

We're all here to help each other!



As Scott Christmas talks about the happy whirlwind that's been his life, the joy in his voice seasons every word.

"I'm lucky to be where I am," says Christmas, 43, of Fairhope, Ala.

Scott, 43, married his eye doctor ophthalmologist Amy Mize Christmas M.D. The two shared a Disney honeymoon with Amy's two kids, Houston, 10, Ella, 8, and Scott's daughter Kaylea, 8. Amy is a dedicated marathon runner. Scott is an Ironman triathlete whose true love is the bike. All three kids have competed in a triathlon.

But when Christmas uses the word "lucky" it's not just a figure of speech. In 1996, he was nearly killed in a plane crash near Mobile, Ala. Given a less than 3 percent chance of survival, his list of injuries was extensive, requiring multiple surgeries where he received 53 units of blood.

He understands that his happily ever after came from the help of 53 total strangers, people he may have encountered unknowingly sometime in the past 16 years. His thank you is sharing his story and encouraging others to donate.

"They listen, and it just reinforces how important it is for others and for our community," he says. It's a message that's also shared with those closest to him.

"They see my scars and ask about them often. I tell the kids we're all here to help each other, that's our gift to one another," he adds.

He believes his favorite quote from Life South's 1997 Five Points of Life Ride says it all: "Within the journey lies the reward."



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