

Alyssa Kay was born March 10, 2004. Her birth diagnosis is, VATEER Syndrome; which is most easily explained as this: she had NO RECTAL opening, her stomach and throat were not hooked together and her kidneys were not functioning. She also has a form of spinal bifida. Her spinal bifida affected her bowl and bladder control. When she was born, they told me she would not walk, and more than likely, would be mentally retarded.

Alyssa has had over 40 operations in her life, including hooking her bowels to her rectum, bladder augmentation and spinal surgery. I refused to believe she couldn't walk and purchased a walker for her when she was only five months home. I then began doing physical therapy with her at home. She now walks! The biggest issue in her life has been the fact she cannot control her bladder or bowels. She has had to wear diapers her entire life.

I have taken her to countless specialists—all with the same answer. After taking her to a nerve and spinal bifida specialist, I was told she would have to wear diapers the rest of her life. The muscles in her bottom simply did not work; she had no control or feeling “down there.” It was one of the most heart breaking moments of my life. To think this innocent child, who had suffered so much, was not going to be able to experience certain normalcies in her life.

I used to cry out to the Lord, angry, hurt and confused. How could He put this much stress on such a small child? How could He give me, a teenage mother at the time, all of this to deal with? It has been a constant struggle. Many days I felt defeated, overwhelmed and sad. I became my daughter's at-home nurse. I had to do things to my daughter no parent should have to see done to their child. Alyssa has had to overcome many fears, and that while spending approximately a quarter of her life in the hospital.

When we moved to Colorado, started attending Genesis, and started going to Children's Hospital. Alyssa is sick frequently—in and out of the doctor's office and hospital. She started seeing a new GI doctor last month. We found out she had another bowl impaction and would need another operation—AGAIN!! We called Pastor Jeff and Pastor Nina.

They prayed for the healing miracle of Jesus, calling it upon Alyssa . . . for peace in our family and for the work of God to be done. We called the Brady's and the Clarks too, as well as family in California, asking for their prayers and support. We all knew the Holy Spirit was hearing our prayers. We felt the prayers everyone was praying. We felt hope and strength.

(The POWER OF PRAYER WORKS. The Power of Prayer Works! Jesus hears your prayers. There have been prayers being prayed for this child since birth. We were ready to witness this miracle!)

She went into surgery and as usual I was expecting the typical results. Her doctor came out of the OR fifteen minutes later to speak with me. He looked puzzled. He told me that Alyssa had FULL CONTROL OF HER RECTAL MUSCLES—that they just needed to be trained—as one would with physical therapy. I didn't understand...frankly I thought he was loony. I have physically seen tests performed on my daughter showing that there was no muscle control and no nerve stimulus. He was puzzled, thinking I was just not performing proper care for her. He

had no idea he had just given me news of a miracle... of the touch of Jesus' hand working in Alyssa's body.

I had lunch with Eric (my husband) after we left the hospital and very nonchalantly brought up the news that the doctor had given us. He immediately started crying, being a witness to this miracle. This was odd for me, because typically Eric is the skeptic and I am the “believe-it-before-you-see-it” gal. I followed the doctor's instructions to dis-impact her and started doing “toilet physical therapy” with her twice a day. I was in awe of God! I was watching her use her muscles... *muscles I was told were not there*. She was able for the first time in her life—the first time—to control her bladder and bowels. She was able to feel what is going on. A miracle occurred right before my eyes. Jesus healed (*created*) her muscles. He miraculously went into that child's body and healed (recreated) things that medically could not be fixed.

Alyssa has been dry and in underwear for almost a full week now. No accidents! Let me say that again—this child, who was born with this prognosis of diapers for life, has been completely healed in this area of her body. *It is a miracle—A MIRACLE!!! Right before our eyes! She is dry and not wearing diapers.*

He heard our prayers. He answered. Jesus is Lord and king! I will forever be in awe of His miracles. She is a walking, talking, dry testimony that God is in control. Our daughter is now healed—healed by the power of the Holy Spirit. We will be spending all of our days glorifying Him for His love and his mercy. (Jessica Neumann)