

9-3-15 Thursday 6:39AM (Eastern U.S. Time) - Cocoa, FL -
Air Mobile Home Base - Report submitted by: Air Mobile Joe

HOW QUICKLY THINGS CAN CHANGE....RAPID DEPLOYMENT



As you may recall, last Saturday, I had gotten up and was doing the final pack to head to the Cabin in the Mountains of East Tennessee.

The Plan: Work on Book 2 (Dances with Storms). Well, all of that ***changed*** when Cindy and I saw the news of what happened in Dominica. Our hearts broke.



This tiny, isolated, Island Nation was devastated by terrible flooding and destruction. People were cut-off, desperate and the death toll was rising!



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There are certain "Missions" that Air Mobile is just made for. This, was one such "Mission". Once the **Decision** was made to **Go**...at about 6:30am, Air Mobile went into **"High Gear"**.

I called Yahn to get 4 Rescuers ready. Jason called...out of the clear blue, and he was immediately recruited as Co-Pilot.

Cindy helped me pack and made lunch and handled a bunch of logistical challenges. Paul, our mechanic did a final inspection and buttoned up the Little Donkey for the long and grueling mission ahead.

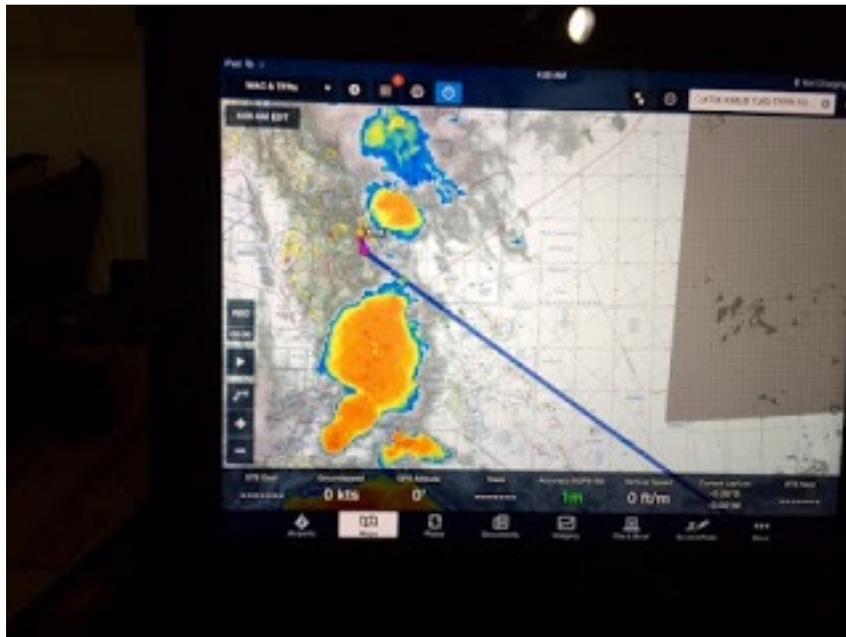
Bob Bostic, from *Deliver the Difference*, called and offered some of his amazing food. I asked if he could get about 2000 meals ready. "No problem" was Bob's reply. We would meet at 3:00am Sunday morning.

Our bank, which is open on Saturday, allowed us to get the cash needed for a LOT of fuel. Yes, the many, many pieces were all coming together, ***literally in a matter of hours!***

