

# RMD Weekly

**Mike Deputy**

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## ***Special Edition***

### **PRAYERS FOR MIKE DEPUTY AND FAMILY**

As barbershoppers the harmony we share extends beyond the singing and into our friendships with one another.

Mike Deputy, our Immediate Past President and 2009 Barbershopper of the Year, is a special friend of everyone in the Rocky Mountain District.

His son, Christian (aka "Chris") was in a severe mountain bike accident on August 26, fracturing his neck and injuring his spinal cord. Descending a mountain trail, his friend riding with him was about 30 seconds behind and did not see the accident, but came upon Chris after the crash with his helmet heavily damaged and not breathing. Having EMT training, the friend resuscitated Chris and had the next biker on the path get help. Chris was airlifted by helicopter to the hospital, where he ultimately had a surgical fusion of his 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> cervical (neck) vertebrae. He was paralyzed at the scene of the accident but has been showing small but encouraging signs of returning feeling and movement. He is still on a ventilator despite some positive signs of unassisted breathing, and therapists are quickly working with Chris to rehabilitate any body parts he can feel or move. The family is on 24 / 7 watch (in shifts) with Chris, to comfort and encourage him.

Chris and his wife Jessi were days away from celebrating their first wedding anniversary.

Your prayers are requested for Chris, and Jessi, along with Mike and Sheila and all the family.

You can read a web log about the accident and daily updates at

[Christiansjourney1.blogspot.com](http://Christiansjourney1.blogspot.com)

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