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Happy Easter!

Hope you have had a great time celebrating the best news of Jesus' resurrection. Baby Smith is continuing to grow and he is due to arrive at the end of May so we are excited for the near arrival. We are also enjoying the spring weather. Jo has had some trips away to see family and friends. She has continued to assist organising women's ministry events at our church, the most recent was an afternoon tea event in January which was a great time of fellowship. She also has enjoyed more time working with the youth groups.

We are so grateful for church family encouraging and supporting us in our preparations for the arrival of baby Smith. Jo had her final work visit to the Scotland offices which was a great time to be with colleagues. She officially starts maternity leave on the 19th May. She also got the chance to catch up and be encouraged by members of TCF church in Perth whilst she was in Scotland.

A type course

Nathanael is currently on a type training course for Cessna 680. It has been a steep learning curve but he has passed his first couple of exams. He is grateful for Signature Technicair enabling him to be on this course. While this is not an aircraft type that MAF operate it will make converting his licence easier and will save time then applying for a Cessna Caravan type rating, which he will need. His two years of necessary maintenance experience is very nearly complete and Nathanael can start the application process for his licence in May.

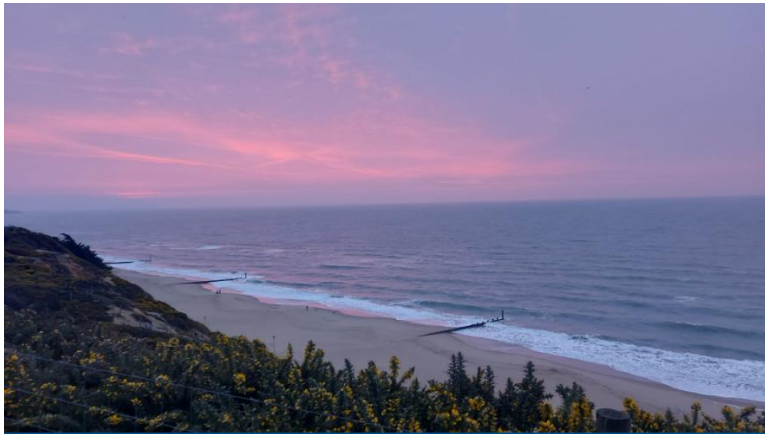
Next steps...

Last Monday we had a visit to the MAF offices, we felt very warmly welcomed and it was great to meet many of the staff we have had contact with. It was also the start of conversations about which programme we would best serve in, which was exciting, and we look forward to continuing these discussions and deciding where best to serve in the coming months.

We are also enrolled on the All Nations Christian College "En-Route" course from Sep-Dec 2025, then will head out to a MAF programme at the beginning of 2026.

Please pray

- Praise God for baby Smith, and pray for a smooth arrival. (Specifically that the baby would not arrive too early since Nathanael is not allowed to miss any days of his type course)
- Pray for Nathanael's type course and upcoming licence application.
- Praise God for MAF UK and International office staff and all the vital work they do to support the work of MAF.
- Pray for us and MAF to have wisdom in which programme we go and serve.
- Air Service Training (where Nathanael studied in Scotland) closed earlier this month. Pray for MAF as they work out solutions for their students just finishing and for others who were due to start soon.



Sunrise at Southbourne beach



Joanna and baby on a walk



Studying for the type cores and changing an engine.



Ladies afternoon tea event