

Presentation to my English class on a vision board poster I made for a goal one year from now.

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Hi Everyone.

I know you've heard me say this before but until I talk, you'll keep on hearing it!

My goal is to talk more then, than now. In other words in a year from now, I hope to have the ability to speak far more than I do now. As you often see, even doing this kind of presentation is so hard, because I want to just talk and laugh and answer questions easily. I've come a long way, but I've got a long way to go. When I was young I had no speech at all. I could not even copy sounds. Today I can copy almost any utterance and read most of what I type. God is faithfully leading me to full healing. My vision board shows the goal and the path I need to take to get there.

My timeline shows how and when I will measure my improvement. Under team, are some of the support people I have in my life. They have all been with me for years, helping me in their field of expertise. I will see them weekly for therapies that will help my speech and with me living life. They help with many things but my number one goal is to talk. Darlene Hanson is my speech therapist, she is always up and positive and helps me find my voice. Suzanne Greenwood is my occupational therapist. since my type of autism is really a movement disorder, she is a key part in helping my whole body work better and heal. I joke with her that she is in charge of my body. I do neurological music therapy with Peggy Schafer, it's all about rhythm and breathing right to get my words out. It's easier to sing words than talk them, so we sing a lot together.

Ryann Jacobsen, my aide you all know. She is my friend and support, who is my gift from God. She will encourage me to talk using sign language and words whenever we are together. Last on

the team list is my mom. Most of you know her some too. She will be praying and keeping the hope for my healing, even on days when sad to say, I temporarily lose my hope. it is sometimes hard to keep really believing when my healing seems so slow, at times.

The pictures of friends talking, stand for all of you, and other friends that I so much want to speak, whisper and yell with. I'm grateful I can type to communicate and be able to come to Spirit, and be a part of life here and all the fun stuff that goes with it. But, I want to talk to be even more a part of campus life, and each of your lives too. I think you are all great, and thank you when you are patient and wait for me to type to tell you something. And I love when we hang out. God thinks you are all awesome too!

Of course I saved the best for last. God is our healer. God is my healer! I put my favorite scriptures about healing all around the board. Jeremiah 17 verse 14 says, Heal me, O Lord and I will be healed: save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise. First Peter 2 verse 24 says, by his wounds you have been healed. and, Psalm 30 verse 2 reads, O Lord my God I called to you for help and you healed me. And lastly, my favorite, Mark 5 verse 34. He said to her, daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering. Really these scriptures are like the Holy Spirit surrounding us.

I hope you will really think to pray for me, so you and I will see together the miracle of me speaking, more and more unfold next year right in front of our eyes.