin to operate like God.

We can either accept God's Word or lean unto our on understanding or man's understanding.

God is limited only by His Word. Don't put God in a box. His ways are higher than our ways. Glory is the goodness of God. God is Love. God has given us all things by Grace (undeserved favor).