

Oostdyk Odyssey

Quarterly Update - Spring 2009

Serving the Lord through
mission aviation in the West Indies

Greetings from the Oostdyk family! Since our last newsletter, we've been quite busy! The boys are doing great. Josiah is now 7 months old, and He loves to grab and pull everything within his reach - including hair! Matthew and Micah keep him constantly entertained. They love to hide behind something, then "pop out" and surprise him - over and over!



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Water Egress Training

What would you do if the airplane you were flying aboard suddenly had an emergency and had to make a water landing? No, I've never had that experience before, but recently all the **MFI pilots were trained how to land an aircraft on water, escape the plane, and survive on the water.** This was actually planned well before USAIRWAYS 1509 landed on the Hudson River. First, we were in the classroom, next it was time for the fun stuff in the pool. We each learned some swimming techniques and how to use our clothes as flotation devices.



The dunker was the neatest part of the training. The dunker is designed to simulate an aircraft cockpit that flips upside down as soon as it hits the water and floats. We count to five and unbuckle the seat belt and then carefully swim away. The first time we had no flotation, the second we had a life jacket, and the third we had an emergency air bottle that allowed us 3-4 min. extra time under water. We hope never to have to use the training, but most all of our flights include a lot of time "over water". **It is good to be prepared!**

MFI Open House

It's been almost three years since God provided our facility in Ft. Pierce. Our annual Open House is always a wonderful time to proclaim the good things the Lord has done! This year, hundreds of people stopped by for a tour and some food! Local churches provided the food and many volunteers helped with all the logistics. The local civil air patrol provided crowd control and parking.

Some of our staff had opportunities to share Jesus with the visitors that came. I was assigned to the flight crew, so I wasn't able to talk to many people, but my opportunity came 2 days later while I was picking up aircraft parts from a business on the other side of the airport. A man approached me and said he didn't get a chance to come to our open house, but he was looking for a pilot job. I could have blown him off because we don't "hire" pilots and I was in a hurry to get back, but realized that this could be a divine appointment! We talked for quite a while and I shared my testimony with him and ended up praying with him before he left. **Please pray for this man, that the Lord would continue to work in his life!**

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*kids making
paper airplanes
for a contest*

In His Service,

Ray & Tammy & Boys