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### **Merry Christmas**

We pray the Lord blesses you this Christmas.

Though under very different circumstances from that first Nativity, we too have returned to our home towns, with a baby.

Happily in our case there is room in the inn, or at least in our parents spare bedrooms. We have been grateful for their hospitality, as with our house rented out we will be intruding on both sets of parents until we go to Madagascar.

### **A few training courses**

We have now finished our training at All Nations Christian College. We enjoyed our time there, the wide range of things we learned and the friendships we made.

We have now also completed the MAF required security training course. We now feel more prepared for events we pray will never happen.

We are on course to go to Madagascar in early 2026.

Before then Nathanael will make some trips to the USA and South Africa for training on the aircraft MAF uses in Madagascar, as well as an online training course. The whole family also needs a few more vaccines.

We also plan on visiting some of our supporting churches in this time, including a commissioning service for us in Norwich on the 11th of January.

### **Praise**

- The completion of All Nations and security training.
- The hospitality of our families as we are homeless.
- Encouragement from our recent visit to our supporting church in March.
- The very helpful and supportive team at the MAF offices who are helping us each step of the way.

### **Please pray**

- That we have a joyful and restful Christmas with our families.
- Joel would learn to sleep for longer.
- That we keep trusting God in all the changes and plans.
- That we are able to get all the vaccines we need quickly.



A Christmas family photo at the house of some lovely friends.



Joel now joins in with meal times.