

A missionary we flew distributes water to a village

RESPONDING TO DISASTER

Saturday morning, August 14, at 7:28 a.m. the communities throughout the southern peninsula of Haiti went into a panic as a 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit. Buildings began to crumble and earth cracked as people ran throughout the streets in terror. Furthermore, just a few days later a tropical depression moved across that same area creating flooding and bringing the majority of air transport relief to a halt.

"These people, they sleep outside after having lost all of that they have," shared MFI affiliated missionary Pastor Yves Prophete, "it's hard to understand, but God is still God and he is still in charge. What we know is that he will still take care of his people."

On Sunday, August 15, MFI took off toward Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to deliver regularly scheduled cargo to our missionaries. After that delivery, we stayed in Haiti and became an air bridge in partnership with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) and Samaritan's Purse between Port-au-Prince and Les Cayes, the area most impacted by the earthquake.

An air bridge is the delivery of supplies and passengers between two points by air. It is a strategic move in the instances when road travel is not possible due to violence, damaged roads, or an overwhelming distance when the travel needs to happen quickly.

Serving over 550 different missionary organizations, MFI partners with Christian organizations to carry life-saving supplies and the hope of the Gospel to communities throughout Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and the Bahamas. Like Pastor Yves, these organizations have become strategic partners in our earthquake response efforts. Rather than collecting relief



Providing an air bridge between Port-au-Prince and Les Cayes gave many of those responding to the earthquake disaster the security of reliable transportation and placed them right near the epicenter.

supplies at the MFI hangar in Fort Pierce, FL, these partner organizations have been collecting and taking supplies directly to communities that are affected and that they have already established relationships with.

Over the course of the last few weeks, MFI has continued to fly our regular flights into Haiti and transporting cargo and passengers working in missionary service. We have added an additional flight on Saturdays for a few weeks into Les Cayes for disaster relief.

Being a DC-3 Captain and Director of Communications, my work has been consistent both in the air and at the office. At this time, we are being bombarded with questions from many organizations that need to move people and supplies into these affected areas. Your prayers during this time are greatly appreciated.



Faydra and I reached a milestone a couple weeks ago – **20 years married.**

We celebrated that milestone in June with a 20-year dream of visiting Costa Rica. We stayed in an eco-boutique lodge on the southwest corner of the country – on the Pacific side. We met monkeys, macaws, a tapir, an anteater, and many other types of wild life. We kayaked the local river, fished Drake Bay, hiked Corcovado National Park, and spent time in the water around Cano Island Preserve snorkeling and scuba diving. It was a dream trip we are blessed to have been able to make it happen.

That kind of trip does not happen without child-care help. So a shout out of thanks to grandparents who took care of Toby and Blue during our trip.

Right after that big trip, the whole family made a visit to Wilmington to visit Winter Park and many valuable partners in our ministry.

Everyone is back to school. Faydra is now teaching 9th grade English along with a writing class. Pray for rest as teaching new classes and grading lots of essays doesn't allow for much of that. Kaden continues at Teen Challenge Prayer Mountain. My mom and I just recently spent the weekend with him. He's doing well. Maturing. Trying to get through the high school curriculum for a potential graduation in the spring. Pray for wisdom and guidance for him after graduation as a lot is unknown.

BLUE

Blue has started high school. He's also gotten involved in the local Boys and Girls Club. It's been a good experience for him instead of spending a couple of hours on a bus each afternoon.

TOBY

Toby is in 7th grade. He's at the same school in the same class but with a new morning nanny and a new teacher. We are blessed again by a morning nanny who lives close and seems to have connected with him. She's a recent graduate of Faydra's high school and is attending the local college.

- Kevín & Faydra

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