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Perspective Getters

In the early morning hours of Friday, June 11, there was a storm that passed through Mitchell, and much of the surrounding area. Brian and I received a call at about 3 AM letting us know that there might be a problem at our shop. We arrived at about 3:15 to find Klock Werks filled with 3-5" of water throughout from a storm drain that backed up on the street in front of the shop. We weren't really prepared for what we walked into. And at that time, there wasn't much we could do except pull as much as we could out of the water and then wait for it to crest and eventually drain back out as the drain caught up. It was just too much rain in a very short amount of time. We began the clean up process immediately that morning. We have an amazing team and everyone pitched in. Later in the day we discovered that the roof had raised enough to allow the ceiling to also fill with water, and the sheetrock started to give way. At that point, we needed to move our crew and shop area out as the repairs just became more extensive. As I write this just 1 week later, it all seems surreal.

I was a little surprised at myself about how calm I've been through the process. But when I look at some of the experiences

I've had I realized that life really does prepare you for all things that will come. In the last few years I've gone on a mission trip to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, and also one to Iowa after the flooding there. Coincidence? I think not. When I look at it now I call them "Perspective Getters". Yes, it's a mess here at Klock Werks right now..there was more damage than we first thought and the repairs are going to take a lot longer than just mopping up some water, but it's only an inconvenience compared to what I saw in New Orleans and Iowa. It's small compared to what recently happened with the flooding in Nashville. Just looking at the Perspective Getters that I've seen and experienced helps me realize how much worse it could have been.

No one was hurt. No bikes were damaged. It wasn't a tornado that tore the whole place down. It's some walls, computers, sheetrock, and product. A roof that needs to be replaced. Piece of cake really.

So, chin up! And keep moving. I have to pause once in a while and just take a deep breath and think about those Perspective Getters, focus back on God and his plan in all of this, and then get back to work with a smile because in this many amazing things have happened also. Our team is closer (physically as well as emotionally! Haha), my husband and I have grown closer, and in adversity you get another dose of what really matters in life...and it's not a bunch of material things at all.

Any Road. Some of them we don't choose to go down, but remember, it's in the detours that the biggest blessings are sometimes found. What are your Perspective Getters?

