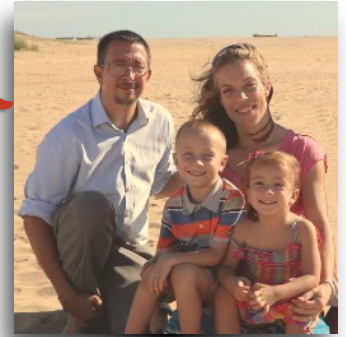




Branden & Laura Bowen



Ministry

Planting Churches

Praise & Prayer

- Stateside on short furlough
- Asher's treatment on legs
- Young guys preached in Jan.
- Continuance of spiritual growth
- Sensitive and searching hearts
- Continued work on building
- Wisdom and Strength
- Safety and health

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We arrived stateside...

...on February 7, and Asher's first doctor appointment was February 11. The orthopedic doctor in Madagascar really wanted Asher to be seen by a neurologist to make sure there wasn't a deeper spinal cord issue causing his muscle tightness. So, a main reason for this furlough was to follow up with that and see what Asher needs.

Asher has had MRIs done, and they are currently being reviewed by two more specialists. In the meantime, Asher is starting physical therapy and a series of casts and braces to lengthen and retrain Asher's leg muscles.

In between doctor appointments, we are able visit some of our supporting churches, and our schedule has already filled up! We are grateful for you all, and for the encouraging welcome we have received.

Ministry update

The young guys interested in preaching each had a Sunday in January to deliver their first sermon. They did well and it was encouraging to hear them. Branden and the national pastor had met with them for the month or so before, helping them study and put their sermons together.

We worked hard to get the new church building to a point where it could be secured to store the tools and building materials while we are on furlough. The main guys who have been working on the building all along are continuing that work while we are here in the States. We are very thankful for them, and they are currently building the wall around the church property.

When we return to Diego in May 2025, we will be focusing on ministry in the area of the new church building as we begin holding services there.

Please pray...

...that God will work in hearts in Diego, and pray for those who are leading and serving in the work there. Please pray for us as we travel and juggle the scheduling these remaining two months stateside, and for Asher as he has a lot of appointments. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support!

Pictures on following page



One of the young preachers



Finishing the floor of the church building



Asher and Xara sifting sand



Installing the doors on the church



Another young preacher



Building the wall around the church property

