

## **Miracles and Other Signs of God's Presence in Jayden's Accident and Recovery**

It truly is a miracle that Jayden is alive. Too many things went "right" for us to believe that his survival was a coincidence. The following list identifies some of the factors that have worked together to ensure Jayden's survival of the crash and subsequent progress towards recovery. We continue to add to the list as new miracles occur.

- The semi truck Jayden collided with had not gotten up to full speed after passing through the community of Loma.
- The semi was not loaded.
- The pickup Jayden was riding in struck the semi at an angle on the right front corner, driving the engine and other vehicle components towards the left rear corner rather than directly backwards.
- The seat Jayden was in, the right rear seat, was the only seat in the vehicle where he had a chance to survive the accident.
- Jayden was buckled in a seatbelt in a child booster seat, whereas the two adults in the front seat were not wearing seatbelts.
- Jayden had no blunt force trauma and was not cut by flying glass even though all windows in the pickup but one were broken out.
- There was an eyewitness to the accident who immediately pulled Jayden from the vehicle.
- Two EMTs quickly arrived and placed Jayden in the bed of a pickup truck and covered him with a blanket.
- A woman happened by who was on her way to the funeral of a soldier killed in Iraq. She administered CPR to Jayden in the truck bed, and continued in the ambulance. She silently said a prayer, and Jayden started breathing. Had the soldier not died, Jayden likely would not be alive today.
- Jayden's dad, Jason, was miraculously moved to phone the sheriff's office only 20 minutes after the accident to enquire if there had been an accident.
- Jayden and Jason flew safely to Seattle on an air ambulance. The same plane and crew crashed three days later, killing all aboard.
- During the first several hours after the accident, Jayden legally "died" three times and was successfully revived each time.
- Jayden contracted pneumonia in the hospital in Seattle but recovered in a remarkably short time with no aftereffects.
- Jason and grandma Jeanne were quickly admitted to Ronald McDonald House in Seattle, saving on expenses and providing a convenient, safe place to stay.
- Jason's \$1,400 cell phone bill resulting from roaming charges was reduced to about \$200.
- People all around the world have taken an interest in Jayden and are praying for his recovery. Many, even some we had never heard of before, have contributed towards his expenses with money or other resources.
- Those closest to Jayden, his dad and grandparents, have personally felt God's presence and have been sustained and strengthened through their faith.
- After three weeks in Seattle, Jayden was able to come home to Community Medical Center in Missoula, enabling his Dad to return to work and not lose his job.
- Jayden's grandma Jeanne was able to adjust her work schedule to 4 hours per day so that she could spend afternoons with Jayden.

- Jayden's grandpa Bob retired exactly one month prior to the accident, enabling him to spend mornings with Jayden.
- Jason's health insurance provider, not known for being one of the best insurance companies, has been exceptionally cooperative in allowing Jayden's extended stay in rehabilitation.
- Jayden has received outstanding care at Community Medical Center, and has become all the staff's favorite patient.
- Jayden has shown an unbelievably good disposition and attitude while in rehab, making everyone's jobs so much easier.
- Jayden progressed from not being able to sit up by himself, to running up and down the hospital corridors, in about three week's time – an amazing physical recovery.
- Jayden had a benefit auction in Missoula that required the assistance of many people, and exceeded everyone's expectations. So many people have gone beyond the call of duty in helping Jayden.
- Businesses in Missoula and elsewhere were so generous in donating items for the auction that many items were left over, and a silent auction was held on Jayden's web site.
- An attorney heard about Jayden and is volunteering his time to set Jayden up as an IRS tax-exempt charity.
- Jayden was discharged from Community Medical Center on May 31, 2007. Hours before his discharge, Jayden was unexpectedly given a waiver and accepted into the Medicaid program after being previously rejected from the program. This provides in-home care and pays for many of his medical expenses.
- Three doctors independently examined Jayden's neck injury and all three came to the same conclusion. Jayden should have surgery to fuse his neck vertebrae and the surgery should be done in Seattle, known as the best facility in the northwestern U.S.
- Jayden reported to Seattle for surgery, but the doctor had him come a couple days early so that new MRIs and x-rays could be taken. When the doctor viewed the images, he concluded that Jayden doesn't need surgery after all. He was surprised at the extent of Jayden's healing. We shouldn't be surprised though, because thousands of people have been praying that surgery would not be needed.
- Rather than spending two weeks in Seattle to heal from surgery, Jayden spent only three days there before starting on his way home.