

June 2026 Update

THE BARTONS

Church Planting Missionaries to Mozambique, Africa



Dear Pastors, Churches, and Partners in Ministry,

LANGUAGE PROGRESS: I hope and pray that this prayer letter finds you well and continuing to serve our worthy Savior! We are excited to give a quick update on all that God is doing here in Mozambique which wouldn't be possible without your continued prayers and support for our family. This past month I officially completed the final class given at the language institute here in the city for Portuguese and passed all of the final examinations in reading, writing, grammar, speaking, and listening! My wife also passed her respective class and has now continued on to begin taking the final class at the same institute and she is making great progress. With that being said, I also have individual classes with a private tutor to further hone my language abilities and will continue with him for the foreseeable future in practicing more advanced aspects of the language and overall fluency. While I am certainly not perfect in speaking, I praise the Lord for the progress I am able to see in the language and the doors that have now been opened to create better relationships with people here, evangelize the lost, and disciple believers through the local churches! Please continue to pray for us that the rest of our time here in language school and cultural adaptation would progress smoothly!

MINISTRY AT THE MOMENT: I am so thankful that through my progress in the language I have now been able to assume various responsibilities at the local church where we are serving including recently beginning preaching a series on Sunday mornings through the Baptist distinctives as requested by the pastor there. It has been a wonderful challenge to preach each week about various Biblical and important subjects and it has helped me to grow immensely. I am also privileged to continue discipleship classes throughout the week as well as participate in street evangelism at another local church here in the city on a regular basis. I am excited to be able to use the things I have been studying over this past year to preach the Gospel in a way people can understand and to serve in a greater way at our local church!

PRAYERS AND PLANS FOR THIS YEAR: This past year was primarily focused on getting settled in and really attacking the language as much as possible while trying to be a blessing to a couple ministries that we knew of here in the city. As we have now been in Mozambique for a year and a few months, we are beginning to really pray about the next steps the Lord would have for us following this time of language and cultural learning. With that being said, would you pray with us as we are seeking the Lord's direction for our lives on a specific area where He would have us plant a church in the future to begin our ministry? We would love for the Lord to naturally direct us by giving us an open door in a specific community, but the reality is that the need is so great everywhere we go that we earnestly have a desire for multiple areas and neighborhoods! Thank you for your prayers and support, and may God bless you as you serve Him!

In Christ, The Bartons

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For continued progress in the language for our family.
- For specific direction on where the Lord would have us plant a church in the near future.
- For Morgan's pregnancy to continue progressing smoothly.

PRAISES

- Opportunities to preach each week at our church!
- Those that heard the Gospel and received tracts throughout the month!
- We passed our Portuguese finals!



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