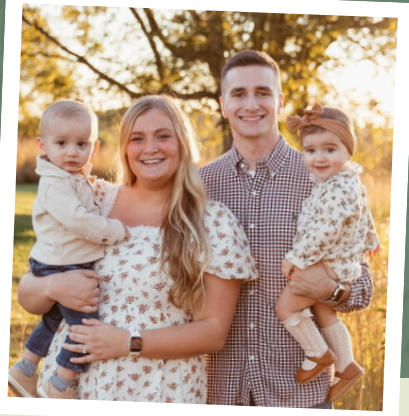


May 2025 Update

THE BARTONS

Church Planting Missionaries to Mozambique, Africa



Dear Pastors, Churches, and Partners in Ministry,

WE ARE HERE! After approximately 16-17 hours of flying and an overnight layover, we have arrived to our new home! We have been praying for this day for many years now, and it is incredible to finally be where God has called us to serve Him! We praise the Lord that the flights went very well with the children and are thankful for the Jacob Clower family that received us upon our arrival into the country. They have helped us tremendously in getting our feet back under us and providing all of the necessary contacts to find a house, buy a vehicle, and even find our way around the city! It is hard to believe that we have already been here for a month, and we praise the Lord that we have received our VISA's, purchased a vehicle, found a home to rent, and are now in process of setting everything up to live here! Thank you for praying for us, the providence of our God has been so evident during our arrival and we have seen Him miraculously provide us with so many things since being here. Our God is able!

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES: While we have been very busy setting everything up since arriving, we have also been privileged to visit 4 different churches here in Mozambique! Easter Sunday was especially great as we saw the church building nearly completely full and I was able to hear my brother in law, Noah Wilkerson, preach a wonderful message on the resurrection of Christ! I was even given the chance to preach a mid-week service here with another brother who translated for me! One of the churches we have been attending was started by a like-minded missionary from Mexico, the Juan Lopez family. The church is called Biblical Baptist Church and they will be celebrating two years of ministry this month! I have been privileged to tag along with them on Saturdays to hand out tracts and John and Romans as well as to listen in on how they share the Gospel to the people in Portuguese! It has been a great help to me, and I am praying to learn quickly so I can begin sharing with the people myself! The people here are receptive to the Gospel, and we are excited to see all that God will do in this country for His glory!

WHAT'S NEXT: With all this being said, our next steps are going to be primarily beginning language school full time at a nearby language institute as well as with personal language tutors and to continue working in the ministries we know of in the city as we learn the language and culture of Mozambique! Thank you for your continued prayers and support, may God bless you as you serve Him!

In Christ, The Bartons

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the churches and ministries here.
- For our family to adjust to our new lives here in Mozambique.
- For us to be able to learn Portuguese quickly.
- For the container we sent to arrive this month to Mozambique.

PRAISES

- A smooth trip to Mozambique!
- We received our VISAs!
- We have found a home!
- Our God's faithful hand of provision in our transition!



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