

April/May 2026 Update

THE BARTONS

Church Planting Missionaries to
Mozambique, Africa



Dear Pastors, Churches, and Partners in Ministry,

FAMILY UPDATE: I want to begin by apologizing for the delay in last month and this month's newsletter, as life here lately has been extremely busy and hectic! We are excited to share another update about the last couple of months on all that God has been doing here in Mozambique and in our lives personally. This month, we discovered (as pictured below) that Morgan is pregnant with another little girl that we will be welcoming at the end of September of this year! We are so excited and thankful that the Lord has blessed us with another child! Please pray with us that the rest of the pregnancy continues to progress smoothly and that she will be able to have an easy birth here in Mozambique without any complications in September! We were also thrilled to have had my parents come and visit us for two weeks here in Mozambique and enjoyed our time together as a family immensely! We had the opportunity to visit South Africa during their visit where I was able to preach for my brother in law Noah Wilkerson who is a missionary in the city of Mbombela there. It was such a blessing to have my parents with us and to show them more of the country where God has called us to serve!

LANGUAGE SCHOOL: While we have had many other things going on in our lives and ministry, we are continuing to maintain language school as our top priority. My wife and I are finishing the our respective Portuguese courses (B2 level for me and B1 for Morgan) this month and will then be able to be much more involved in the ministry here in Mozambique in a variety of communities. The B2 class I am taking is the final level that is given at the Language Institute. Upon completing these classes, I plan on doing a lot more practical application speaking with people and working alongside the pastor of the local church where we are currently attending. Please pray for us this year as we begin earnestly seeking out the right location that the Lord would have us start a church and that we could continue to learn this language quickly to communicate with the people here!

MINISTERING LOCALLY: I was blessed with the opportunity to fill in for another wonderful missionary family that serves nearby here in Maputo, the Luke Nalty family, at their church in a community around 40 minutes away from us. Bro. Luke took a short trip with his family and I was pleased to preach the mid-week service as well as Sunday school and the morning service in his place while helping to coordinate the rest of the church's weekly activities. Pictured below is a group of us leaving out for Saturday outreach, what a blessing it was to see multiple professions of faith in Christ alone for salvation through this time of evangelism! The discipleship classes I have been doing with Estavão (Steve) have continued to progress and he is working on completing the baptism classes to be baptized soon! Lord willing, he will be the first Mozambican I will be privileged to baptize in the near future! Thank you for praying!

In Christ, The Bartons

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For our final exams to go well at the language institute.
- For the local churches preaching the Gospel here.
- For Morgan's pregnancy to continue progressing well.
- For the right place to plant a church!

PRAISES

- We are expecting a little girl in September!
- Opportunities to preach and minister in various communities.
- A wonderful visit from my parents!



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