# Our Life with MSA

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#### Diagnosis

- Symptoms began roughly 8 years ago
- Diagnosed in 2013 with Cerebellar Ataxia
- Diagnosed in 2015 with MSA

#### Impact on Lifestyle

- MSA is a family disease
- Career to Disability to Retirement
- Change in Activity Level/Involvement
- Home move /Renovations
- Shifting Responsibilities within Family
- Social Changes

#### **Evolving Mindset**

- At Diagnosis (denial, hope)
- With Disease Progression (acceptance, hope)
- Expectations for the Future (reality, hope)
- HOPE IS A CONSTANT!

#### How we are Living with MSA

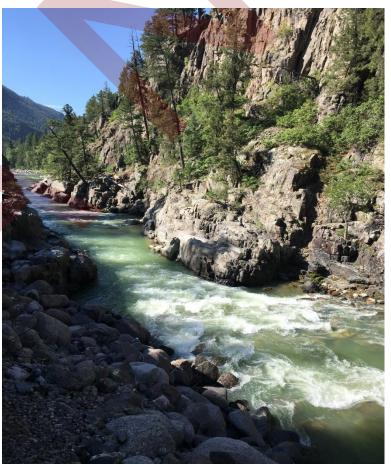
- Clinical Trials & Research Studies
- Adaptive Devices to Make Life Easier
- New Interests & Hobbies
- Friends & Family
- Humor!
- Planning

### Our Inspiration

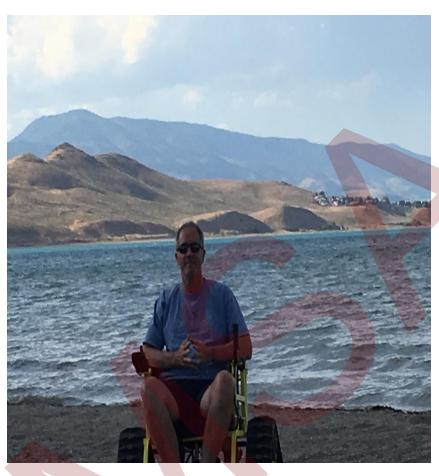
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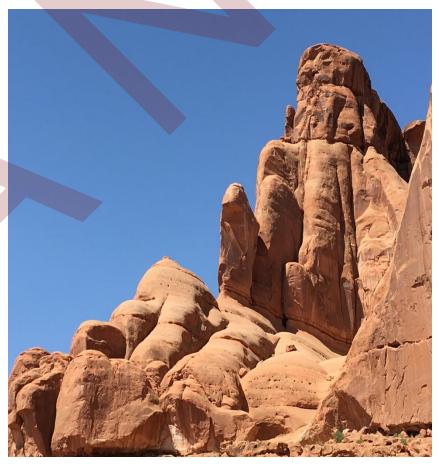
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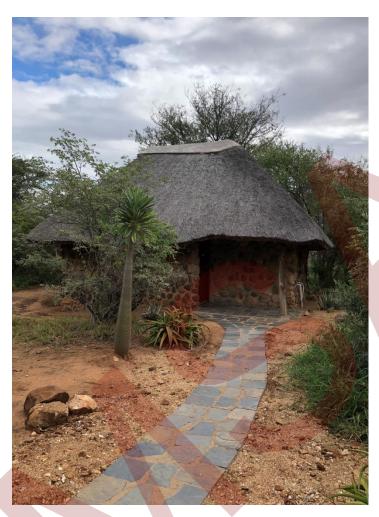




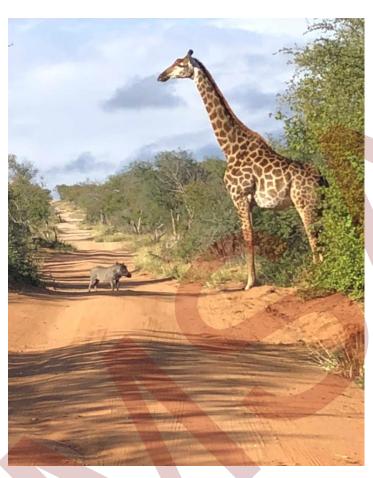
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# Maui Getaway





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#### What's Next???



## Our Continued Inspiration

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