

# Koher Connection

Preparing to Serve as a Pilot/Mechanic Family in Mozambique

April 2020



## Greetings from Coimbra, Portugal!

We made it to Portugal! We'll be studying Portuguese until next January at the Universidade de Coimbra in preparation for service in Mozambique.

Since our arrival in early February, it has been a wonderful experience getting to know the culture and settling in to our new home. The transition into the country went smoothly, and we have a great apartment and a vehicle for use while in Portugal. There is another MAF family here, the Millers, who are also in language school. They helped us immensely during our arrival by showing us around the city and helping us figure out the nuances of life here.

Coimbra is a unique city with over 1000 years of history. It was the capital of Portugal in the middle ages. Today, life in Coimbra revolves around the university, and the former palace is now the university's main campus. Our commute to our classes is a beautiful one-mile walk down cobblestone streets, through a wooded park, and along the ancient elevated aqueduct (and it's uphill both ways!).

However, as part of the Coronavirus response, our classes switched to video chat based distance learning. We are confident that the Lord is leading us to remain in Portugal during this crisis, and we plan to continue our classes online. This is a challenge, though, because our babysitter can't come to watch Elias due to the lockdown. We are finding ways to learn & participate in classes the best we can while caring for Elias and trusting in God for His provision during this time!



## Prayer Corner

### Praise!

- ◆ We arrived safely in Portugal to a wonderful apartment and teammates to welcome us upon arrival.
- ◆ We found a babysitter for Elias (although she is unable to come over for now).
- ◆ We have three sweet professors who have been flexible with us since the lockdown.

### Prayer!

- ◆ Wisdom and patience as we juggle language courses and caring for Elias.
- ◆ That this time would bring us deeper in our relationship with God and each other.

*Prayer Corner is designed for easy cut-out. You can place it in a convenient location for you to remember to pray for us! Thank you for your prayers!*

## KID'S KORNER

We're in Portugal! I took my first trans-Atlantic flight and arrived in my first foreign country. Mama says I was pretty good on the flights. I played a game to pass the time by trying to get everyone around me to smile, and I did a pretty good job at it.

In our new apartment, I have my very own play room. I like to spend most of my time in there playing. Sometimes, my babysitter comes over and she plays with me for hours! I also love going outside and playing with my soccer ball or going for a walk. I try to find all the rocks and sticks.

Mama and Daddy are spending a lot of time at home with me since a lot of people are getting sick so they can't go to school anymore. I even get to join in the classes sometimes now. I love waving and blowing kisses to all of their classmates and teachers.

Elias (10 1/2 months)



## Making a House a Home

We've been adjusting well to life in our new apartment in Portugal. It came furnished and pretty well ready to live in with the exception of a few items. As we were shopping around for the rest of our home comforts, our teammate here was talking about the importance of making it feel like a home. I (Annabel) strongly believe that wherever we live and for however long we are there, we should take full opportunity to make it feel as home-like as possible. Some people can feel at home by hanging décor, or displaying family pictures, or having flowers in the home. As I contemplated this while making dinner, I realized that a home for me is when I can make a kitchen my own. Cooking or baking is my way to relax and a stress relief. I'll turn on some worship music or a good podcast (likely Pastors' Perspective or The Busy Mom) and start filling the house with the smell of something yummy. It's a time where I can think over the day and share my thoughts with the Lord. When I'm all done, I get to see the pleasure the food brings to my family. A positive from this lockdown is that it has given me the opportunity to try out some new recipes. Portugal is our home...for now.



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*"That he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord."*

*Deuteronomy 8:3b (ESV)*



## What's Happening in Moz?

In the wake of the cyclone that caused devastation in northern Mozambique last year, the town of Mocimboa da Praia has seen an influx of refugees from the countryside. These people lost their livelihood to the storm as their crops were destroyed and the fields damaged. Others fled to Mocimboa da Praia from insurgent activity in the area.

MAF was recently able to deliver 10,000 lbs of food to this town, primarily to widows and orphans. This food is vital to the poor and marginalized because there is a shortage of food in the area caused by the collapse of two bridges that linked the far north to the rest of the country.

Thanks to MAF's supporters and partners, MAF has been able to overcome geographical and political barriers to demonstrate the love of Christ to this struggling area. Join us in prayer for northern Mozambique as the insurgency and economic instability continue.

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