

January 2025 Update

THE BARTONS

Church Planting Missionaries to
Mozambique, Africa



Dear Pastors, Churches, and Partners in Ministry,
CHRISTMAS SEASON:

We hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It is difficult to believe that it is now 2025, but our prayer is that it will be a great year in continuing to serve the Lord where He has us! Over the last few weeks, we were able to take a short break from traveling which was well needed after a busy year. Praise the Lord, we started 2024 with around 15-20% of our support and through a full schedule of travels all across the country, we saw the Lord bring us to over 85% of our needed support! We serve a great God and we praise Him for His goodness and provision for our family and for allowing us to partner with wonderful churches. We were still able to travel for the first part of December and are now ramping things back up as we seek to raise the last 10-15% of our support over the next few months. **Please pray with us that God would help us see the rest of our support come in over the next few months as we make plans to leave April 1st, 2025!** Another added blessing was to see a great friend of mine, Michael Turner, preach and present at our home church! Michael and I attended the same high school and I had the opportunity to share the Gospel with him at a youth event many years ago where he trusted Christ as his Savior. He has continued serving the Lord and we are excited to see he and his wife and their daughter now launching out as missionaries to West Africa! Please be in prayer for them as well!

PRAY FOR MOZAMBIQUE:

Another massive prayer request would be for the country of Mozambique as they face a time of political unrest. As pictured below, the people have been taking to the streets in organized protest since October of 2024 following the results of their last presidential election and the corruption involved with it. I have been attempting to follow along as closely as I can through missionary friends there as well as my language school teacher and it seems the situation has only gotten worse. Due to this, our VISA paperwork has come to a temporary stand-still as well as our other plans to send a container of personal and ministry supplies to Mozambique. By God's grace, we are trusting that things will smooth out soon and that we can still arrive at our scheduled date but continue to pray with us over this matter. It all serves as a reminder that the greatest need of Mozambique is not solely political reformation, but spiritual transformation through the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Thank you for your continued prayers and support for our family, we are praying for you!

In Christ, The Bartons

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Safety while we travel.
- VISA paperwork will be processed soon.
- For the rest of our needed support to come in before we leave April 1st.
- For the political unrest in Mozambique to cease so the Gospel can advance.

PRAISES

- Nearing 90% of our support!
- Multiple new supporting churches!
- A great year in serving the Lord!
- A new missionary being sent out!



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