

Oostdyk Odyssey

Serving the Lord through mission aviation in the West Indies



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Welcome, Josiah Ray Oostdyk!



On August 6th, we welcomed Baby #3, Josiah Ray Oostdyk. (No, we didn't go with "Macaroni"! He weighed in at 7 lbs, 10 oz. and is such a sweetie pie! Matthew and Micah have had so much fun entertaining their baby brother and

making him smile, laugh and coo. Thankfully, he traveled extremely well and loved to sleep in his car seat!

We are so thankful God has blessed us with 3 boys! **Psalm 127:5a** "Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them."



So Many Hurricanes!

Within 3 weeks this September, Haiti was hit by 3 hurricanes and 1 tropical storm! They were literally hit from every corner. Many cities and towns were flooded including Gonaïves— the 3rd largest city in Haiti. Hundreds died and many lost their houses as well as all their belongings.

Just days after the storm, donations of food, new clothing and fuel money came rolling in to MFI to send relief. We sent all the supplies through the missionaries and church ministries in Haiti to make sure they were handled correctly.

1800 Coleman tents were also donated to provide some temporary shelter until the people could rebuild their homes. Kenny and Ray flew in the first delivery of tents to a grass runway in Pignon, Haiti just before our family's furlough trip. **Please pray that all the relief supplies we bring will be encouraging and show that Christ cares for them.**



Yeah! We made it back home after 3 1/2 weeks, 10 states, and 4,000 miles! We really enjoyed visiting churches, friends and family and having the opportunity to share a ministry update. We want to say “sorry” to all of you that we didn’t get a chance to see—hopefully, we’ll be able to “catch up” with you sometime soon! ***Praise God for the great trip that helped recharge our spiritual batteries!***



We enjoyed some autumn activities during our furlough trip!

Let It Snow!



What a scenic drive we had! We drove through the Smokey Mountains right when the leaves were at their peak! The boys started praying each night that they would see some snow during our trip, but we reminded them that it doesn’t snow in October. Nevertheless, they continued praying about it. Then, while we were in New Jersey, it snowed! The next day we drove to Pennsylvania, passing through the Poconos. They had 8 inches of snow! So we stopped to throw some snowballs at each other. Unfortunately, we didn’t have water-proof gloves with us - so the fun was short lived! We still had a wonderful and memorable time!



We made sure Josiah stayed warm!

MFI Banquet

Just a couple days after we returned from our trip, Missionary Flights had a banquet in the hangar for a little over 300 people. Even with five flights that week to Haiti, Dominican Republic and the Cayman Islands, somehow the Lord allowed us the time to clean and get ready for the event. Since MFI was just re-located in Fort Pierce only 2 1/2 years ago, our purpose was to inform the local churches of our ministry and how they can get involved.

We were blessed to have Hobe Sound Bible College sing and play instruments for the evening. The MFI president gave an update, then Haitian Pastor Caleb Lucien spoke about the impact MFI has on his and other ministries in his country. At the end, MFI shared the need for finances for engine overhauls on the turbine DC-3 which will need to be done in about a year. ***Praise God for the great turnout!***



The first MFI Banquet in our Fort Pierce, FL hangar was held on November 14, 2008.

Until We Meet Him in the Air,

Ray & Tammy Oostdyk
Matthew, Micah, & Josiah