

Oostdyk Odyssey

Spring 2010

Serving the Lord through mission aviation in the West Indies

Psalm 121: 1-2 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

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January 12th Earthquake

The day started off as routine as a normal Tuesday can be, but little did I know the impact that day would have for years to come. Another MFI pilot and I started off at 6am with a mission team we were to drop off in Cap Haitien, Haiti, and pick up another team returning after a week. The control tower **advised us to land in Port au Prince**, instead, because of low visibility. We convinced them to let us attempt the approach and saw that it was safe enough for us to land! The rest of the flight day went routinely with beautiful weather and as soon as we walked into customs we were greeted with the words, "Did you hear about the 7.0 earthquake in Haiti, yet?" We had no idea what had happened but it sank in pretty quickly that we **could have been in the middle of it!** When we put the aircraft away, there were **already plans to get a relief flight** in the next day and the MFI president was answering the never-ending ringing of the office phones. The next two months were incredible to see the **thousands of friends and volunteers** help with the donations and relief efforts. We have had people like retired aircraft mechanics to college students on spring break jumping in and cleaning or whatever we needed at the time. To date we have sent over a **million pounds of relief supplies** and over **3000 medical/relief personnel**. It seems like every flight there are **opportunities to share our testimonies** and talk with unbelievers about the Lord. Just a couple of weeks ago someone **accepted Christ as Saviour at 10,000 feet!** We now have several Bibles on board our aircraft just for that reason. **Pray that many would come to Christ through this disaster!** For pictures and videos of the relief efforts, visit www.missionaryflights.org

Hangar & 2nd Turbine

MFI just announced that **the Ft Pierce Hangar is now PAID OFF!** After less than 4 years God has provided the funds...Praise the Lord! The other big news is that we were able to find a good deal and **purchase a second Turbine DC3**. The airplane **is in Ohio now** being updated and refurbished with new instruments, flooring, and paint job and should be **operational within 6 months**. With our radial engine DC3's costing much more than the turbine to operate, it was decided to finance this airplane so we can stop throwing money towards the radial engines. The bottom line is that the turbine is more reliable and efficient! **Please pray that we can pay off the new DC3 soon!**



We have been giving the boys tennis lessons - even Josiah wants to play!

Our Family

Wow! They're growing up so fast! Matthew is almost 9 and Micah is almost 7! Matthew's favorite subject is Math and he recently learned how to solve the Rubik's Cube. Micah loves to write stories and make homemade gifts for others. Josiah is 20 months. He adores his big brothers and follows them everywhere!



A day at the zoo!

In His Service,

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