

Watkins Prayer Letter

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Graduation day

Perth snow



Graduation day again!

Time to move

Having now completed all the modules, we celebrated the end of my theory studies with a graduation ceremony at the hangar. After some speeches and the handing out of certificates, I was honored to receive the "Top Student" award, a wonderful affirmation and encouragement.

With the course completed, I traveled to Gloucester Airport for an interview for my placement—and it was successful! The maintenance establishment there services aircraft similar to those used by MAF, making it the perfect environment to turn my theory into hands-on experience. It's also a blessing to have an ex-MAF engineer and another MAF trainee working there, providing a sense of community and support.

The Lord has been incredibly faithful. This was the placement we had hoped for, as it allows us to be close to family and give the kids precious time with them before we head overseas. Every practical need has been met—even the children's wishlist for our next home! We're looking forward to having an extra bedroom and a garden after our time in a two-bedroom flat. The girls are excited to be near family, explore new places, and make new friends at church and Girl Guides.

Kathleen's health troubles made for a difficult season, but just as spring arrives in perfect timing, this season too has passed. The investigations identified the cause, and she is responding well to treatment praise the Lord!

As we close one chapter and step into the next, we leave Perth changed from when we arrived. Kathleen and I have grown in ways we never expected, learning to trust God more deeply through uncertainty. We have met wonderful people here and will miss them dearly as we move, but we also look forward to whomever God places in our path next.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support—none of this would be possible without you. Now based in the Midlands, we hope to visit Folkestone this year and look forward to seeing some of you then!

Every blessing,

CHRIS & KATHLEEN

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Athena Says I can't wait to see the CHICKENS!

For context - Our soon-to-be neighbours have chickens which the kids love to feed

Praise God for

- Completion and graduation from AST
- His incredible provision and care
- Placement in Gloucester airport
- Kathleen's health improvements

Please pray for

- A smooth move and settling in, especially for the girls
- Chris as he starts working on live aircraft