

**Serving the Lord through mission aviation
in the West Indies**

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Oostdyk Odyssey

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Stroke of...Providence

Dorothy Fredrickson, a single missionary in her 60's, was on her way to the Dominican Republic from Haiti when she suddenly went blind in one eye. She went to the airport in Cap Haitian to seek the advice of a doctor on a missions team that I was on my way to pick up. He advised her to come back to the U.S. on our flight. During the return trip, we experienced strong tail-winds and made record time! One of our staff members met the flight and took her directly to the hospital. She required an immediate surgery for an artery that was 98% blocked! The doctor told her that if she hadn't been on our flight, she wouldn't be alive. It was another reminder to me of God's providence. As for Dorothy, she'll be back in Haiti soon!!



A Stowaway!



A few days ago, as we unloaded the plane for customs inspection in Florida, we discovered an unexpected passenger from Haiti. It was a large tarantula! Fortunately for me, the customs agriculture inspector was required to get involved and remove it from the plane for inspection. I checked on my little friend after the next flight and apparently he didn't pass his inspection...no stamp for HIS passport!

Cargo Improvement

Currently, we are working on a project that will assist the missionaries in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Not too long ago, some cargo could take up to 4 months for Haiti customs to clear into the country! There is also a need to relocate the place where missions pick up their mail. The solution is to get an office and warehouse of our own at the airport. We have found that an efficient way to do this is to modify a 40-foot shipping container. MFI is still working on getting the proper permission from the airport. Please pray that we will get the approval soon to put the new system in place. This will enable the missionaries to get their supplies in as little as 4 days! *Please pray things will progress to relocate the office to the airport.*





Matthew (age 10) - making a history timeline for a homeschool project



Micah (age 8) - his favorite hobby is origami



Julia (8 months) - helping Mommy sort the laundry

Quote From a Preschooler:

Recently, I caught Josiah playing with a forbidden toy, his big brother's mini remote-control helicopter! I scolded, "Josiah, you are not allowed to touch Matthew's helicopter."

"But, Mom, this isn't Matthew's."

"Yes, it is, Josiah."

"Mom, everything we have belongs to God. Remember? So this is God's helicopter...and He told me that I could play with it!"



Josiah (age 3 1/2) - our "dress-up" kid, in a fighter pilot uniform

Prayer:

- Port-au-Prince MFI cargo/mail warehouse
- Cessna 310 repair/inspection
- More ministry partners-monthly support in 2012 is down to 83%. We're thankful for all our faithful ministry partners!
- Travel plans- we are planning to visit a couple of new churches during August 2012

Praise:

- MFI Open House outreach- great turn-out, testimony of Christ presented to thousands of local residents
- Vero Beach Aviation Day outreach-tracts given out and many conversations about Christ
- Anders Family-New staff family starting MFI in April
- MFI building houses in Haiti project is still going with over 30 houses donated and built.

In His Service,

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

*Thank you for being a blessing to our family!
Happy Resurrection Day!*

John 11:25 - Jesus said unto her, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."