

WINTER, 2024 - NEWSLETTER

FOND FAREWELLS FROM LIBERIA

It's never easy to say goodbye. It's the relationships with the wonderful people, Liberians and expats, which are the hardest things to leave behind. In leaving our second African nation, we were overwhelmed by the many meaningful farewells.



Becky's ladies Bible study group put on a surprise farewell party to say goodbye.



All of the ladies brought delicious treats to share together.



A goodbye hug from Love, a lady who brought us tasty bananas, straight to our door.



Liberian style gifts from our cleaner, Fannie, and gardener, Samuel.



We both managed to squeeze onto one final flight in Liberia, to see the country from the air.



A photo op for the engineering staff, at Dave's farewell do at the hangar.



Special gifts were given and precious words spoken from the Liberians Dave worked with.



And a lovely Liberian shirt for Dave and interim country director, Alan, from MAF Liberia.

JOIN THE ADVENTURE

Thank you for your ongoing thoughts and prayers!

PRAY...

- For Dave, as he starts his new role in the MAF head office.
- For both of us, as we readjust to life back in the UK.
- For Becky, as she considers options for part-time work, and continuing with her videos and book writing.
- For faith to trust God with whatever the future brings!

PRAISE...

- For a safe journey from Liberia back to the UK, complete with all our luggage!
- For huge answered prayers, in the form of a car and a house to rent.
- For opportunities to spend time with friends and family.

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WHAT LIFE IN THE UK MAY LOOK LIKE



FOR DAVE

It's a bit different to my office in the hangar in Liberia, but I'm enjoying settling into my new corner in MAF's head office in Ashford. I'll be starting full time in January, but I'm popping in a couple of times before then to get used to how everything works and where I'll be situated. I'm excited to get stuck in with my new role within MAF—Project Manager, Fleet Development and Innovation, while continuing to support West Africa as Maintenance Controller. It will be an interesting year, and I'm not quite sure what it will all look like yet, but I look forward to finding out!



FOR BECKY

Things are a little less certain for me. I would love to use this year as an opportunity to do more writing, and produce more encouragements from the Bible for YouTube. I will also likely need to earn a little extra money, to enable us to pay the bills here in the UK, so I will be considering part time jobs in the new year. Please do pray that the right opportunity would present itself, or that book sales would pick up! In the meantime, I am enjoying some of the little luxuries of the UK, like reliable power and water supplies! Not to mention chocolate and cheese, available whenever I want them!



THINKING FUTURE — NEAR AND FAR

If you've been following our news lately, you'll know that our plan is to be located in the UK for the next year. That's still the plan; we're not sure what will come after that time. We have a little holiday booked to explore Scotland for a couple of weeks in March, and we've set that as a marker, after which we'll start considering our next steps. Until then, we will try hard not to think or talk too much about it, and leave it all in the safest place it can be, the hands of Almighty God.

During this time in the UK, we are still being funded by the incredibly generous donations of individuals, churches and

groups, so we really do appreciate you continuing to support us in this way. We will keep you posted with new developments as and when we have any news! We are also looking forward to coming to visit various churches around the UK next year. We will start those visits after our holiday in March, but if you would like to book us in, please do get in touch in January and we can start to fill up the calendar! We are always happy to talk about our work with MAF, and Becky would happily take on any preaching engagements too.

It has been a challenging couple of years, and we're finding it hard to switch off the adrenalin tap that has been fully open for many, many months. Along with our various work, we really hope to be able to rest and recover in the coming weeks. We are looking forward to precious time with friends and family, who we haven't seen regularly in so long. We're so thankful for your prayers for us in this time.

Can You Join the Adventure?

Without the support of so many wonderful people, we wouldn't be able to continue our work with MAF. It means so much to have such a wonderful group cheering us on, and practically supporting us. If you would like to join the team in this way, you can make a monthly or one-off donation on our page on the MAF website:

www.maf-uk.org/waterman

The season may change, but the adventure continues! We're so thankful we get to share it with you. Thank you once again for your thoughts, prayers, encouragement and practical support. We wish you a very merry Christmas!

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