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Dear Prayer Partners,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! This has been my first time overseas during the holiday season. After growing up in the Midwest, it was a rather surreal experience to be walking down a dusty street in 90-degree weather and hearing Jingle Bells being played over the loudspeakers of a store. It just doesn't feel like Christmas without freezing temperatures and snow! If you were to ask a Ugandan what Christmas is, they would tell you beef and rice, as well as new clothes. Without these, they have not celebrated Christmas. I was asked to preach at Peace Baptist Church a couple of times, leading up to Christmas, as well as the Christmas Day service. I focused on Matthew 1-2, Luke 2, Isaiah 9:6, and Micah 5:2, explained the events leading up to and surrounding Christ's birth, the whole reason for celebrating Christmas, and where our focus as believers should be during this time of year. It is really incredible to think of Christ's humility in everything He did here on earth because He sees us as His prized inheritance.

December began with my assisting the Lhukonzo team in Kasese. I had to quickly switch mental gears from Hebrew grammar to Greek grammar as I answered many questions from the newest team members who are learning Greek. They very descriptively told me their brains were on fire from the friction of processing Greek grammar and syntax. My return trip to Adjumani took an extra six hours as the first bus was not on time, which caused me to miss my target bus in Kampala. The other bus I took left later and made extra stops along the way. The Madi translators were able to attend a pastor's conference in Moyo during this time, which was a significant blessing to them.

We closed the office on December 19<sup>th</sup> with two-thirds of the Hebrew lessons completed, the final review committee checks for the New Testament completed, and good progress on the consistency checks. The translators and their families gathered at my place for a fellowship meal and service (see photos below). It was a wonderful day of fellowship, sharing testimonies of God's blessing as well as prayer requests and praying for one another. It is a reminder that the effectiveness of one's ministry can be affected by health issues or other family problems and can also provide strong support to effective ministry.

I have made good progress on creating the Old Testament translation worksheets. This consists of two steps: the first is copying the data into documents with one paragraph per document, and the second is formatting the individual documents. I have finished copying the entire Old Testament into paragraph documents and am now left with the more time-consuming task of formatting it all.

Serving the Lord,  
Anders Swanson



Praises:  
Wonderful fellowship with translators and their families  
Profitable time in Kasese  
Opportunities to serve in Peace Baptist Church

Prayer Requests:  
TIN # to be approved  
Adjusting to life here  
Guidance on where to step into church ministry  
Wisdom for the translators  
Final checks for the NT

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