August 2025 Update

## THE BARTONS

Church Planting Missionaries to Mozambique, Africa

Dear Pastors, Churches, and Partners in Ministry,

LANGUAGE SCHOOL: We hope and pray that you all are doing well and are so thankful to be partnering with you as our family continues to serve the Lord here in Maputo, Mozambique! We have certainly had a busy month, and we praise the Lord for His constant faithfulness to our family and His supernatural protection and provision! With that being said, we have been continuing to work diligently at learning the Portuguese language and God has been blessing immensely. I have been working to memorize Scripture, share the Gospel, and even practicing reading Bible messages to my language school teacher! At the language institute that we are attending here in Maputo, we are now only a couple weeks away from taking the final exam to pass the first level Portuguese class so please pray for us as we continue to learn each week. We have completed the first two exams already for the class which includes an oral, reading, writing, listening, and grammar section and we are praying we will be able to pass on to the second level in September! Please pray for us that we could learn this language quickly!

GOD IS AT WORK: The Gospel is still the power of God unto salvation even in 2025 (Romans 1:16)! It is incredible to be a small part of two separate ministries that are currently ministering here in different parts of the city of Maputo. Both churches that we are attending are having a baptism service this coming Sunday and through the weekly outreach and evangelism efforts we have seen many professions of faith in Christ alone for salvation (one pictured below)! The people are hungry for the truth that the Bible provides, and each week we are able to speak with many people at length about the brokenness of our own efforts and the goodness of God to provide us a Savior in Christ Jesus. Pray for these new believers that are continuing to follow the Lord that they would grow in their faith!

FAMILY TIME: Another blessing this month was hosting my mother-in-law, Jana Wilkerson, for around a week! It was her first time visiting Mozambique and we praise the Lord for the wonderful time we had together! Our kids certainly enjoyed seeing another familiar face and it was a joy to show her around the city that God has called us to serve Him at. We can't thank you enough for holding the rope for our family prayerfully and financially, and we pray that God would bless you in a great way wherever you are serving Him!

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- For the baptism services this coming week.
- For us to be able to learn Portuguese quickly and the final exam coming up shortly.
- For God to continue opening doors for us to share the Gospel with others.

## PRAISES

- The professions of faith made this month!
- A successful VBS at one of the churches here!
- Passing our first two Portuguese tests!











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