



African Outreach Ministries



The Harris Family
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Dear Dave,

Greetings from Mozambique!

What a busy couple months for us here in Africa, and lots of change happening. We are firstly excited to say that Gabriel, our oldest son is graduating high school on July 16th from Rift Valley Academy up in Kijabe, Kenya. Because it is a boarding school for missionary children from across Africa, and to make the most of school breaks when the children are at home with the parents, their school year ends a bit later than the traditional school years in the US or Europe. We are proud of him and in August, he will start as a freshman at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas. Big change number one for us.

Change two is that we as a family will be going to the States after Gabriel's graduation to spend five months in the States to be "closer" to Gabe as he adjusts to university and life in the States for the first time since age 6. We will use this time to report to churches, raise additional support, but also find time to rest as we get ready to start another 12 years, Lord willing, in Africa in January.

Change three is that we are finally finishing the house we started building when Gabriel started high school. Delay upon delay and more stress than we ever want to live through again, but finally, we are finishing -- well sort of. We will have the majority work done, but we will have to still complete the project when we return to Mozambique next year. We have given our notice on our rental house and will be moved out before Gabe's graduation.

Change is part of a missionaries life it seems. We find ourselves often saying "just part of the big adventure we are on." And actually that is very true. We all know that nothing on this earth will last forever. We are all on an "adventure," the question is at the end of the day (or time) is what did we do with what we had?

Blessings,

Scott, Lisa, Gabriel, Mariah, and Jayden Harris
Inhambane, Mozambique

P.S. The best way to stay up to date with our ministry is to sign up for Lisa's blog or one of our AOM related social media outlets, including Facebook where we have started regularly posting videos. Sign up by clicking the tabs below.



A Forgotten Video

Back in February, we celebrated the opening of a new church in Matimbine. Representatives from the other churches attend a great day of celebration in this village with song and dance, African style. Some churches even planned skits to teach people about God. We had this video ready, even put it out on our social media, but forgot to put in our newsletter. So enjoy and praise God for what He is doing here in Mozambique.



New Church Dedication

Alex Starts A Taxi Business

The ECHO Project was started to help address in real ways some of the many needs we encounter around us everyday living here in Africa. ECHO is an acronym for the following four areas: **E**ducation, **C**ompassion, **H**ope, and **O**ppportunity. While most of the monthly ongoing help the ECHO Project gives is in the way of medical and food assistance, occasionally there is an opportunity for us to help one of the CH to start a business to provide continuing ongoing support of their family "Opportunity."

Alex Matimbe is one young man the ECHO Project has been able to help in



ECHO Project has been able to help in the past. Alex started supporting himself by making bracelets and earrings. He was very faithful in his work and also used his money to put himself through driving school so he could get a better job. Alex then got a job driving a Tuc Tuc taxi in town, but would often times have to work 7 days a week as the owner was a Muslim man who wouldn't let him off on Sundays. Alex approached the ECHO Project for a loan to begin working for himself so he can be free to go and teach in the villages and to attend church again. In June, we were able to help him get that Tuc Tuc taxi.



Alex and his new Tuc Tuc Taxi

Pray for Alex and the success of his new business. We are proud of Alex and can't wait to see what blessings, hopefully for years to come, will be a result of the ECHO Project investment in him now.

To learn more about how you can help The ECHO Project, visit www.theechoproject.org

Thank you for your continued prayers for our family and your financial support to our **ministry**. We truly couldn't do it without you! Please contact us [directly](#) if you would like your church to be involved in our **ministry**.

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