



A New Life

My name is Vianney Rodriguez. I was born in Bogota, Colombia in 1962. I came to Sydney Australia in 1993. It was in 1999 when I started with severe Hepatic problems. My doctor requested a biopsy and as a result I was diagnosed with Primary Biliary Cirrhosis. At the time I was in the process of relocating from Sydney to Brisbane and in January 2000 I began to receive medical treatment at the Princess Alexandra Hospital. The doctors began to notice that my health was rapidly deteriorating. I was told I urgently needed a new liver and I was placed on a waiting list. In 2004 after just waiting 15 days I was transplanted and blessed with a new liver thanks to a very giving family.

Sadly in January 2005 the doctors noticed my new liver was failing and I was diagnosed once again with an autoimmune disease. Straight away I began treatment and the doctor gave me anti-rejection medication until 2009. Later that year in April 2009, I was in a Diabetic coma for one month and was in intensive care. In September 2009, I was told that my new liver was failing and once again I was assigned a place on the donor waiting list.

Thankfully in November I received another liver. Despite the ups and downs of my health I am deeply thankful to the families of the donors and to all the doctors, nurses, coordinators and other hospital staff for their dedication, attention and support.

Because of all of you and because of God's grace, I have been blessed with another opportunity of life and I can now enjoy my granddaughters, sons, husband Diego, family and friends.



Vianney's birthday celebrations November 2013 with granddaughters and husband Diego.



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