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### A glimpse at what your support made possible:

The first several months of 2025 were full of big changes for us as a family. Our much-needed extended home assignment wrapped up in May of 2025 with our youngest two daughters finally becoming U.S. citizens and obtaining the necessary documents to legally secure our family of five. This was greatly celebrated after many years of uncertainty and questions. Through your prayers and steadfastness, we embraced this victory. We were also able to spend time with many family and friends, travel, spent a week processing and debriefing with other missionaries, and visit churches. Throughout this time, we also were able to settle our oldest daughter into her next chapter of life in West Michigan. Again, through your prayers and many of you caring for us, and her, she has settled in well and is thriving.

This led us to a very different return to Mozambique as a family of four. Though the transition back has held many challenges, there have also been many ways the Lord has moved. In particular, I was given an amazing opportunity in which we traveled to Botswana to share at the African Palliative Care Association Conference (pictured right). I was able to share my Master's research on using the arts in palliative care. This experience was deeply encouraging to me as a nurse and an excellent opportunity to meet others who are doing similar work and to encourage one another in such valuable care at the end of life.



And finally, because of your great generosity, our team has been able to support a young man to get further medical treatment than we could provide. Our dear friend Fernando (pictured left in the green shirt) has had a wound on his leg that we were not able to cure with over five years of trying. With your help, we have been able to pay for him to go to a private clinic every day for dressing changes and this wound is closer than it has been for nearly six years. The gratitude that Fernando expresses to us is profound and will forever change his life and has given him much needed hope for his future.

### Challenges of 2025

The adjustment back to ministry after our time in the USA was more challenging than anticipated. In addition, because of funding changes and foreign donors, the health care system in Mozambique has experienced more challenges than in prior years. The local hospital that usually provides resources my team uses have not always been able to provide what we need. This not only has changed how we operate but it greatly affects the population and entire community around us. People are often trying to utilize the health system for things like malaria tests and the hospital doesn't have tests or treatment for this serious illness. Thanks to you, we have been able to purchase many supplies

privately so we can still provide holistic care to our palliative care patients. But this also leaves my team and me in a constant state of being pressed to help beyond our target population of those at the end of life. The need for adequate primary care is so great that people look to us to provide this as well. We are in a constant state of discerning when the Lord is prompting us help and when we need to refer to other resources. This is rarely easy when very ill people don't know where else to go for help.



*Malaria test/treatment and our palliative care team at Christmas.*

### **Please Pray**

Please pray for me and my palliative care team (Rabeca J., Mariana, Dorca, and Rabeca F.) as we make weekly visits to the patients on our census and for all of the losses we experience through death. Please pray the Lord will continue to sustain us and give us glimpse of His kingdom “on earth as it is in heaven.” May we always shine a light as we strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus to all we serve and everyone we encounter.

Pray for the health care system and the support that it needs to provide even the most basic care to the people in great need. Pray for leaders to have caring hearts and to consider the impact of their actions. Pray for honest servants within the health care system to do their best with what they have been given. Pray for discernment as we too often have weighty decisions to make without all of the tools to make these decisions with adequate information. May the Lord lead and guide us.



Please pray for me personally to have eyes and ears to see and hear the voice of God leading a guiding me as a mom, a wife, a nurse, a friend, an employer, an artist, a homeschool teacher, a leader. Pray for a larger community of support for our family and for deeper connections that encourage us to keep pressing on to what the Lord has in store for his kingdom and our part in it.