



Athena and the "Mega Bunny"



In the Flight Sim



Family day trip

Hello there...

The spring has been very busy. I (Chris) have been studying for one of the largest exams in the course - Gas Turbines. It was well worth the effort, as I passed the test and was then able to move on to the practical portion of the module.

During this, my classmates and I worked on all sorts of engines, including the J-41's Turbo-prop engine, which we were able to remove, inspect, and reinstall. It was incredibly helpful to put the theory into practice and see all the components as we detached them from the engine.

We then had a much shorter module on propellers, which is bound to be useful when working on MAF's fleet!

We are now beginning the largest module, Systems, which covers a huge array of topics on aircraft. This should take us until November/December before the three-hour exam. After that just one more theory test and some practical tasks to wrap up the course.

It's strange to think we are over halfway through our time here in Scotland. We've met some wonderful people and will always feel attached to the area.

We hope to find out where our next destination will be in the coming months. Unfortunately, the shortened period in the UK gaining experience has not happened as we had hoped, but we trust the Lord has plans beyond what we can see.

Aryanna has now joined the Girl Guides, whilst Astrid is in Brownies, and Athena will be able to join shortly. They have been avidly collecting their badges; from things like Animal Care to Archaeology and First Aid to Fitness. They are planning a visit to my workplace at the Scone hangar soon to help with the Aviation badge.

As we continue this journey, we remain grateful for your support and prayers. We are excited to see what the future holds and trust in God's guidance every step of the way. Please continue to pray for wisdom and clarity as we approach the end of our course and prepare for our next adventure.

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Athena Says

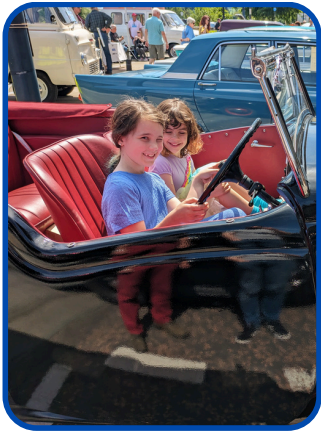
I LOVE being in Scotland! Even though the bagpipes are so loud they burst my ears

Praise God for

- Passing the Engines and Propellers Exams
- Kids settling so well here and enjoying Scotland
- Continued prayer, financial support, and messages have been a great encouragement

Please pray for

- Peace and clarity regarding our next placement
- Chris' final part of the course
- Suitable candidates for the MAF Engineering Training Scheme 2024



Perth Vintage Car Festival, right on our doorstep!



Removing the mounting bolts holding the propeller in place



En-route to the gym for the kids Brazilian jiu-jitsu class

Course Progress

- Mathematics
- Physics
- Electrical Fundamentals
- Electronics
- Digital Techniques
- Materials & Hardware
- Maintenance Practises
- Aerodynamics
- Human Factors
- Aviation Legislation
- Aeroplane aerodynamics structures & systems
- Gas Turbines
- Propellers

With a few practical assessments, two theory tests and one essay remaining, the end is in sight!

What next?

We hope to have our next destination decided in the coming months, then after finishing up the course around February we'll be moving to start Chris's practical experience placement for 2 years somewhere in the UK.

Anything else to share?

Thank you all for supporting us and believing in us. We are so grateful for your prayers, texts, letters and cards.

If you haven't already, have a look at our [Facebook page here](#) where we post some more frequent small updates. Hopefully we'll be able to share some news of our next destination soon!

MAF is currently looking for more future engineers. If you or someone you know has an interest in missions and maintenance, applications for 2024 are open until 31st July. Have a look [here](#) or feel free to send me an email or message.

Every blessing,
The Watkins Family



Spotlight on Arnhem Land - Australia

Having spent more than 50 years earning appreciation, trust and respect amongst the indigenous Yolngu people groups of Arnhem Land, MAF has become part of the community in this bold and beautiful land.

In 2023, MAF aircraft carried 13,240 passengers and transported more than 39,000 kilograms of cargo into remote and isolated communities in Arnhem Land. Our aircraft flew 546,062 kilometres (the distance of once to the moon and half way back) serving the people of this remote part of Australia.