This is one of the most difficult things that I have ever had to do.... Asking for help for myself. As a Paramedic, I help others, now I am the one in need of help.

I've known about my kidney disease for the last 2-3 years but didn't understand, truly, where it was headed until the last 6 months. I need a transplant and I need it soon.

Just when I had worked so hard to help turn my health around, weight loss, diabetes under control, nutrition in check, this comes along.

I vowed I would not let it get in the way of me living my life. At work and at play, it has always been full pull, go hard and don't stop.

I am a paramedic, I am an avid outdoorsman, I am a competitive target shooter.

I am a director for the North Thompson Fish and Game club.

I am the Target Rifle competition chair for the club and the provincial chair for F-class competition with the BC rifle association which is affiliated with the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association.

These are my passions and make up a large portion of my daily life but,

I need to stop now because I've got no staying power. My tank is empty.

Dialysis will start very soon.

New life, new challenges.

I've been a paramedic for over 26 years. I have helped many in their time of need. I need help, this is my time of need.

I have treated enough people with renal failure to know that the next time period for me is going to be the most challenging. I am fighting for my life. I need a transplant. A living donor is my best chance.

So I am, asking for help.

If you can help and want to be a living donor, please contact Donor Nurse Coordinator at St Paul's hospital, 604-806-9027 or donornurse@providencehealth.bc.ca

The chances that there is a match amongst our organization or in my social group is pretty high, it is a big ask but I have no other choice at this time.

Thank you for considering, it means everything,

Don

Don Piper

Please see the link to the BC Transplant Society for more information:
http://www.transplant.bc.ca/health-info/organ-donation/living-donation