Contemporary Comments

"Salvation: The Only Solution" | October 27, 2012 | Order Info

**Text:** John 2:25; Jeremiah 17:9; Titus 1:1, 2; Romans 3:19-24; Acts 2:37; Luke 7:47; Ephesians 2:1-5.

What would you do if a tornado was ripping through your property in the middle of the night? You’d do what Jeff Hawks of Millington, Michigan did and take your wife and three kids to the basement to seek shelter. That’s what happened five years ago this last week—but just as they were getting settled, Jeff heard a woman screaming outside. It was her neighbor, Nicky Kelly.

Jeff ran outside to find the young mother crying for help because her house had been hit by a twister and her 14-month-old baby had been blown out of the house and into the violent storm. Kelly had already placed a call to 911. Hawks ran into the darkness searching over a 10 acre area, often finding dolls and doll clothes which he feared was the missing boy.

“A whimper led Hawks and Kelly’s fiancé to an overturned crib, topped by thousands of pounds of debris. Unable to budge the crib, Hawks reached under the pile and grabbed the boy by the hair, pulling him out. But Blake had Christmas lights wrapped around his neck and had turned blue. So Hawks ripped the wires away, and Kelly grabbed him, relieved that the baby was looking around like a normal curious toddler.”

Little Blake Kelly is now six-years-old and met his “savior” this last week, exactly five years to the day. A night of terror turned out to provide a most joyous reunion for Jeff and Blake. Mr. Hawks picked the boy up and gave him a big bear hug and said, “I’m just glad you’re OK.” Blake later told a local newspaper that Blake is “my miracle baby.” Now Blake knows the flesh and blood “angel” who saved him.

This week’s Sabbath school lesson looks at the message of salvation. Christ risked all when He came searching for each of us in a world torn to pieces by the devil. With a pile of sin that could not be budged, Jesus reached in and rescued us. Each of us is a miracle to God because of the Lord’s risk-taking love. No storm would stop the search and rescue efforts of heaven to save lost people.

Perhaps Jeff Hawk’s comment to Blake that day speaks a word from heaven to each of us. He said to the six-year-old, “God’s got some big things planned for you.”

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