

TBN's Jan Crouch "Well" After Cancer Surgery

Jan Crouch, who co-founded the Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN) with her husband, Paul, is recovering from colon cancer surgery and "feels like her old self." According to her son, Paul Crouch Jr., she had the operation May 21, two days after she was taken to the emergency room because she felt weak, out of breath and anemic.

"While the surgery went great, the news on her lymphatic system was not as great," Crouch Jr., TBN's vice president of program development, wrote on the Web site of the world's largest Christian TV network.

"They were able to examine five of her lymph nodes, and two showed signs of cancer," Crouch said. "We are still consulting with the best doctors available on the next avenue of treatment, so pray that the Lord continues to guide our family in the right direction," he added.

Crouch said his mother went home from the hospital in early June and soon was beginning to work some from home. "She feels like a million dollars," he told Charisma. "I was with her last night, and she feels like her old self. She was dealing with faxes and Praise the Lord guests. She was happy and bouncing off the walls."

Crouch added that his mother had never been admitted into the hospital for any reason other than to give birth. "That's remarkable considering she turned 65 years old on March 14,"

he said. "She's been very, very healthy over the years."

He said cards and letters of support from TBN viewers have been touching and overwhelming. "I've taken thousands of letters to her, and she's reading every one of them," he said.

"She wants to say thanks to everybody for the kind words. There's been absolutely no fear from day one," he added. "We know that God's in control. ... It's been a little bit of a roller-coaster ride, but that's what life's all about."

Jan Crouch was poised to assist in developing programming for TBN's new youth channel JC-TV, which launched late last year. Featuring Christian music videos and shows by popular youth ministers such as Ron Luce and Eastman Curtis, the channel was birthed after Paul Crouch Sr. said he had a dream in which youth came to him saying "give us a voice," he wrote in a November TBN newsletter.

"Young people, this is your hour to arise," Crouch wrote. "... We older ones have the financial support ... and you have the vision, the culture and the language to reach [the lost]."

JC-TV is to be carried internationally via satellite and over the Internet.

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