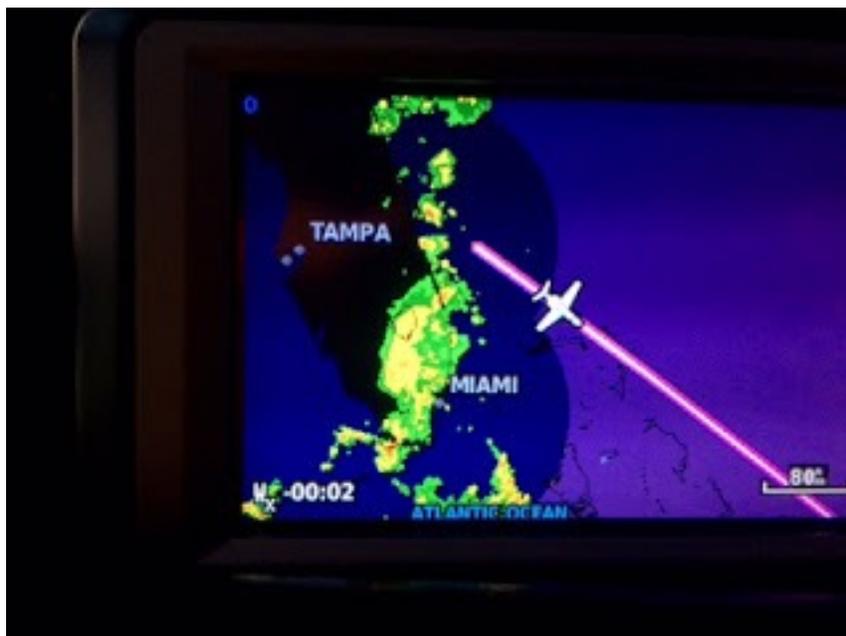
By 6:30pm on Saturday evening (*just 12 hours after the decision to **GO** was made*), I was heading home to get some desperately needed sleep. Would be up in just a few hours to "launch" and fly 1500+ nautical miles to Dominica....with a plane load of life-saving supplies!



The Weather was a major consideration, as what was left of Tropical Storm Erika (that had done all the damage on Dominica) was headed straight to Florida.



By the time I awoke, some of those violent storms had arrived. Again, our Lord made a way for us to slip out between them and head to Dominica!



As we left those storms behind, we faced grueling 30+ knot headwinds all the way to Dominica.



Then, came the moment on "Short Final" when we landed at Canefield Airport on Dominica....PRAISE GOD, for helping us to get there and bring food and water to those who are suffering.

BTW, the Little Donkey is the perfect aircraft to make this "Mission". The only airport in Dominica was Canefield Airport, a very short and "tricky" strip.

Landing at Canefield is always a challenge, as the runway is North-South and the winds prevail East-West and as you can see, there's a hill right as the end of the runway....as well as a hill behind us! Yes, our Lord was with us!!

Wow, just writing about the amazing (miraculous) way the pieces came together for this mission brings tears to my eyes. Surely, truly, **"OUR LORD KNOWS HOW TO DEPLOY**

HIS TROOPS!!" We could never have launched this mission without a lot of help, prayer, love and support!!

Now, I'd like to ask you to PRAY again about this mission that we just accomplished. Because of the ***RAPID DEPLOYMENT***, we were unable to get the 4 Air Mobile Rescuers funded (\$9200.00) and... just the fuel for this mission was over \$3200!

We know that our Lord will provide, but I ask you join with us in prayer for the balance to come in so that we can be ***READY*** for the ***NEXT MISSION!***

So, now that I'm back home, it's time to get back to work. Will get up to that Cabin in the Mountains of East Tennessee...eventually.... to do some writing on "Dances with Storms". As always, THANK YOU for standing so faithfully with us with your precious prayer, love and support!!

Air Mobile Joe

9-2-15 Wednesday 6:56AM (Eastern U.S. Time) - Cocoa, FL - Air Mobile Home Base - Report submitted by: Air Mobile Joe

1500 NAUTICAL MILES HOME... IN ONE DAY! - A LONG STRETCH FOR THE LITTLE DONKEY



We accomplished our "Mission" of bringing clean water and food to the flood victims in Dominica! Praise God!!

And... we made it all the way home in one day! When we landed at Titusville, Jason and I were just plain ***tired and tuckered out.***



I'm glad we had plenty of Oxygen (thanks to that ground crew in Guadalupe) and also, that I had Jason as my co-pilot in the cockpit with me.



This was a long stretch for our trusty "Little Donkey"!

BTW, we did make a fuel stop in Provo in the Turks and Caicos. Didn't want you to think that we flew it all the way "non-stop".



We began the day bright and early...but not too early so as to not get dinged with "Customs Overtime" charges.

