



Viking Athena at the medieval market event in Evesham



Leaving Scotland



Chris on the job - Credit Ben Sibthorpe

On the Tools

After many difficult goodbyes, we've arrived in the Midlands for the final stage of my (Chris') training to become a licenced aircraft maintenance engineer — on-the-job training.

Since MAF doesn't have any hangars in the UK, this is taking place at a maintenance organisation at Gloucestershire Airport, which fortunately has similar aircraft to that which MAF uses. I began here at the start of May and am busy applying the theory knowledge and recording all my work in a logbook - a key part in my future licence application!

A new MAF aircraft, heading for Papua New Guinea, passed through this hanger for some maintenance and fitting of ferry tanks which I was excited to help with. A great reminder of the goal ahead! I've been blessed so much already in the new job. A generous donor provided a wonderful toolkit of aircraft grade tools, everything I need to hit the ground running.

The training manager at my placement, Ben, is an ex-MAF chief engineer who has resettled in the UK.

He has been an incredible guide in the new role and knows in detail how MAF's maintenance operations function and what daily life raising a family overseas looks like. Together with another MAF trainee, Matt, we have been dubbed "The Jesus Boys" of the workplace!

The girls are settling in great. They love the new place out in the countryside and being near family. We have been welcomed into a great church and the kids have also moved into local girlguides and a Brazillian Jiu Jitsu club.

Kathleen's health continues to improve and she's been enjoying some local craft lessons. The area has lots of history, especially surrounding Simon de Montfort and the battle of Evesham which we're enjoying learning about together.

As difficult as it was leaving Scotland, we feel assured that we are exactly where God wants us to be, and are excited for our time here in the midlands.

Every blessing,

CHRIS & KATHLEEN



Astrid Says

I LOVE driving Grandpa's mule (pictured)

Praise God for

- Kids settling in
- Finding us a wonderful church nearby
- Chris' toolkit
- Ben and Matt at work

Please pray for

- Chris' on the job training, getting the experience he needs
- Settling in to new routine with Chris gone longer in the day
- Homeschooling the girls
- Making new friendships here

New View from the office



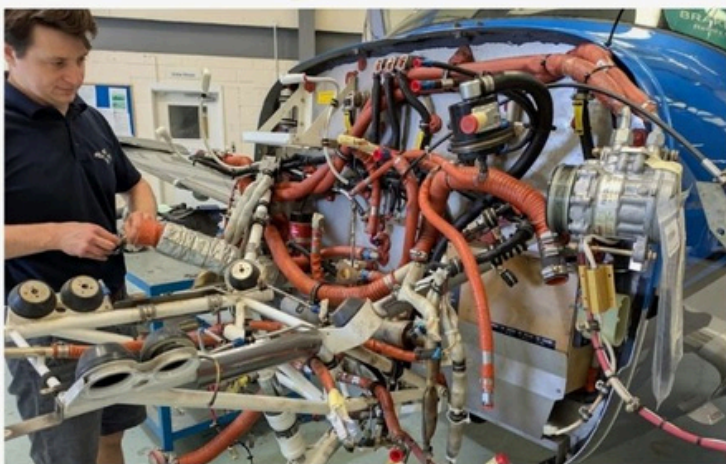
Leaving Perth



Treehouse Fun



**Future Engineer
Astrid**



**MAF Trainee
Matt Veale in action**