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Hi Don. I sent you a reply post on my blog page with my mailing address, a couple of weeks ago, but I haven't heard back from you yet. Did you receive it?

In this post I'll tell you a little about what's happening to me right now - mainly my health. I recently had back surgery in June of last year to remove scar tissue from L3, L4 & L5 (the scar tissue killed my nerves from my spine to my left leg muscles (mainly my quadricep muscles). That nerve damage caused my left leg muscles to atrophy a lot, & my left knee is so weak, I have to walk with a cane, because ^{my} left leg gives out on me a lot.

Five weeks after my back surgery in June, I had to have another back surgery, because I had a severe infection in my spinal column - which the doctors said could kill me. So they put a "pick-IV" inside my body to my heart & pumped me with their strongest antibiotics. I was treated for 10 days in the hospital first - then sent to a different prison than where I'm at now, with better medical facilities. They kept me there for over 4 weeks in a "Negative Pressure Room", until the infection went away. Then they sent me back up to my present prison.

Unfortunately I now have another problem in my spinal column. In a follow-up "MRI" they found a tumor growing inside my spinal column near L5 & L4 - that tumor wasn't there prior to my initial back surgery. That tumor is narrowing my central nerve canal in my spinal column. I'm in a lot of pain right now in my lower back & left leg/knee. Every step I take is painful. Even when I sleep I'm in pain. I have an appointment this month to see my "Neuro Surgeon" - hopefully he can help me. Wish me luck. Your friend Matthew.