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Happy Christmas!

We have been reminded this advent about how Jesus' coming was foretold and promised from Genesis and all the way through the Old Testament. This helps us rejoice in God's perfect plan that he graciously chooses to include us in. We also have the exciting news that we are expecting baby Smith in May 2025. We are looking forward to the journey as a family and the plans God already has for us all. The current plan is still to move overseas in January 2026, so our timeline for the journey has not changed.



Gingerbread making in 3D, to keep up the engineering practice



Baby Smith at 12 weeks

More training

Nathanael continues to get new experience for his logbook which he is very grateful for and now has experience on most aircraft systems. He went to Farnborough for two days to help with line maintenance (small maintenance tasks done between flights). He has also attended some additional training courses including Garmin avionics and Engine borescope inspection.

He will continue to gain experience and submit his logbook to apply for an aircraft maintenance licence at the end of April 2025. There is also the opportunity for more training courses next year.



Wheel assembly line



Treating a fuel tank with biocide

Churches and more...

We were blessed to be part of Holy Trinity Norwich's 'World Mission Sunday' where we shared how God calls, equips and sustains us to serve him. It was helpful to think more about World mission and hear about other mission partners and organisations' experiences of God at work through them near and far. We felt really supported by so many of you at that event.

We also enjoyed another visit to St Wendredra's, in the town of March, to enjoy fellowship with those there. We are always humbled at the partnership we have with all of you and the encouragement it is to know we are prayed for.

We have continued to enjoy fellowship with our church family here in Bournemouth. Joanna has been particularly encouraged by the women's ministry and was involved in a teaching event thinking about the hope that Christ gives us. There have also been other fun events such as the Light party and Men's bonfire event. We love serving alongside the church family at St Pauls and are so grateful to God for all he is doing there.

We have continued to enjoy walking and exploring the New Forest and also the highest point in Dorset. We spent a short break in Dartmoor to enjoy some slightly larger hills and have enjoyed catching up with friends near and far. We are looking forward to time with our families over Christmas in Norwich and Durham.

We are excited for all the new adventures that 2025 brings and are comforted in the knowledge that God knows all the details and will be with us in everything.



(Left) Bonfire night

(Top Right) Dartmoor in the snow and rain

(Bottom Right) Highest point in Dorset, 279m

Please pray

Praise God for Baby Smith, and pray for a smooth pregnancy.

Praise God for all the churches and people that partner with us and pray for us.

Pray for us to continue to trust God with all the details of the future.

Continue to pray for the work of MAF around the world, especially for recruitment for various staff vacancies so MAF can continue to reach the most isolated people around the world.

Thank you!

Thank you so much to everyone who has signed up to support us in prayer and financially! It has been such a huge encouragement to see how God has provided for our needs.

If you haven't already done so and you would like to set up a regular giving pledge to help fund my training and work with MAF we would be really grateful. To do so please click on the link below or contact MAF via the information provided.

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