

July/August 2026 Update

THE BARTONS

Church Planting Missionaries to
Mozambique, Africa



Dear Pastors, Churches, and Partners in Ministry,

LANGUAGE STUDY AND PRACTICE: I am so thankful for your faithful prayers for our family as we have been in language school since around April/May of 2025 until now. Praise the Lord, as I updated in our last letter, I am now officially done with all of the offered language classes at the institute located here in the city and my wife is soon to follow this month Lord willing! With that being said, I am thankful to have had the opportunity over the last month or two to really enter more into the language in participating in various ministry opportunities at our local church where we serve as well as in the surrounding communities. We know that the Lord has truly answered so many prayers in helping us progress in the language to where we can now understand much better, are communicating and building relationships, and have greater opportunities to preach/teach, evangelize, and disciple in Portuguese! Continue to pray for Morgan as she has her final two tests coming up this month and is continuing with full time language classes!

MISSIONS CONFERENCE AND ANNIVERSARY SERVICE: Below you will see pictured two exciting opportunities I had recently to preach for two very special events in the lives of a couple of local churches here. The top photo is a picture of the church where we are currently attending and serving and the 24th anniversary service that they celebrated recently. It was encouraging to see the years of faithfulness to the Lord this local congregation has shown and to hear the testimonies of multiple people that have been impacted and changed by the Gospel through the faithful ministry of this dear church family. The pastor graciously offered me the chance to preach to a full building, and we were grateful to participate in a church wide meal after the service! The other picture below is of the recent missions conference held at the Biblical Baptist Church with missionary Juan Lopez. It was a three day conference and I was invited to preach the opening service. I preached on the importance of missions and the value of souls as our mission in accomplishing the Great Commission! The church is very excited about evangelism and world missions, and it was such a blessing to hear of their participation in faith promise missions giving to ministries around the world! It reminded me of the description of the churches in Macedonia in 2 Cor. 8 who gave amidst trials, persecution, and poverty that the Gospel might go forth!

FUTURE PRAYERS AND PLANS: I want to conclude this letter giving a short update on what I believe God would have us to do in the coming months. I earnestly desire your prayers for us that God would open the door for us to plant a church where He sees fit in the future and that He would give us wisdom in this regard. I plan on beginning evangelism and individual Bible studies in a specific community where I believe God might be opening a door for us, so please be in prayer for us as we begin! May God bless you!

In Christ, The Bartons

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Morgan's upcoming final examinations in Portuguese.
- For direction and provision on where God would have us plant a church.
- For the local churches that are faithfully serving the Lord here in Mozambique.

PRAISES

- A wonderful missions conference and anniversary service!
- Morgan's pregnancy continues to progress smoothly!
- For the souls being saved and discipled!



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