

March 2026 Update

THE BARTONS

Church Planting Missionaries to
Mozambique, Africa



Dear Pastors, Churches, and Partners in Ministry,

EXCITING NEWS: This has been a very exciting couple of months for us in Mozambique for a number of reasons, and we are praying that God would continue to bless each and every one of you as our faithful prayer partners and supporters in the work of the ministry here! We are extremely excited to announce that **we are expecting our third child that is due to be born on September 25th!** We are thrilled to be welcoming another child into our family and ask that you would pray for us as we have doctors appointments here in Mozambique and are planning to have the baby here as long as everything continues to progress smoothly. So far, all of the appointments have shown that the baby is growing well and healthy and Morgan is around 12 weeks pregnant at the time of me writing this letter. Would you pray with us that everything would go smoothly with the pregnancy and that there wouldn't be any complications with the delivery? We praise the Lord for blessing us with another child and are excited to welcome him/her to our family this year!

LOCAL CHURCH MINISTRY: Each week we are thankful that we get to minister in a variety of ways alongside of the church we are serving at in a community called Bagamoyo. I **have been able to begin a Sunday School class for first time visitors** and those that want to learn more about the first steps of becoming a Christian and living out the Christian life. This has been a great opportunity to share the Gospel with people in a more personal way and to teach the basics of the Bible. Pray that it would continue to grow and that more people would continue to come and be saved! Also, I was privileged to be invited to preach at a church in a different city called Matola at Calvary Baptist Church which is being faithfully pastored by a national here. It was a great blessing and encouragement to see the Lord at work there and I was able to speak to a full building that morning!

EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP: I want to thank those of you that have prayed with me for a man named Estavão (Steve) who I have been discipling here each week. He has remained faithful to our classes and **has a desire to be baptized and join a local church here in the community!** Pray for us as we continue to have classes together and that I would have open doors to share the Gospel with his family and friends as well! Another exciting story that happened this month was that Pastor Fernando, who pastors the church where we currently are serving, invited me to come with him to visit with his sister who lives in an area around 45 minutes away from us to share the Gospel with her and speak with her for a while. After having a conversation together for about an hour, **she understood the Scriptures and her need for salvation and called on the name of the Lord to save her soul!** What a blessing it was to hear her trust Christ! Thank you for being a part of what God is doing here in Mozambique, and may God bless you wherever you serve Him!

In Christ, The Bartons

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For our language classes as we continue learning Portuguese.
- For the new Sunday School class that began this month.
- For Morgan's pregnancy to go smoothly here in Mozambique!
- For open doors to preach the Gospel!

PRAISES

- We are expecting our third child!
- Opportunities to preach and minister in various communities.
- Souls that trusted Christ this month!



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