

Hospital Reinstates Nutrition & Hydration for Disabled Patient

TUCSON, Jan. 28, 2019 / Standard Newswire/ -- Life Legal Executive Director and attorney Alexandra Snyder and Bobby Schindler, Founder of the Terri Schiavo Life and Hope Network met with hospital administrators in Tucson, Arizona this morning regarding a young man who has been denied nutrition and hydration.

David Ruiz, 32, suffered a stroke nearly a month ago, resulting in a serious brain injury. St. Joseph's Hospital in Tucson withdrew David's nutrition and most of his hydration nearly three weeks ago, saying food and water were "futile" medical treatments because of Da-

vid's injury.

Regardless of David's prognosis, food and water—as Pope John Paul II has said—"always represents a natural means of preserving life, not a medical act." Providing nutrition and hydration is "ordinary and proportionate, and as such morally obligatory."

David's mother, Patricia Adames, has fought tirelessly for her son. She had planned to transfer David to a facility that can provide long-term care. However, after weeks without nutrition and adequate hydration, David became emaciated and too fragile to be transferred.

During today's meeting, the hospital agreed to reinstate David's food and fluids. The hospital has also agreed to assist with his transfer from St. Joseph's to suitable a long-term care facility.

"We are pleased that St. Joseph's hospital has agreed to resume providing David with food and water," said Life and Hope Network Founder Bobby Schindler. "We will continue to advocate for David until we can find a facility that will provide for appropriate, long-term care."

"Life Legal is thrilled with today's developments. It is unacceptable for a patient to be denied the basic



rights of food and water," said Life Legal Executive Director Alexandra Snyder. "We are grateful that the hospital has agreed to resume ordinary care for David."

Reinstatement of David's nutrition and hydration was confirmed earlier this afternoon.

Editors note: As a pastor

I have encountered this atrocious starving and dehydrating patients until death as not an uncommon practice in our medical lifesaving institutions today. Seems they want to play God by deciding who gets to live and when. I am appalled at the "respected" agencies that do no more than purposeful

ly drug a patient until they starve or dehydrate them to death in the name of keeping them comfortable till the end. I thought we were supposed to do everything to save a life, not to assist in killing it. Convenience is not a reason to kill. God help us with this murderous generation!

It seems we are in prison Ayesha and Shahid's testimony of grace

I am Ayesha and I belonged to a fundamental Muslim family. I came to Christ by a Christian man Shahid. Both of us worked at the same place. I had a good friendship with him that lasted for many years. Being a good fellow, he shared the Gospel with me. Whenever he attended any prayer meeting, he phoned me to hear the word of God. The word of God touched my heart and filled me with heavenly joy. Shahid was concerned for me as he wanted me to know about the truth of Lord Jesus Christ. It seems impossible to me as I belonged to a strict Muslim

family. After a long time Shahid proposed to me for marriage. I told him that it can never be possible as I belonged to a different faith. Though I had denied his proposal, yet he remained in contact with me and didn't stop sharing the Good News. With the passage of time my life was transformed through His living words and I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my savior. Afterward I married Shahid secretly and left my family. When my family came to know about my conversion, they became aggressive and threatened to kill

me. Since then until now, they are in search of me. I and Shahid relocated to various hiding places in order to save our lives. We are Still living in secret and are under constant fears and threats. We can't go out freely as my brothers know Shahid very well. They met him when he worked with me. My husband is unable to do any job due to life threats. I am also concerned for my in-laws as they are also in danger because of me. Presently, we are hiding at a secret place. My brothers are familiar to this area, but they don't know about our residence. Life is very



difficult for me. I am afraid and danger is always present. It is true that if I will be found by my enemies, they will kill me and my husband too.

My husband saw my brothers sometimes on the road. I know they are still in searching to kill us.

Sometimes it seems that we are in prison. We are not living a happy and normal life like others. It is by God's grace that we are safe and sound in His protective hands. He is always with us. It is true that we are living in the valley of death, but we believe the

Lord Jesus Christ is with us in all circumstances. He saves us from the fiery darts of our enemies. It is now our prime concern to relocate to a safe place as soon as possible to save our lives. Your prayers are greatly appreciated. Ayesha and Shahid Javed

Myanmar Pastor Kidnapped in Rohingya Conflict Area, Reported Dead

Pastor Tun who was kidnapped in Myanmar on January 19. Pastor Tun has been serving in Myanmar for 20 years where he has won hundreds of people to Christ and established many churches. It's confirmed that an underground gang abducted the pastor at gunpoint, and he has not been found for a week.

It is with heaviness in our hearts that we report on the death of Pastor Tun N. from Myanmar, one of GFA's field partner workers. After being abducted at gunpoint on January 19, Pastor Tun, aged 41, was reported dead on February 1.

He was killed along with several others who had been kidnapped by a rebel army in the Rakhine state

state of Myanmar, an area torn by Rohingya conflict. During the nearly two weeks Pastor Tun was missing, the local police and government armies were unable to trace him. During Pastor Tun's two decades in ministry, he had shared the love of Christ with many and started several fellowships. He leaves behind his precious wife, their three children, and a church of more than 50 believers.

Since the news of Pastor Tun's death, GFA-supported churches across Myanmar have taken up an offering for the grieving family. The regional leaders of the church have been visiting and comforting the family during this difficult time.

"We are heartbroken to

learn of Pastor Tun's death, and we ask you to join us in praying for his wife, family and church at this time, that they may know God's comfort, peace and strength," shared Dr. KP Yohannan. "All of the brothers and sisters on the field know that, as Jesus said, they go out as 'sheep among wolves.' Like Pastor Tun, they are willing to lay down their lives, if need be, to share God's great love with those who have not yet heard the Good News."

Pastor Tun's kidnapping and death is the first incident of its kind for GFA-supported ministry in Myanmar, which represents more than 500 congregations.

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How you can pray:

- 1.) Comfort, peace and strength for Pastor Tun's family and church
- 2.) Pastor Tun's dream for more people to experience the love of Christ will be realized
- 3.) Peace for the country of Myanmar and wisdom for its leaders

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints," the psalmist writes in Psalm 116:15.

