

Tawanda

Tawanda, a Zimbabwean man with a strong Christian faith and great love of football is dying from cancer. He lives with his wife Chibuzo.

God is with me and provides me with the strength to carry on. And strength for my wife Chibuzo too. I've started to call her 'boss' because she is as much my trainer as my wife now.

But she is worried; even though she tries to hide it from me. It started when she overheard a nurse at the hospital saying that if I was being sent home it was only a matter of time. I've told her that a nurse is not a doctor. That we must remain positive.

So many people are on our side that it's humbling. And there are times when I feel responsible. When Chibuzo tells me how much they're praying for us at our church, then I feel it's even more important that I don't succumb.

'With the right approach we can navigate a way through this; let's see how things progress over the next few weeks before we start to worry Tawanda'. These are the things my doctor says. He's like a good manager shouting advice from the side-lines.

There was one time when I really didn't feel too good, and I wanted to talk to him about what might happen if things were not to go so well. But I could see that he wanted to focus on the positive, as always; so I didn't. I think about that sometimes, if I should have stuck to my guns and said what I had planned to.

But the most important thing is that everyone must believe and fight together. That's the way you win. Through teamwork.