

# The Strattons

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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR VITAL PARTNERSHIP

Faydra and I can never say thank you enough to each and every one of you who is part of our ministry at MFI. Without your support, we wouldn't be able to meet the great needs of those we serve.

We have been so busy this year with me flying more in 2021 than any other year since I joined MFI. I'm one of only three captains and despite all Haiti has been through, the need for our services continues to grow.

Everyone has their sphere of knowledge when it comes to news. So, I'll give a quick recap of Haiti and 2021.

In July, the Haitian president was assassinated – causing considerable uncertainty and unrest. Not much has changed in the months since. Gangs are increasing in size and boldness. Kidnappings are rampant – culminating in the taking of 17 missionaries and their families on October 16. MFI has a relationship with that mission and missionaries, making that situation quite personal.

In August, a major earthquake hit the southwest peninsula of Haiti. Partnering with many organizations, we flew more than 20 extra flights moving well over 100,000 lbs of relief supplies and people out to the hardest hit areas.

And most recently, the gangs are attempting to shut down the country by limiting and in some places, eliminating, the availability of fuel. Without fuel, not much can happen. Food doesn't get transported. People can't travel for work. Generators don't run without fuel. Much of Haiti relies on generators for communication and electricity. It's hard to fathom the impact.

I am thankful for my fellow pilots, mechanics, and support staff. When adversity hits, I know we will all pull together to serve to the best of our abilities - using the gifts God has given us for the purpose he has called us. Thank you again for being such a vital part of our team.

# Month-by-Month

**JANUARY** - We celebrated Kevin's father's 70th birthday in Tampa, and we bought our first kayak!

**FEBRUARY** - Kevin took a trip to Georgia for a family weekend with Kaden.

**MARCH** - Spring Break trip to Tampa with included meeting Felicity the Sloth at Tampa Zoo for Faydra and Toby.

**APRIL** - New butterfly garden in the backyard meant lots and lots of caterpillar, chrysalis, and butterfly watching. Oma joined Faydra and Toby for a Georgia trip to see Kaden.

**MAY** - We had a birthday party at the house for Toby's 12th — our first large gathering since Covid shutdown. We also bought a second kayak and a paddle board.

**JUNE** - Kevin and Faydra celebrated their 20th anniversary early with a trip to Costa Rica!

**JULY** - West coast of Florida trip for paddling which included an amazing day on the Weeki Wachee with manatee sightings galore and another paddle where we took out a niece and nephew instead of our own kiddos. We also celebrated Kevin's mom's 70th on this trip. At the end of the month we visited Wilmington, NC, and it was great to be back!

**AUGUST** - The beginning of a new school year where Faydra went back to teaching high school instead of middle school. Toby became the last Stratton to get vaccinated against Covid, and Faydra got a breakthrough case of Covid which was very mild and didn't spread to anyone else in the house.

**SEPTEMBER** - Kevin's annual camping and fishing trip with Ryan returned to Yellowstone this year.

Faydra's dad had a stroke, but recovered well and continues to be okay.

**OCTOBER** - Toby and Faydra played hooky from work and school one day to visit Magic Kingdom. Toby won't ride roller coasters, but he loved rides like the Jungle Cruise and shows like the Hall of Presidents. It was a great day!

**NOVEMBER** - Paddled and fell in love with the Loxahatchee River paddle - one of two designated "Wild & Scenic Rivers" in Florida.

**DECEMBER** - Blue turned 15 on the 1st. Kevin will take Kaden for his off-campus trip where they will discuss his post-graduation future and visit a few military recruiters. They are staying in North Georgia for 5 nights and plan many hikes.

*- Kevin & Faydra*

## Please Consider Our Family for Your End of the Year Giving!

As 2021 comes to a close, please consider supporting our family with your end of the year giving as we continue to serve the people of the Caribbean at MFI. My salary is dependent on your generosity and whether it's a one-time gift or recurring, we are greatly appreciative.

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