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Dear Prayer Partners,

Seeing God at work and being a part of what He is doing in the world is one of the greatest privileges of serving the Lord. The daily grind of tasks and responsibilities sometimes dims our view of the greater picture, but when God gives us a glimpse of what He is doing through us in the lives of others, it certainly makes everything worthwhile. In June, I attended the WorldView conference in Nashville, Indiana. I was refreshed and encouraged by each of the sessions and interactions with the people there. There is no accurate way to quantify the blessing of being around like-minded individuals who have the same burden and passion for translation and facing similar challenges. I am so thankful for the advice and encouragement from that time.

I am getting excited to be a few short months away from heading to the field! God has **provided 78%** of the support required, which leaves just 22% left to go. My mission board has sent me a checklist to work through in preparation for departure to Uganda. My **outfit and passage budget** has been set at \$20,978. This includes airfare, extra luggage, a generator, initial costs in renting a compound, furniture and appliances, and a vehicle. If you would like to contribute to this need, you can make a check out to Baptist World Mission and write Anders Outfit and Passage in the memo line. BWM's mailing address is listed below.

July was a busy month as I returned to Iowa, where I helped my brothers build a shed and attended my sister's wedding. I did not have much to do for the wedding except help with setup for the reception and clean up afterwards, along with ushering for the ceremony. I also had two excellent meetings in Michigan. My second meeting was in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan near the Porcupine Mountains. I took a day off to visit the Lake of the Clouds and hike 20 miles through the mountains in eight hours. I was exhausted by the end of the day, but it is definitely a place worth returning to. My only regret is not seeing a black bear there.

I have received several questions from the Madi team regarding particular words or verses as they check their translation of Matthew. The last question was from chapter 23, so they are close to finishing this book and moving onto the final book of Revelation. My goal is to finish checking the last three chapters of Hebrews during August and move onto Peter. I have also finished putting together the translation worksheets for the book of Genesis in preparation for our transition to Old Testament in the coming year. This is a large task that must be worked on consistently to remain ahead of the translation team. Please be praying for the Madi team, as Satan has been attacking, seeking to discredit the ministry and translation there. Serving the Lord,

**Anders Swanson** 





Praises:
Safety on the roads
Support at 78%
Time with family
Excellent meetings
Fellowship of believers
Divine appointments

Prayer Requests:
Provision for the last 22%
Provision for outfit and
passage
Satan to be defeated, and
God's glory magnified with
Madi ministry





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