

To the Hills

A 73-year-old woman recently hiked up to the summit of Carbonate Mountain in Idaho. After enjoying the panoramic view at 6,714 feet, she began her descent on the steep ridgeline trail when she fell and hurt her ankle. Unable to continue her descent, Blaine County Fire and Rescue was contacted for help.

Two crews responded to the woman in need. The first crew hiked to her remote location about 600 vertical feet from the valley floor. They assessed her injuries, treated her, and prepared her for the descent. The second crew brought in a single-wheel rescue litter on which the woman was placed to transport her down the mountain. The rescue team safely guided her down the difficult switchbacks and off the mountain. *

“I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?” – Psalm 121:1 ESV

You and I can relate to the injured hiker in a desperate situation. Because of our sins, we are separated from God and unable to save ourselves (Isaiah 59:1-2). Our situation is grave (Romans 6:23) unless we can receive outside help.

Despite our sins, God loves us and desires to save us (John 3:16). He sent His Son Jesus to rescue us. Jesus “gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father” (Galatians 1:4 NASB). In order to rescue us from this present evil age and from our sin, Jesus had to lay down His life for our sins. He paid the price for our redemption through His own blood. “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace” (Ephesians 1:7 NKJV).

God will save and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin and prepare for an eternal home those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

“I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.”
-- Psalm 121:1-2

The Lord who made heaven and earth cares about each of us. He loves us so much that He sent His one and only Son to rescue us from sin.

Won't YOU accept His loving offer of salvation?

-- David A. Sargent

* Information gleaned from "Blaine County crews rescue 73-year-old hiker injured on Carbonate Mountain" by CBS2 staff, www.idahonews.com.