



In February 2007, Hannke was 41 years old when she had a benevolent tumor removed from behind the cerebellum, pons and brain stem. Her face became paralyzed after the surgery. The neurologist said that the nerve was numb and had to wake up again. She was also deaf in the right ear because the 8th cranial nerve had been removed. She could not blink or close her right eye, and had to continually hydrate her cornea because of dryness. Her mouth was pulled to the side, therefore making speech difficult. She was not able to return to work, yet. She completed 8 weeks of physiotherapy and facial muscular rehabilitation, without any effect.

She began receiving facial reflexology in June of 2007. After her first session, she felt a change in her face. There was movement in the muscle on her nose. After the next 2 sessions, she was able to move an eyebrow muscle, and she could lift her nose, slightly. After the 4th time, she could see more clearly and was more energetic. After the 7th session, she became more and more relaxed and was able to move her face muscles all the time. The following weeks, she was able to go to work more regularly, and after every treatment, she felt the sensation of pins and needles on the right side of her face, around her eye and ear. She was able to produce tears, again.

Until December 2007, she came for sessions every week, and experienced progress each time. In December, after 19 treatments, her face was almost completely restored, and her life returned to normal, again. In 2008, she continued to receive treatments every other week, and in March when she saw her neurologist, he noted surprise at her progress.