July 2025 Update

THE BARTONS

Church Planting Missionaries to Mozambique, Africa

Dear Pastors, Churches, and Partners in Ministry,



OUR FAMILY: What an amazing month it has been here in Mozambique serving the Lord! We are thankful for each of you who continue to pray for us and the ministry here. This month, we finally received our container which has been a HUGE answer to prayer for us! We have been able to finalize setting up our home as well as to receive over 1,000 Bibles and 20,000 tracts that we sent along with it to further help the ministries that are here. We praise the Lord that everything went smoothly in receiving this and we are excited to finally have our house set up here in Mozambique! Our family seems to be adjusting well to life here and our kids are doing great and have even begun speaking small words and phrases in Portuguese! Continue to pray for us as we learn the language and culture of this country and that God would strengthen and use us here!

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES: We have had some incredible ministry opportunities this month! One of which was a special group that came from America of 9 people led by brother Alan Johnson and the ministry of "Wings Bearing Precious Seed." This group, along with other missionaries here, were able in just one week to hand out around 15,000 John and Romans, nearly 300 full copies of the Bible to church visitors, and to see hundreds of people make professions of faith in Christ alone for salvation! Our family was honored to help transport the group and take part in the evangelistic outings every day in public hospitals, schools, and community areas such as busy open markets. There were multiple special evangelistic preaching services (one pictured below) for young people and adults at two different church locations all of which were completely packed with people! Mozambique is ripe unto harvest and the people are so receptive to the Gospel, but the laborers are so few. Continue to pray for God to do a great work here and to produce fruit that remains!

LANGUAGE SCHOOL CONTINUES: With language school being our main priority at the moment, we are delighted to see progress every week in being able to communicate and build relationships with people here using Portuguese! Morgan and I both are working hard and praying that God would help us learn this language quickly and we covet your prayers for us as we study. A huge milestone for me this month was I was able to preach my first message completely in Portuguese! Pictured below are a few that stayed after I preached to hear more about how to be saved! Thank you for praying!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the churches and ministries here.
- For us to be able to learn Portuguese quickly.
- For the souls that trusted Christ to continue growing in the Lord.
- For God to use our family as we continue to serve here!

PRAISES

- Our container arrived!
- A wonderful week of evangelism with many professions of faith!
- I was able to preach for the first time in Portuguese!











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