



April Update



It's been a busy few weeks in the Overton-Cox household, and we have a lot to update you on since we issued our first Prayer Letter back in February.

Firstly, I'm excited to share that I passed all 9 of the PPL (Private Pilot's License) exams that I sat in Luton just before Easter. This followed a rather intense 3-month period of self-study that culminated with a week of online teaching facilitated by an Aviation Ground School. The Ground School was attended by a small group of Student Pilots from across Europe, many of whom had ambitions to eventually become professional pilots themselves. I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the other students over the course of the week and hear a bit more about their own training experiences, and it was also reassuring to see that I wasn't the only one who was struggling with the intricacies of the different weather fronts, or the technical functioning of a reciprocating piston engine!

Meanwhile, Bekah has also returned to her student ways, and alongside her job as a Nurse in a Minor Injuries Unit, she has now embarked upon a 6-month university course that will enable her to become fully qualified Nurse Practitioner. The course involves a mixture of both self-study/essays, and in-person practical training and application, that will conclude with an OSCE (Objective Structured Clinical Examination) in the summer.



Above - Bekah and our daughter on a family visit to a local Farm Shop that has now become a regular haunt due to the wide variety of animals, including Emus and Wallabies, on show.

In other news, it has very much been a case of two steps forwards, one step back on the DIY front. Whilst the kitchen tiles have now been grouted and downstairs WC paneling installed, I accidentally drilled through a live electrical cable whilst positioning some new kitchen shelves. This in turn knocked out the power to half of our kitchen and the entire first floor of our home. The issue could only be fixed by calling an electrician who had to remove a sizeable chunk of our newly plastered kitchen wall to access the damage cable underneath - whoops!

On a more positive note, the milder weather has enabled us to spend more time outside as a family doing both some much needed gardening and sowing, and (rain permitting) making occasional trips to the beach and surrounding countryside. Our daughter, who is growing increasingly independent by the day, and who has also expanded her vocabulary significantly since our last update, has particularly enjoyed this. She can often be found trailing behind Bekah in the garden trying her best (although not always successfully) to lend a helping hand. She also thoroughly enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt that we arranged for her whilst staying with family on Easter Sunday, and quickly worked out what was hidden beneath the foil wrapper.



Above - time spent outdoors during the milder weather, often in brief moments between rain showers.



Above - Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday.

Praise Points

We are hugely grateful to God and to you, our family and friends for the following answered prayer:

1.
For Jordan passing all 9 of his PPL exams on the first attempt, and for the additional time this will give us together as a family in April.
2.
For the strong start Bekah has made to her university course which has enabled her to submit many of the required essays already.
3.
For securing Nursery cover that matches Bekah's shifts at work, especially whilst Jordan is in the Netherlands.

Prayer Requests

1.
For Jordan as he heads to Teuge in the Netherlands at the end of April to start his practical flight training with MATC (Mission Aviation Training Centre).
2.
For Bekah as she continues her university course alongside her work at home.
3.
For provision as we look to build support, both in prayer and financially.
4.
For the entire family as we prepare for a challenging period from May - July when Jordan will be in the Netherlands for his practical flight training, leaving Bekah solo-parenting alongside everything else at home.

Support Us

All MAF overseas staff are asked to build a team of partners who will accompany them in the work God has called them to through prayer and financial giving. This is based on the Biblical example of people combining their different individual callings (to go, to give and to pray) to serve isolated communities. Would you consider being one of the people we need in our team?

Please do get in contact with us if this is something that you would like to do. Alternatively, you can also set-up a regular donation via our Staff Support page on the MAF UK website.

All donations go directly to MAF UK and are used to offset the costs of the training and help MAF achieve it's mission of bringing help, hope, and healing through aviation.

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And Finally...

And finally, we want to say a big thank you to all of you for your continued support to us as a family as we continue on this journey together. It really would not be possible without you all.

It has been really encouraging to know that so many people are praying for us. Do let us know how we can be praying for you too, or if you have any questions about MAF or the Future Pilots Programme (FPP). You can contact us at any time by clicking the 'Email Us' button above, or by reaching out to us directly.

With love

The Overton-Cox Family