All of the Officials were gracious and thankful for the gifts that we brought to the Dominican people. They even waived our parking and departure taxes.

I have the distinct feeling that we'll be back to Dominica!! It's difficult for me to express the joy that I have inside having helped these folks. Again, I'm THANKFUL to you for standing so faithfully with us with your prayer!!



After taking off of the rough, rather short runway at Canefield, we settled down to a nice cruise of 185 knots. We had a little tailwind.



I recall our journey to Dominica and fighting the fierce 30 knot headwinds. Believe me, the 185 knots brought a smile to Jason and I!

We then put on our Oxygen Masks and climbed to 14,500', our final cruising altitude. We knew, that if all went well, we'd be home by this evening.

Again, we prayed for our Lord to make the way for us. We then landed in Provo, in the Turks and Caicos for fuel.



We checked the weather and could see that a large group of storms were moving across Florida and might "interfere" with our landing at Fort Pierce. Again, we prayed!



We encountered a few build ups along the way, but they were easily "circum-navigable". Plus, we had plenty of fuel to do a lot of maneuvering.



Then, out of the corner of my eye, I spotted this rainbow. And, yes, the Lord did it again and paved the way for us to make it into Fort Pierce with no problem. We cleared Customs, just before the office closed and made the 25 minute flight home.

Cindy and Ariana met Jason and I at a local BBQ place and we had a delicious meal and celebrated this incredible "Mission to Dominica"!

Ahhhh, it's good to be home. Maybe, sometime soon, I'll be able to make that trek up to the Tennessee Cabin and work on Book 2. Thinking about calling it...."Dances with Storms". Mmmmm, not a bad title.

So, as always, I mean this from the very bottom of my heart....THANK YOU for your precious prayer, love and support!!

Air Mobile Joe

9-1-15 Tuesday 5:21AM (Eastern Caribbean Time) - Canefield Airport, Dominica - Air Mobile Relief Mission - Report submitted by: Air Mobile Joe

CLEAN WATER & FOOD DELIVERED TO DOMINICA!!



We had a good nights sleep (much needed) and a delicious breakfast in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. Jason and I headed to the airport for our next leg, in this long journey.

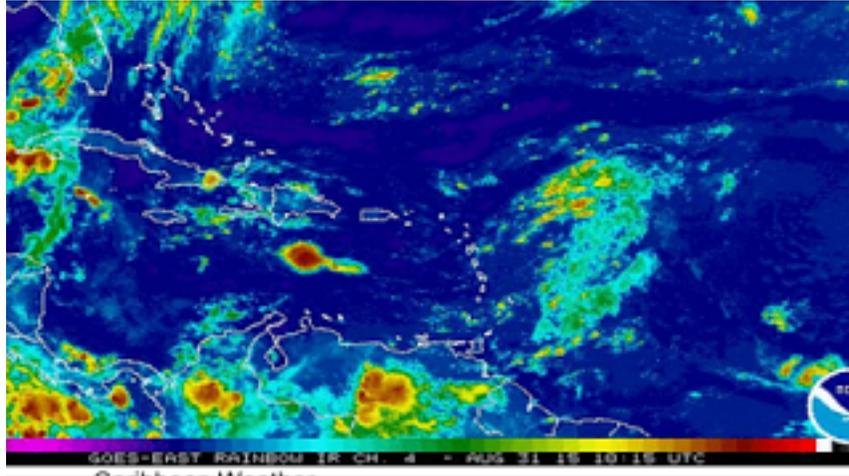


Aviation fuel is very expensive in the Caribbean. I always want to be sure that all 14 tanks are filled to capacity and sealed up properly. I often do the fueling myself.



Once the Little Donkey was all "tanked up", my Copilot agreed, it was time to leave Punta Cana and fly to Guadalupe.

Notice the Cessna 210 behind Jason that didn't make a good landing.



We also knew, according to the weather patterns, that we'd be facing some rain and low visibility, but no large thunderstorms on our flights today.

We took off for Guadalupe into clear skies and still had very strong headwinds. After a 3 hour flight, we saw the island of Guadalupe and a lot of showers rapidly closing in.

