



## Merry Christmas from the Scholtz's!!!!



We are snug herein snowy Boone, Colorado! Though we didn't get probably 3 or 4 inches, the wind has made drifts so big that little ole Apple Road was impassable just past our driveway. In fact, the snowplow was stuck for about 3 hours just trying to plow it through. The back side (North side) of the barn is 4 feet deep in some places. I brought all the "good" horses in the stalls and blanketed them last night. They really enjoyed that!!! But we just stayed warm here at home, enjoyed the Christmas tree and each other, yesterday and today. The Colorado "state of emergency" has been rather enjoyably secluded for us at least!!!!



I wanted to give you all an update on Paul's recovery. We had our first followup visit, Tuesday, just before the blizzard!!! The doc was so impressed with how fast Paul is progressing. Paul of course thinks he is wimping out, but he is faithfully doing the exercises that the physical therapist, Megan, comes out to do with him. He is now allowed to walk outside on crutches once or twice a day, to the corrals to see the horses. (That is now not possible with the snow and ice out here, so he is a bit stir crazy!!!!). He is strictly non weightbearing on the right leg. When we saw the x-rays on Tuesday, it looked bulletproof!!! It also looked like the bone was braced with hose clamps in 4 places, where they broke it to put in the new revision. This prosthesis looks almost twice as long. Paul has not been feeling any pain through this whole revision either!!! He has been off of pain medication since the 3rd day home. The thing that frustrates him most I think, is the weakness, but the Dr stressed again to him how much energy it is draining from him for his body to concentrate the healing to his hip and the extensive surgery they had to do.





For those of you who have asked, no, we are not traveling to see the kids and Lilly, for Christmas. The doc doesn't want any traveling for 4 to 6 more weeks. And the kids took off so much time to come for our 30th anniversary, and to go to Kentucky to the US Cavalry Games to be with us, that PR is out of vacation time. We are hoping for an end of January visit to them (and Lilly!) or maybe in Feb.

We are so thankful for all the prayers and wonderful encouragement from so many of you. I promise I will get back to each of you who have written. My days are rather full right now with Paul and the livestock - not to mention the Corgi's!!

I am just so thankful for the mercy of God and His healing power. And though this "down time" is so hard on my sweet hubby, I am loving being home. We have our tree up, lots of hot chocolate, and are staying warm. We are just so blessed with precious friends and partners that have prayed and helped and are continuing to help us through this time of healing. Thank you for all the wonderful phone calls too. Yes, Paul is doing good enough to get phone calls now. It is the only way he can "travel" for a while now!!!!

I am sure in the next few weeks, Paul will feel up to sitting here at the computer and letting you hear from him, but for now, I just wanted to give you all an update and send you our loving Christmas greetings.

**Have a beautiful, blessed Christmas**

**Linda and Paul**

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