October 2026 Update

THE BARTONS

Church Planting Missionaries to Mozambique, Africa



Dear Pastors, Churches, and Partners in Ministry,

LAYLA KATE IS HERE: We hope and pray that this letter finds you well wherever God has placed you to serve Him! We are so excited to share with everyone that our daughter, **Layla Kate Barton, was born here in Maputo, Mozambique on September 21st** and everything went so well with the birth! She and Morgan are both doing great and we have been home adjusting to our new family of 5 and praising the Lord for His faithfulness to us! I requested for many months your prayers for our family regarding her birth, and we truly were able to see the hand of the Lord providing and watching over us through every part of the process. Despite the difference in language and customs for medical care here, we had peace every step of the way and we know that was in large part due to the effectual and fervent prayers of God's people on our behalf. With that being said, **thank you so much for all of your prayers** and for all those that have already reached out to us to check in and tell us they were thinking about and praying for us, we feel so truly honored and blessed to be partnering with you and to know that you are praying for and concerned for our family is such an encouragement! Liam and Lana are so excited to have their baby sister at home with them and we are still praising the Lord for being so good to us in blessing us with another precious baby girl!

SPECIAL FAMILY VISITS: With the arrival of the newest addition to our family, we were pleased to welcome my in laws, Luke and Jana Wilkerson, for around 10 days or so to visit with the family and see the different ministries taking place here around the city. We were grateful to have extra help at home with the children as well and to spend some time together as a family after around 9 months or so since we had last seen them. During their visit, my father in law had the privilege to preach at two separate churches in different parts of the city and we met up with some other local pastors and their families during while they were here to be able to see more of what ministry in Mozambique looks like. While they were here, **we also celebrated the twins' third birthday** together as they turned three years old on October 4th! They are growing up so quickly and it is crazy to think that they have now lived longer in Mozambique than they have in the States as we arrived when they were just 18 months old! We are so grateful for all of the special time with family we were able to have this month!

GOD CONTINUES TO WORK: Despite the busy schedule with family and the birth of our daughter this past month, I am so thankful for all that God is continuing to do through the various ministries we are blessed to take part in! After the Sunday service of New Life Baptist Church where my father in law taught Sunday School, **several came forward and made professions of faith** including one young man pictured below named Hemiltony who I was able to deal with personally and hear him call on the Lord to save him! Please pray for his continued growth as he follows up with bro. Luke Nalty for discipleship and baptism! We are thankful for each of you, God bless!

In Christ, The Bartons

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for Hemiltony as he grows in his faith and follows the Lord in baptism!
- For the various ministries and churches here in the city.
- For our family as we adjust to having three children and all of the newborn challenges!

PRAISES

- A safe and healthy delivery for our baby girl!
- Professions of faith in Christ alone this month!
- More opportunities to witness and disciple!







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