We raced to the runway to a smooth landing and moments later, the field closed due to very low visibility. Again, our Lord made the way for us.



Along the long journey, we completely emptied our Oxygen supply. Fortunately, we found an airline that had some and they DONATED a full supply to us. We're so THANKFUL for folks, who along the way, give us a hand.



After fueling in Guadalupe (BTW, the fuel was **\$10.00 per gallon!!** ouch, that hurt), we were headed for our "Mission Destination", Dominica!!



Now, the main airport on Dominica is closed and will be for quite a while. The only airport open was Canefield. It was nice to see the island on our Garmin G-500. We were close!



We flew the 56 miles from Guadalupe to Dominica and my GPS said that the airport was dead ahead, 1 mile.

I just couldn't see it and then....there it was, a very short field right on the edge of the ocean. We landed! We made our "mission destination"!!

We had made arrangements to meet a gentleman who had posted a wonderful video showing the plight of the Dominican people.



He wasn't there to meet us. So, we unloaded the vital Air Mobile Rescuers and food and just waited. The officials were very gracious and helpful, but still, our contact was "no where to be found".



I was pleased to see our Little Donkey on the ramp with the few helicopters and occasionally, a small plane would land with limited supplies. Meanwhile, we waited for our contact.

Jason and I prayed, and we had the Lord's wonderful peace that all would work out. We'd come far to bring help and we knew that He would lead us to the right folks to present these great supplies.



As we waited, a very friendly Taxi driver by the name of Saxon, who was also a Christian, kept us company. He also made numerous inquiries attempting to reach our contact with no success.



Then, Saxon introduced us to the Minister of Education (Peter St. Jean) and then, moments later, the National Disaster

Coordinator (Don Coriette). Our "new" contacts were being made, thanks to Saxon!!



They told me of villages that were completely shut off and the only way in was by "rope". They were both extremely busy, but graciously took time to see the Air Mobile Rescuer and learn about the great food.

We continued to wait for our original contact to show up, and it was becoming increasingly evident that he just wasn't going to make it. We pray that he is ok.

I knew, in my heart, that our Lord had directed us to the right people. We would donate the Rescuers and the food directly to the Office of the National Disaster Coordinator, Don.



Soon, we were training the team of First Responders who were stationed at the airport. There is still a full-blown Search and Rescue (SAR) operation going on. 50 Dominicans are still unaccounted for.

I love demonstrating the power of the Rescuer, by finding a very dirty bucket of water and then putting my sweaty foot right in the bucket. This definitely gets people's attention.



Then comes the moment where I drink that water that was extremely dirty and disgusting, and now, is very clean thanks to the Rescuer. Yes, I love this moment!!

All, were thoroughly convinced that Dominica was receiving an amazing and powerful gift to help them to recover and reach the folks that so desperately need clean water and food!



With joy, I presented to the Island Nation of Dominica, 4 Air Mobile Rescuers, 2000 meals and vitamins! Glory be to God!!



As the sun set on this beautiful evening, Jason and I knew that we had come to the right place at the right time and accomplished God's will!!

Don had made arrangements for Jason and I to stay in a local guesthouse not far from the airport.

We stopped at a small grocery store (that was packed with patrons) and bought some fresh hoagie rolls, chopped ham, salami and mustard, along with some chips. That would be our dinner (the first we'd eaten since breakfast in Punta Cana many hours earlier). It really tasted good!!



So, here we are this morning, the sun has not yet risen. I've already had 2 cups of coffee, thanks to an electric tea pot and 3 in 1 coffee that I bought in Nepal (Mac Coffee). Ahhh, life is good!

We'll be headed to the airport and we plan to make the first leg of our journey to Provo Island, about 800 nautical miles away and then...hopefully, home by this evening. Please pray that we have traveling mercy and....TAILWINDS & CLEAR SKIES all the way home!

In reflection on this amazing journey, I find again that....***"Surely, our Lord knows how to deploy His troops"!!***

As always, THANK YOU for your precious and invaluable prayer, love and support!!

Air Mobile Joe