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Dear Prayer Partners,

This last month has been a transition from the dry season to the rainy season. This has led to a decline in the temperature, making things cooler. Most people here are busy getting their land worked and crops put in. I have discovered two varieties of mango trees in my yard. The smaller variety ripened this last month and is dropping the final couple of mangos. The other tree has larger fruit and is still developing. Dominic's situation, which I mentioned in last month's update, has been resolved. The guilty parties were understandably reluctant to go to the police station to get the issue resolved. However, some others were able to mediate between them and the police so that Dominic could once again return home. He left a couple of days ago to see his family again. Your prayers had an impact on how quickly things were resolved!

I have been asked to preach three Sundays in a row beginning on Palm Sunday. My plan is to cover the triumphal entry through the resurrection. It has been a fascinating study comparing the Old Testament institution and instructions for the Passover on Nisan 14 and the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread on Nisan 15 to the recorded accounts of these last days of Christ in the Gospels. This has given greater significance to events on Palm Sunday and the following Thursday. The Bible studies continue to go well, though we were rained out one Wednesday. Peace Baptist got two loads of stones (pictured below) that we intend to break into smaller stones for use in the concrete beam at the top of the wall to tie the walls together. The extra gravel will be sold, and the process repeated to raise the remaining money needed for the roof. This is the first time a Madi church has done something like this to build a church, so I am praying it goes well and provides a template that other Baptist churches here can follow.

Some major progress has been made on the New Testament translation. David finished the final revisions for each of the books, and we have begun working through some difficult words, checking for both consistency and accuracy. We have spent quite a bit of time on words like principalities, power, might, and dominion in Ephesians 1:21 and similar passages. In Madi, the word "authorities" refers not to the people in power but to the laws, commandments, and constitution which those in power are to uphold and enforce. Through many explanations, discussions, and the Lord's help, solutions are being found. The last couple of TACs are being translated, and all of them should be ready to go for review in a couple of weeks. The translation worksheets for I and II Samuel have been completed. I have paused my work on I Kings to compile a list of people's names in the Old Testament. Thank you for your prayers and support!

Serving the Lord,
Anders Swanson



Praises:
Final revisions complete
Church construction moving forward
Dominic's situation has been resolved
Cooler weather

Prayer Requests:
Wisdom and direction as we check difficult words
Good progress to be made on the church construction
Strength and health for the work and ministry

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