

OOSTDYK ODYSSEY



Serving the Lord through mission aviation in the West Indies

Flight to Alaska and Russia?

Our piston DC3 has sold and the new owner has been a missionary pilot in Russia for many years. The exciting news is that he has plans to use the DC3 on a commemorative flight to Russia in order to gain credibility as a Christian to share the Gospel! There are lots of hurdles ahead, but so far God is opening doors and we are moving forward in partnership with Kingdom Air Corps. of Alaska to help see it through. We are excited that the aircraft is going to continue to serve the Lord in mission aviation even after it has retired from MFI.

Pray that God would continue to open doors and that many Russians will come to know the Lord as a result of their interest in aviation.

"You need to get out of there!"

Those were the words I heard over my Haitian cell phone after landing in Jacmel, Haiti, from the Vice President of MFI. "There is word of rioting near the airport and we believe they are headed your way!" Our passengers were not at the airport as scheduled, so I called to find out why they were delayed. I was told not to wait too long since I could leave and then return after the riots calmed down.

We pray for wisdom before every flight day and we decided to wait up to 20 minutes with the engines running and watching the airport perimeter fence for any intruders. Finally, after fifteen minutes, one passenger arrived and he insisted that the rest were not too far behind. 25 minutes passed and we were still missing two of our passengers, but we were told they were only two minutes away. After what seemed like forever, they finally arrived and we took off with the very grateful team. We praise the Lord for safety and protection for every flight!



Prayer:

- ~ Pray for the logistics of the Alaska/Russia ministry so the Gospel can go forth and impact many lives.
- ~ Pray for 4 new staff families preparing to start with MFI this year.
- ~ Pray for wisdom as we look to expand our services to other countries.

Praise:

- ~ Answered prayer! N400MF has sold! Pray as we continue to raise funds towards purchasing the next turbine DC-3.
- ~ Praise for growth! MFI added 55 Bible-centered missions in 2014 totaling just over 400.
- ~ The Christmas 1914 outreach at our church had a great turnout with 5000+ people. Pray for the follow-up visits. We are taking cookies to many houses and doing an Evangelistic survey.

Psalm 46:1 ~ God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.



Family Day Airplane Rides



Micah as Daniel Boone in a homeschool history presentation



Ray stayed with a missionary family in Haiti & helped Abby with her math homework



Tammy holding a co-worker's son & watching the planes take-off



The DC3 can carry a LOT of cargo for the missionary families!



Julia LOVES going to our Youth Pastor's house & playing with their chickens.

Quotes From the Quiver



Recently, we were on a field trip, learning about fire safety. The kids were all given instructions to leave the building when they heard the fire alarm and wait outside at our designated meeting place. Everything went according to plan. Then the fire safety instructor looked directly at Josiah and exclaimed, "I left my phone inside the burning building! Should I go back inside?"

Josiah emphatically responded, "NO!"

The instructor replied, "Very good! We can't go back inside, but there is someone who can...who would that be?" (She was looking for "a firefighter".)

Instantly, Josiah shouted, "GOD can!"



Tammy was driving to the grocery store with Julia, who was happily chatting away in the back seat. "Mommy, I love the grocery store. They're so nice and let us have anything we want!"

Tammy replied, "You know, Julia, the food isn't free...we have to pay for it."

Julia said, "But you don't give them any money." (She knows what cash looks like.)

"Yes, but I have to give them my credit card."

"And they give it RIGHT back to you!"



In Christ,

Ray & Tammy Oostdyk,
Matthew, Micah, Josiah, & Julia

Thanks for your prayers and support!

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