

WINGING IT BURROWS NEWSLETTER



January 2024



Welcome!

To our first ever newsletter! We're so pleased you've signed up to come along on this adventure with us. Here's a little of what we've been up to last year and what 2024 holds...

In October, we had our first speaking engagement at Turweston Aerodrome. MAF UK invited us to come share our story at an enquirers event for people also hoping to serve with MAF. It was great to hear other people's passion for MAF's work.

Ed was also invited to speak at the Royal Air Force Museum in London for a special Remembrance Day event. Here he had the privilege of meeting MAF pioneer Jack Hemmings. The former RAF squadron leader, now aged 102, was the first MAF pilot flying from Croydon to Africa in a wooden plane!



Turweston Aerodrome



Ed with MAF pioneer Jack Hemmings



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Liberia visit

Whilst Kathy and the kids were building snowmen, Ed embraced the heat and humidity of West Africa to visit the MAF Liberia programme. It was a great opportunity to meet his future colleagues, as well as some of the people that MAF currently serve, like missionary Kim (right). Kim lives in a remote village and his journey to the capital city normally takes around several days due to the roads but with an MAF flight takes just a couple of hours. If you haven't already, watch the [Liberia Road Trip video](#).

2024 Timeline

Whilst we are very keen to get out to Liberia, there are a few things that need to happen before that's possible. After Easter, we will leave RAF Cranwell to complete a 10-week residential course at All Nations College in Hertfordshire, that will prepare us to live and work in a new culture. From here, Ed will go to Uganda to learn all about MAF's standard operating procedures before heading to America to convert his pilot's licence to an FAA licence (this is because the aircraft MAF use in Liberia are American registered). During this time Kathy and the kids will stay with her sister in Yorkshire until the family can travel out to Liberia altogether - hopefully by the end of November!



Thank you so much for journeying with us, it means a lot! Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram if you can. Any questions feel free to get in touch.

Ed, Kathy, Nate and Eliana

WINGING IT BURROWS PRAYER



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Thank you

Thank you so much for praying for us! We really need it and appreciate you taking time to pray for our family as we prepare to head out to Liberia.

Even though it's still a long time until we go, a lot is happening over the next year! We would value your prayers as we navigate some big changes, including house moves, school transitions and extended time apart as a family.

We are really thankful to see how God is providing for us already and we're very grateful you are partnering with us in prayer. If you have any questions feel free to get in touch.

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Pray...

- For church talks on 21st January in Oxfordshire and 11th February in Hampshire.
- For us as we pack up the house and prepare to leave our jobs, school and preschool.
- As we prepare to say goodbye to our church family and friends.

Praise...

- For Ed's encouraging visit to the MAF programme in Liberia.
- For those already signed up to partner with us.
- For the connections we've made with other MAF families and other missionaries.



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