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Miracle Walker

A TYRONE woman who walked to a local shop for the first time on Monday, after spending 12 years in a wheelchair, believes she was blessed with a "miracle cure" thanks to a recent visit to world famous Derry faith healer Danny Gallagher.

Mary Mullen, 56, had to rely on a wheelchair for the past 12 years due to spine problems and arthritis. Such was the extent of Mary's illnesses that a doctor once expressed surprise that she was still alive.

However, a few weeks ago, Mary visited Gallagher in Omagh. After visiting Danny for three weeks Mary discovered that her back pain was decreasing and that mobility was slowly returning to her legs. Within a few weeks, she was able to move around her home for the first time since 1990.

Gallagher believes he has a "gift from God." Danny shot to prominence at the age of 17 in the 1970s when it was claimed that his unique gift had cured a paralyzed girl in his native Maghera.

His fame intensified a few years later when he cured a blind woman in Birmingham. At the behest of her brother, Mary decided to pay Danny a visit as a last resort.

"It's very hard to imagine what it's like to be confined to a wheelchair unless you have experienced it yourself. I was told I would never walk again. It has been the worst experience of my entire life," she said. "Now I know in my own heart and mind that things are getting better and it is all thanks to Danny."