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Bryce Hoime with his wife Kristen.

Recovering local farmer benefits from Farm Rescue's help

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Lake Region area farmer Bryce Hoime is not only thankful to be alive, but thankful for the help of Jamestown-based North Dakota group Farm Rescue.

Earlier this spring during planting season, Hoime and his son were changing a tire on a High Wheel John Deere Sprayer when the spare tire slipped and fell hard on Hoime's knees, pinning him under the estimated 500 to 600 pound tire. Hoime said the accident happened so fast, but that he remembers hearing and feeling something snap in one of his legs. In an extraordinary feat of "superhuman" strength, Hoime's 19-year old son, Brandon, lifted the extremely heavy tire about six inches from the ground, which Hoime said was just enough room to drag himself out. Hoime said his family immediately loaded him in their truck

rected to the Grand Forks Hospital. Following a CAT scan, the doctor told him he thought the bone and joint breaks would heal on their own and sent Hoime home with a brace for his leg.

However, the leg did not heal and Hoime later underwent surgery, during which nine screws and several steel plates were inserted in his leg. Reflecting on the accident, Hoime "I could have very easily broken both legs" and was thankful that it was just one limb."

A fellow farming friend suggested Hoime, whose farming operation is near Edmore includes canola and wheat, contact Farm Rescue, which provides planting and harvesting assistance to farmers in need, to assist in completing spring planting. The contact was made, and Hoime said Farm Rescue was able and willing "to come and help right away." With good planting conditions, the Farm Rescue folks

two men stayed in their home. "They were great people," said Hoime, who has nothing but praise for Farm Rescue. "They do it very well."

Farm Rescue is based in Jamestown and is a nonprofit organization that plants and harvests crops free of charge for family farmers who have suffered a major injury, illness or natural disaster through the use of volunteers, sponsors and individual donors. The organization provides assistance to farm families in North and South Dakota, western Minnesota and eastern Montana.

As for Hoime, he said he isn't accustomed to weeks of resting and taking it easy, however, he's had to adjust to such a lifestyle until his leg heals.

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