

KOHER CONNECTION

Preparing to Serve as a Pilot/Mechanic Family in Mozambique

We're Halfway There!



Since our last prayer letter, we finished our A1 and A2 levels of language classes (the beginner levels), and we'll be moving on to B1 this September (the intermediate level)! We have a good basic knowledge of the sentence structure and grammar, but are still working on growing our vocabulary. To help with that and to increase our ability of sharing the Gospel in Mozambique, we have begun to memorize scripture in Portuguese. The first verse we have learned is *"É nele que os povos hão de pôr a sua esperança."* *Mateus 12,21* which has been such a good verse to remind us of the hope we have in God during this time of uncertainty in the world. Along with studying

scripture, we have found some children's shows on YouTube that have been helping us practice our listening skills. That has been the hardest skill to develop for the both of us.

Now that the lockdown has been lifted, we have had opportunities to get out and about a bit which has led to situations in which we've needed to use our language skills. It has been a blessing to be back to meeting with other believers at church (masked and socially distanced). We've realized how much our understanding of Portuguese has grown during the pandemic, and we are now able to better follow along with the sermons. My (Annabel's) doctor appointments have been another area of use for our language skills. My ultrasound doctor doesn't speak any English and the first time I saw him, the appointment was pretty stressful on both sides due to the communication barrier. Just this past month, I had another ultrasound with him, and we were able to communicate so much better! It wasn't perfect, but an improvement nonetheless.

Along with language studies, we have begun some preparations for moving to Mozambique. We're making lists of the items we need to bring with us and the documentation we need to put together beforehand as well as the vaccinations that we still need. The most helpful of all have been phone calls with one of our teammate families in Mozambique who have been chatting with us about what to expect when we arrive as well as good practices to optimize our health in an area that has more disease and poorer healthcare than we're accustomed to. Mozambique is becoming more and more real to us as we work on these preparations, and we are so excited to be going to our new home in just a few months! BUT FIRST...BABY #2 will be joining us this December while we're still in Portugal.

Over our break between courses this past June, we had an opportunity to explore parts of Portugal. We took a couple days to relax at the beach in the Algarve where we enjoyed the best Mexican food we've found in Portugal so far (aside from our kitchen). There are many castles and old churches throughout Portugal, and we've enjoyed visiting two of them so far. In most of Europe, August is a rest month. Many people go on vacations and classes are on break. We will be taking this time to explore some more of Portugal: the relaxing beaches, the centuries-old castles/churches, and historic cities!

KID'S KORNER BY ELIAS (1 YEAR OLD)

I'm ONE now! In May, I had a fun time celebrating my first birthday. Mama and daddy decorated and made me a yummy carrot cake. I've been learning new skills like walking, running, using a spoon, putting away groceries, putting my laundry in the hamper, pouring my milk, and cleaning up my toys. I've also learned a few words...in English (mama, dada, wuv you/mama, banana), Sign Language (eat, milk, diaper, more, all done, pacifier), AND Portuguese (bola 'ball', lobo 'wolf')! My favorite activities are playing with daddy's screw driver, barking when I see/hear a dog, & being outside especially if there are sticks and rocks! These past months, I've had fun playing with my babysitter while mama and daddy take classes at home, but I'm excited to spend August exploring and playing more with them. They say that I'm getting a new friend to play with just before Christmas! I can't wait to have a little brother & best friend!



Mozambique Ministry Highlights

As with the rest of the world, Covid-19 has been impacting Mozambique. The MAF Moz team has been able to adapt to the situation and remain operational. Although the number of flights has decreased, an impact is still being made. Recently, the team performed a medevac flight for an individual injured by a buffalo, a medevac flight for an injured miner, and a flight for a missionary who had an eye injury. The team is currently requesting permission from both Mozambique and South Africa to allow crossing of the borders in order to obtain oxygen equipment from South Africa for Grace Mission Hospital's treatment of COVID patients in Mozambique.

Prayer Corner

- ◇ Continued healthy pregnancy for Annabel and Baby.
- ◇ Approval for the Moz team to transport the oxygen equipment needed.
- ◇ Continued language development for us particularly in our listening and speaking skills.
- ◇ Development of connections at the church we've been attending here.
- ◇ Open borders in Moz so that two families on our team can get into the country and serve with the other two families currently in country.
- ◇ Full funding for our vehicle in Moz.
- ◇ Relaxation and growth in our relationships with each other and with God during our month break.

Ministry Partnership Update



We have been so blessed by our ministry partners' continued support, especially during this time! Please know that you are all in our prayers, and we are so grateful for all of your financial and prayer support.

Our pressing financial need at this time is for our vehicle fund. **God has brought in over two-thirds of our needed funds which leaves us with \$10,606 remaining.** This vehicle is funded through generous one-time gifts of any amount. If God is calling you or your business to partner with us in this way, please see the contact information below:

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"In his name the nations will put their hope." Matt. 12:21 NIV