

# Oostdyk Odyssey

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## Family News



We are excited to announce that we are expecting Baby #4, due the end of July - and it's a **GIRL!!!** We were all thrilled when we found out - and surprised!!

Josiah is 2 1/2 years old now and keeps us busy! He insists everyday that he wants to go to work with Ray and loves to tell people, "My daddy flies airplanes. He's a **pirate!**"

Micah is 7 and in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. He loves to read! We actually have to tell him when it's time to **stop** reading, otherwise the rest of his schoolwork won't get done! He started taking cello lessons (from one of our co-workers' wives) and loves it!

Matthew is 9 now and in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. He recently learned how to mow the lawn - Yay!! Right now he's really into reading the Chronicles of Narnia books. Tammy started reading them aloud to the boys, but he couldn't stand the suspense and read ahead by himself!

*It's been an amazing several months at MFI!* We are awaiting the arrival of N500MF (the second turbine DC3), which will greatly enhance how we serve the missionaries in Haiti. As parts become less available for the slower original DC3's, we end up spending more money for parts. ***Pray this year as we continue to phase out the piston-powered DC3s for more efficient and reliable turbines.***

MFI recently purchased the hangar next door to the main hangar for heavier maintenance tasks and has already put it to use. It'll allow our parts room, sheet metal shop, and paint booth to be moved out of the main hangar and will free up space for our cargo warehouse. The picture (left)



shows our turbine DC3 getting an extensive wing inspection that involves removing the wings! We will be working several 6-day work weeks in order to get the aircraft back in service. ***Pray that we will find any potential problems and get N200MF back in the air soon for missions!***

The last 6 weeks, MFI-led teams have been going to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to help build permanent houses for widows and those in the churches who were displaced by the earthquake of 2010. Each team has been able to build at least 3 houses and some were able to make repairs to other houses. We will be continuing these trips as long as there are finances available and teams interested in signing up. **If you'd like to go on a team, please contact us for more information.**

Please pray for our upcoming travel dates!

- ◆ Lakeside Baptist Church, Salem, VA  
Missions Conference - April 1-3
- ◆ First Baptist Church, Morris, IL  
April 10th, AM service

***I Corinthians 1:4 - I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ.***

Love,

Ray & Tammy Oostdyk