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IN THE FACE OF DISASTER



Orphan Girl in Haiti

How did you start your day on January 12, 2010?

To the people of Haiti, it was any normal day until 4:45 p.m. Do we really realize that in an instant, everything that we've known as "normal" can change without any foreseen warning? As long as our feet are planted on this imperfect world, bad things are going to happen that are out of our control.

We have all seen the destruction on TV. Very thankfully, none of our 8 families based there were hurt. Right away, Rick and the others with Mission Aviation Fellowship went to Port-au-Prince to do all they could to help the country out, in the name of Jesus Christ.

MAF has had a flight program in Haiti since 1986. In addition to our three Cessna's we already had there, we have sent in two additional aircraft. In conjunction with Missionary Flights Int'l in Florida, MAF/MFI formed an air bridge between Port-au-Prince and the United States, a badly needed service during the first month's restriction of commercial airlines into Haiti. Additionally, our MAF hangar quickly became a cargo relief storage site for many ministries and agencies.

One month after the earthquake:

3500 passengers and 1,000,000 pounds of cargo/baggage (much of it, medical supplies)

This brand new, MAF Kodiak, is a 10-seat aircraft designed by Quest Aircraft especially for mission flying.

This one was slated for Papua, Indonesia, but was sent to Haiti in the wake of the earthquake to help with the huge relief needs.

MAF is currently operating 3-4 flights a day with each of the following aircraft:

- 1 Cessna 206
- 2 Cessna 207
- 2 Kodiak



**RICK, HAITI DISASTER RELIEF
January 2010**



Current plans are for Rick to return to Port-au-Prince in April

Family News

John (now 17)

- Junior in High School here in Costa Rica
- Student Leader at an International Youth Group
- Participating in World Vision's 30-Hr. Famine in April
- Wants to accompany his dad to Haiti, to help out as soon as he can!

Sarah (now 21)

- Junior at John Brown University, majoring in Biology/Allied Health
- Wants to go to graduate school to become a Physician's Assistant
- Is in need of (her first) car, this summer. Does anyone have a good used, reliable car they might be selling?

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