



MFI serves a growing number of missions and work teams each year, and we are always ready to respond in an emergency. See page 2 for details about the work of one of MFI's affiliated missions, as well as the recent emergency flight for Gabriel Reinhard (right photo) and his family.



# Flightbriefing



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## No Room For Jesus

*"And so it was, that, while they were there; the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:6-7*

Every year, we see companies and stores that will not use the word "Christmas" in their displays or ads. It seems they have "no room for Jesus." I guess we shouldn't be surprised. Over 2,000 years ago, Mary and Joseph had to rely on an innkeeper with a manger and a bed of straw so God's Son could be delivered into the world. Then again, not many people knew at that time who Jesus was. Would they have treated Him differently if they had known? Today millions know exactly who Jesus is, but they give Him little or no time in their lives. MFI serves missionaries who spend their lives telling others about the wonderful Savior who was born on Christmas Day. At MFI, we **Stand in the Gap** for missions, **wherever we find it**. Is there a gap in your heart? Are you ignoring the Savior who came to this earth to redeem you? Please do not leave Jesus in the stable. This Christmas season let Him dwell in your heart and be the Lord of your life.

## Help MFI Purchase Another Turbine DC-3!

MFI operates one turbine DC-3 and two piston DC-3's. The piston DC-3's are becoming more difficult to maintain. We have struggled with one of them for nearly a year. The airplane spent five months in the Bahamas waiting for our spare engine to be overhauled. We eventually purchased another engine so we could fly the plane home. Upon further inspection, we discovered the opposite side engine also needed to be overhauled, so the aircraft continues to sit (right photo). Our other piston DC-3 is running well, but there is no AVGAS available for it in Cap-Haitien, where we fly twice a week. Piston DC-3's must make extra stops in other countries just to buy fuel. It costs MFI **\$2,000 more per flight** to use a piston DC-3 over using the turbine DC-3.



Turbine DC-3's use jet fuel, and refueling outside the U.S. is easy.

In September, MFI located a turbine DC-3 that is for sale. The aircraft is a "sister" to our turbine DC-3, and the modification is the same as ours. MFI urgently needs another turbine DC-3 to better serve our affiliated missions. Our missions outreach has grown

substantially since we moved to our "New Home" in Fort Pierce. We now serve over 700 missionary families who work with 235 mission organizations serving in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and the Bahamas. Besides regular flights every Tuesday and Thursday, MFI is always available for emergency and hurricane relief flights throughout the Caribbean.

Will you please consider assisting MFI with a generous year-end donation designated for a **new turbine DC-3**? If everyone receiving this Flight Briefing would donate a one time gift of \$300, or \$50 per month for 6 months, MFI could purchase the turbine DC-3 aircraft shown here. Thank you for praying and giving to this vital project.



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# Reaching Out In Haiti



Don and Karen Davis, serving in Haiti, offered this recent update, "We have a 'Bucket Ministry', where we give a 5 gallon bucket of food to families who have no means of support. We include all we can in each bucket, like rice, milk, cornmeal, beans, spaghetti, cooking oil, toiletries, and peanut butter. On top of each bucket, there are two booklets each of John/Romans and tracts. Two, because the family will share with others...and God's Word goes out!! Where would we be if it were not for MFI being there for us, to bring teams, cargo, food, mail, and so much more? MFI is a very



important part of each and every mission team we have. They are a huge part of our ministry here. Thanks to all of you, and to MFI for being 'missionaries to Haiti' with us!!"



As you know, MFI is the life line for the mission community. Sometimes that life line is in the form of an emergency flight. Missionary Timothy Reinhard and two of his children were riding their motorcycle to church in Haiti recently when they had an accident. Within a couple of hours of the accident, 5 year old Gabriel Reinhard went home to be with the Lord. Dad and daughter were in serious condition. An urgent call came in to the MFI staff while we were in church. "Would MFI please help the Reinhard family?" Within three hours our DC-3 was on its way to Haiti to pick up the family of seven, including little Gabriel. A missionary doctor also accompanied the family on the flight back to the United States. Late that evening, our DC-3 landed in West Palm Beach and the family was delivered to the hospital and Gabriel to the funeral home. Because so many of you help MFI with your prayers and your donations, we are always ready to reach out to those in need.

**Dick Snook, MFI President**

# A Major Praise!



The estimated cost to overhaul the engines on our turbine DC-3 is \$250,000 - \$300,000 each. We are very grateful that many of you gave sacrificially toward the engine overhaul. We are excited to report that a local foundation provided the remainder of the necessary funds. During the six years we have owned the aircraft, we have flown it 5,000 hours and transported thousands of missionaries and work teams, as well as tons of cargo and mail. We are so grateful for the Lord's provision through your donations and the foundation's grant.

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