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Dear Melanie

You may have read about Carl in our Summer update - a cured TB patient who is now planning to climb mount Kilimanjaro for TB Alert. That's a pretty spectacular thing to do, but Carl's story of his experience with TB is even more spectacular.

Hear Carl tell his story to Fi Glover on Saturday Live, Radio 4 this Saturday 16th June.

If you don't get a chance to listen at the time, you can "listen again" any time in the week after broadcast by going to the [Saturday Live Website](#).

One of TB Alert's main aims as a charity is to raise awareness of Tuberculosis in the UK and worldwide. In the absence of an effective vaccine (BCG can help protect some people - but does not prevent TB), the best way to prevent the spread of TB is to quickly diagnose and cure the patients who have it so that they can't pass it on. Carl's story highlights the fact that patients can go undiagnosed for too long because doctors do not think to check for TB.

TB Alert's Awareness Officer and volunteer patient advocates like Carl have worked together to put forward information, stories and pictures to newspapers, magazines, tv and radio - reaching more than 4 million people over the last year. Based on average UK TB rates, at least 5-600 of these people will get TB in the next year - and having already read or heard about TB and its symptoms are much more likely to be diagnosed quickly.

We hope you enjoy hearing Carl's story. Our apologies for sending you another update so soon after the last one - please be assured that this is a one-off and will not be a weekly occurrence!

Best wishes

Melanie