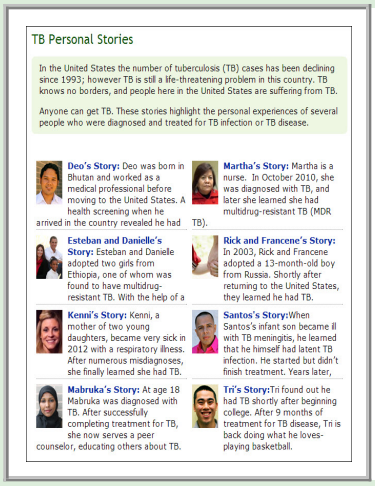

TB Personal Stories

In the United States the number of tuberculosis (TB) cases has been declining since 1993; however TB is still a life-threatening problem in this country. TB knows no borders, and people here in the United States are suffering from TB.

Anyone can get TB. These stories highlight the personal experiences of several people who were diagnosed and treated for TB infection or TB disease.

Deo's Story: Deo was born in Bhutan and worked as a medical professional before moving to the United States. A health screening when he arrived in the country revealed he had

Martha's Story: Martha is a nurse. In October 2010, she was diagnosed with TB, and later she learned she had multidrug-resistant TB (MDR TB).

Esteban and Danielle's Story: Esteban and Danielle adopted two girls from Ethiopia, one of whom was found to have multidrug-resistant TB. With the help of a

Rick and Francene's Story: In 2003, Rick and Francene adopted a 13-month-old boy from Russia. Shortly after returning to the United States, they learned he had TB.

Kenni's Story: Kenni, a mother of two young daughters, became very sick in 2012 with a respiratory illness. After numerous misdiagnoses, she finally learned she had TB.

Santos's Story: When Santos's infant son became ill with TB meningitis, he learned that he himself had latent TB infection. He started but didn't finish treatment. Years later,

Mabruka's Story: At age 18 Mabruka was diagnosed with TB. After successfully completing treatment for TB, she now serves a peer counselor, educating others about TB.

Tri's Story: Tri found out he had TB shortly after beginning college. After 9 months of treatment for TB disease, Tri is back doing what he loves-playing basketball.

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