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Both of these calls came in today within an hour of each other. I feel they both warrant immediate attention, and I believe God has already picked who will help.

If you are feeling like you can help either or both of these boys, please let me know as soon as possible.

These are both heart wrenching stories, and the need our help and hope. Please keep them in your continuous prayers.

Most Sincerely,

Vicki McGee

**Jake Hawkins, 16 years young, has maybe 18 weeks to live**

Doctors in Denver recently predicted that Jake Hawkins, 16 of Grand Junction, has six to 18 weeks to live, after he was diagnosed with three inoperable, malignant brain tumors. Jake was diagnosed 10 months ago with two inoperable brain tumors, one on the stem of his brain.

I personally prayed with Jakes dad, John, a few months ago, but now the prognosis is only 18 weeks to live. Yes I do believe Jesus can still heal Jake, so please keep him in your prayers.

Radiation and chemotherapy were administered, but did nothing to change the status of the tumors.

After celebrating his 16th birthday July 17, Jake and his parents, Mike and Penny, went to Children's Hospital in Denver for another magnetic resonance image July 20.

**Another tumor was discovered growing on his spinal cord and the choice was made to discontinue treatment.**

**The Hawkins family is in "dire straits financially" and is requesting help from our community "as he lives out these last few weeks of his life."**

**Appleton Christian Church and Credit Union of Colorado are accepting donations on behalf of the family of Jake; in the care of Hospice & Palliative Care. His parents are not working so they can spend the time with Jake.**

**John Hawkins has not worked the past 10 1/2 months caring for his son while Penny continued to work, but she is now on unpaid leave. They are on zero income now.**

**Donations can be sent to Appleton Christian Church at 2510 I-70 Frontage Rd. Grand Junction, 81505 or to Credit Union of Colorado in care of Jacob Hawkins, 202 Main St. Grand Junction 81501.**

**5-year-old boy needs Emergency brain surgery after accident. The family is in need of gas money to get him to Denver Children's this Thursday for the surgery**

At the beginning of this summer, 5-year-old Justin Sines was climbing a tree and fell, landing on his forehead on a boat tail. Mom watched for any signs of skull fracture, and three weeks ago Justin started complaining of his head hurting. Mom took him to Fruita hospital and they sent him to St. Mary's, there they did a CT Scan and said his skull was about to puncture his brain and they need to go to Denver to the Children's Hospital and see the neural surgeon immediately.

Monday the 8th of August the doctor called and said that he has an appointment with the surgeon on Friday the 12th in the morning, and his brain surgery would be scheduled following that.

The family does not receive any type of assistance and the child only has his father's medical insurance, they must leave to Denver on Thursday. So the family was in need of housing, food, a vehicle, and gas.

As of today their housing is set up with the Ronald McDonald House in Aurora, they are about 98% sure that they will have room for them but may need to stay in a motel for a night or two you never know with people coming and going in, there they will be able to have some food donated by volunteers

**If you can help with the gas/food money for this family, Please contact:**

**HOPE of the Grand Valley**

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**or email**

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**Since this posting Jake Hawkins has gone to be with Jesus. Please keep in parents in your prayers.**

**Justin's family received the money and road food they needed along with a vehicle and plenty of gas. I saw them the day they were leaving and I have not heard anymore from Justin's parents, so I believe he did not need the surgery and is doing well.**

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