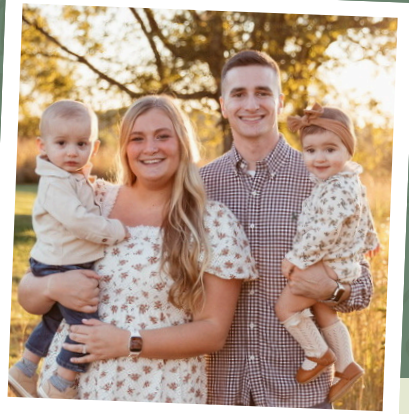


September 2025 Update

# THE BARTONS

Church Planting Missionaries to  
Mozambique, Africa



Dear Pastors, Churches, and Partners in Ministry,

**OUT IN THE COMMUNITY:** Greetings from Mozambique, Africa! We hope and pray that in the midst of all of the unrest and political turmoil that you are facing in the U.S. that you will be encouraged by what God is doing around the world! The Gospel of Jesus Christ is still the answer for this sin sick world and we are humbled to play a small part in preaching that message here in Africa! Along with our language classes each week, we are also pushing ourselves to get out into the community in order to practice the language, share the Gospel, and learn more about the culture of this beautiful country! I have had the privilege now to go out every Friday afternoon with the pastor of one of the churches we are attending to help him with different visits which has been a wonderful time of language and culture learning! I also am privileged to spend time with Missionary Juan Lopez and the church that he began to help them with door to door evangelism every Saturday morning followed by a youth meeting at the church. This month, I was able to successfully share the Gospel all the way through completely in Portuguese by myself and respond to the questions that were brought up which was a huge accomplishment! The man's name is "Steve" and he works for the security where we live. When we began the conversation he told me that he believed good people go to heaven and bad people go to hell. After sharing the Scriptures with him, he told me he was going to go home and look at the verses again about salvation and what Christ did for him. Just this week he told me that he trusted Christ as his savior! Praise the Lord and pray for me as I try to follow up with him! Another exciting opportunity was to take part in a special evangelistic event hosted by Pastor Lopez and the Biblical Baptist Church he began here in Maputo. We traveled to an area with an open field where the church invited people to come out to hear a special Gospel presentation for adults, teenagers, and children where they then received a free kilogram of rice for the adults and a free toy for the children. Through this event there were many professions of faith as well which was exciting to see!

**OUR FAMILY:** Continue to pray for us as we serve the Lord here that my wife and I might be able to learn the language of Portuguese quickly and that God would soften the hearts of the people that are here. It doesn't seem possible that our family is nearing 6 months now here in Mozambique and to look back on all that our God has already done in this short time! The twins have also been doing great in picking up Portuguese, making friends, and will even be turning two years old on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October! God has been so good to us, thank you for your continued prayers and support!

*In Christ, The Bartons*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the souls that were saved through the evangelistic events this month.
- For us to be able to learn Portuguese quickly!
- For me as I follow up with my friend Steve who says he trusted Christ!

## PRAISES

- The Baptism service at the church in Bagamoyo went well!
- Morgan and I both passed our first level Portuguese final exams!



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