

I was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2006; I was 43 years old at the time. I had never smoked, never drank anything but water, and never ate fast food or junk food. I always ate healthy.

I had been living in Chattanooga, TN for 20 years after I moved there from Bangkok, Thailand. I worked at a local nail salon.

I had always been so healthy in my life that I never went to see a doctor. When the doctor found my cancer, he decided to take everything off instead of just the lump. That way there was no need to get radiation and I only had chemo 8 times every other week.

I had many complications. The first one was 10 days after my first surgery; my aorta broke because the suture was loose causing blood to leak out. God really blessed me. I was not feeling well and wanted to go to bed earlier than usual. But some miracle kept me calm even when I had to wait for the operation room and the doctor for 2 hours. My blood continued to leak until I couldn't put my arm down anymore and no one thought I was going to make it. The Doctor said when I was waiting for him if I had been scared my heart would have beaten faster and I would have lost more blood and might have died before he could have done anything. That really hit me! I knew he was right but why was I so calm? God really brought me out of that thought. The next complication I had was every time when they tried to give me the Chemo I would always have reactions that would almost kill me!

So many Angels helped and supported me during my chemo. I couldn't work because my hands always hurt, I couldn't even open a bottle of water. All of my nails and toenails fell off. I stayed home for 10 months with my 4-year-old daughter and 11-year-old son. I had no income but as I mentioned, I had so many angels who supported me. All of my nail clients donated money to help me pay my bills until I could get back to work. I felt really, really blessed. I hope my story can inspire someone out there to not give up. God gives everybody opportunities; just never give up and go as far as you can go.