



# Bright Light Foundation

## **Pegi Hodges**

*2011 BLF Recipient*



My name is Pegi Hodges and I was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), September of 2010. I had noticed my speech changing as early as March. I went to my neurologist here and he ran every test he could and came to the conclusion that it was ALS. He wanted to be sure so he sent me to the Methodist Hospital in Houston to see Dr. Appel.

It has been one year and my speech has digressed to where you can hardly understand me. My diaphragm is also weak as my muscles are deteriorating. I am on a bi-pap machine and just had a feeding tube (PEG) inserted in my stomach. My husband, Coyt

has not been able to work as he is my caretaker. I am so blessed to have someone that looks after my needs & not his. I have a big family and many friends that I know will be helping in my caretaking. Often referred to as Lou Gehrig's Disease, (ALS) is a progressive, fatal neuromuscular disease that slowly robs the body of its ability to walk, speak, swallow and breathe. The life expectancy of an ALS patient averages 2 to 5 years from the time of diagnosis. My trust is fully in the Lord Jesus that I am healed. I am so thankful to the Bright Light Foundation for accepting me as a recipient. I have been involved with them through my employment at Tesla Offshore, LLC.