

Christmas 2008

It has been a great winter season to be in Wisconsin where a lot of snow and very cold. I work full time at the surgical and oncology units at Wausau hospital. It has been a special working season since I used to work only during the summer for the past decade.

The day after Christmas I took care of patients who were diagnosed with stage 4 cancers and one of them is terminal. I shared with them all with stories and something I made to wish peace within their hearts. They all cried when I showed them the little paper crane I fold with sincere wishes. They smiled and asked me to place the little origami paper crane by the over bed table. I told them to keep the warm energy which was given to them whenever they look at it. As I was on the way to give report to the up coming staff, I ran into one of the brain injury patients in the hall. He was about 20 years of age who I did not know. I gave him my blessing and an orange color paper crane, and he gave me a hug. He smiled and drooled onto my can of paper cranes. It's amazing how the simple gift impacts on people even to my co-workers.

I also took care of a Taiwanese young lady who is a graduate student in Pennsylvania. She was visiting with her older brother in Madison, Wisconsin, and they came to Wausau to ski near by where I live at Rib Mountain. She was hit by one of the snow boarders which resulted in left kidney hematoma and left ankle fractures. What is the chance to be someone from Taiwan and traveled from out of State to be cared by a Taiwanese nurse in Wisconsin.

One of the trauma surgeons, Dr. Larson who put the red paper crane I gave her in the operation room. She told me that each time before she performs surgery, she looks at the crane and does a peace prayer to bless her patients.

I treasure the opportunity to help people to heal with peace.

On my days off, I take walk into the woods and hike up Rib Mountain trails in the world of white snow, and it is so beautiful and peaceful in the wood. Only deer tracts and my foot prints make marks on the trail I walked.

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