

Scott and Lisa Harris are missionaries with African Outreach Ministries (AOM). Scott and Lisa have been married for over 31 years and have three grown children, one of which is now married. All three are currently living back in the United States.

AOM exists to obey Christ's command to make disciples who reproduce themselves and form churches. As AOM missionaries, Scott and Lisa are based in Inhambane, Mozambique, and are striving to make that vision a reality among the Tonga people. The Tonga people which were originally classified as an unreached people group (less than 2% evangelical Christian) when they moved there, are now considered engaged and partially reached (estimated currently as 3% evangelical). When AOM began its work among the Tonga, there was only one other Brazilian missionary working in the area, but today there are at least a half a dozen.

Currently, they are working with several churches they have planted, but the major focus of their work is discipleship. They spend most of their time mentoring and training the Mozambican disciples to take over the leadership and training in these different ministry locations. During the COVID pandemic, Scott and Lisa found themselves "trapped" Stateside for a period of about 10 months, unable to return until conditions allowed. This turned into a wonderful blessing, as it forced the local disciples to take complete responsibility for the work in Mozambique. Since their return, Scott has turned his focus towards coaching and setting up the infrastructure and direction for a greater emphasis on leadership training for the Mozambicans, rather than active church planting.



Wanting to have a holistic ministry, they responded to the social needs around them by starting the ECHO Project. Some of the ECHO Projects have included the drilling of water wells for communities in need of safe drinking water, assisting the Christian in the villages with vitamin supplements or hard to obtain medications, baby formula for HIV+ mothers, and monthly food packets to orphans or widows within the churches. The ECHO Project has also assisted students with eyeglasses and school fees, as well as sponsoring small business loans to help the local Christians develop a sustainable means of supporting themselves and their families.

Scott also continues to advise, encourage and train church leaders in Zimbabwe and Zambia where AOM has previously planted and developed self-sustaining churches over the last 40 years. More recently, he has expanded that ministry to include works in Brazil, and other African countries such as Kenya and Togo.

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