***The good and bad facts about bacteria***

We depend on bacteria to help in the digestion of food, for plant growth, and to help us make foods and medicines. Bacteria are an important part of the soil. They can capture some nutrients that plants cannot capture. When living things die, bacteria play a very important role as decomposers, bacteria and fungi feeding on and breaking down plant and animal matter. Without these decomposers, the bodies of all organisms that have lived would remain and this would be very messy. When bacteria breaks down dead organisms, they release substances that can be used by other organisms in the ecosystem. Some bacteria always live in our bodies. They are found in digestive systems and help digest food other bacteria is in our food when you eat yogurt or cheese or milk your eating bacteria.

A microorganism (a living thing that can only be seen with the aid of magnification) was probably the cause of whatever sickness you had. You may have called it a germ, but this term only describes a few microorganisms