



Bright Light Foundation

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My name is Wesley Bandemer, and in 2006 I was in a motocross accident that left me a C3-C7 quadriplegic (paralyzed from the shoulders down). I've been trying every treatment that I can to regain some movement, but at 23 years of age, all I really want is my independence. I do have the ability to move my arms. I've been to Germany for adult stem-cell treatment, I've tried acupuncture, different types of massages, project walks, I have been through intense physical therapy throughout the past seven years, and I eat the healthiest diet that I've been able to find to be in optimal health. The only

treatments that have actually resulted in "real improvements" was from the embryonic stem cell treatments in India. I regained significant strength and movement in my arms--mainly in my biceps, but also I have regained a significant amount of my core strength, PLUS I even have experienced some flickering in my toes. There's no doubt in my mind that going to India resulted in the first improvements in five years. These treatments are very expensive and all out-of-pocket. As long as I can continue receiving treatments and doing intense physical therapy, I believe I will reach my goal of being independent and achieving my ultimate goal-- walking again.