

# SMHEA President Cory Bennett's Stroke Recovery Update

Dear Homeschooling Families,

As you may know, Cory Bennett, SMHEA's president, suffered a massive stroke on April 11, 2011. He spent many weeks in hospital recovery, but is now home. He is making good progress even though he experiences much pain during therapy. Barbara, Cory's wife, and Emily, his daughter, are at home helping with his recuperation. According to the doctors it will take about one year for Cory's brain to heal from the stroke. Cory has not given up hope for his complete recovery. As a matter of fact, CORY IS MOVING BOTH OF HIS LEGS DURING THEARPY!! That is answered prayer!!

Cory continues to encourage and minister to the homeschooling families. He attended the SMHEA Resource Fair recently where he encouraged us to keep up the good fight for our freedoms to home educate our children. During one workshop Cory had listeners in tears as he compared us as homeschooling families to the flag bearers during the Civil War. Flag bearers were on the front lines and were the first to be shot! When the flag was up the troops rallied, and when it went down the troop's confidence fell. We too as homeschooling families carry the flag on the front lines of the educational battlefield. We need to continue to rally our troops toward action!! Cory's passion for homeschooling families is still evident even as he fights his own battles!!

In our last report, we shared some of the needs Cory and Barbara have during this difficult time; both physically and financially. The handicap bathroom is progressing and hopefully will soon be completed. Most all of Cory's special equipment has been donated or purchased. Many of you have helped in so many ways. Cory and Barbara are very grateful for the love that has been bestowed on them from all of you. They know without the love of God's people they would not have made it this far.

Even though a lot has been done to help, more needs to be done!! In six weeks, Cory will lose insurance coverage for his physical therapy. He is making such good progress and needs to continue the hard work of therapy. If anyone would be willing to do physical therapy exercises with Cory, please contact Barbara. Please continue your support whether by cards, calls, financial or personal assistance. Our support encourages and lifts up the Bennett family!

If you would like to follow Barbara's blog on Cory's progress, go to [caringbridge.org/visit/corybennett](http://caringbridge.org/visit/corybennett). If you would like to contribute financially, make all checks payable to FEL. Send them to 925 View Harbour Road, Knoxville, TN 37922. All contributions are tax deductible. You may also donate online at:

<http://www.ffel.org/contribute.html>

Please above all else CONTINUE TO PRAY. IT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE!!

Blessings,

Tom and Gina Rucker  
Foundation for Educational Leadership (FEL) Board