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Dear Prayer Partners,

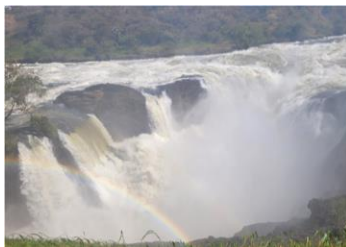
I am grateful for your continued prayers and support. The days often slide by with the routine of daily life and work, but others are punctuated by challenges or difficulties, whether personal, cultural, or ministry-related, or by missing the familiar culture in the U.S. Thank you for praying for guidance on where I should step into church ministry. Recently, I have started leading the Wednesday evening Bible study time, teaching through Genesis. The people here have never had the Old Testament translated into their language, so their knowledge and understanding of the Old Testament is very limited. We have had several good questions and discussions in these Bible studies. One question this last Wednesday in Genesis 3 revealed to me that some teaching has come from an allegorized interpretation of Scripture rather than a literal one. I am also preaching occasionally on Sunday at Peace Baptist Church.

The beginning of January found me traveling to Arua to spend a couple of days with a missionary family there. It was a refreshing time playing games, eating homemade pizza and fudge, and enjoying good fellowship. On January 5-8, Independent Baptist Fellowship of East Africa held its seventh annual conference in Masindi. There were pastors and believers there from Uganda, Kenya, the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, and Rwanda. Our travels to and from the conference led us through the Murchison Falls game park. We saw a lot of African wildlife along the road, and on our way back, we stopped at the top of the Falls. The beauty and power of the Falls were incredible to witness (see photo below).

Work at the office has resumed as well. Mark was the first book translated and is being rechecked utilizing the knowledge and experience gained from translating the rest of the New Testament. David is checking punctuation and spelling along with verse numbering. The others have been identifying words to be checked for consistency. I am now compiling a more comprehensive list of these words through English and Greek word searches. The goal is to focus on one word and check it throughout the Madi translation to ensure accuracy and consistency in its translation. The challenge for me is that one Greek word may be translated with several different English words, based on context, and several Greek words may be translated with the same English word. I will also need to do this for the Old Testament in the future.

Stephen helps me maintain my place and provides security while I am at the office. He organized a youth camp here in Adjumani. He faced many challenges as it was his first time, but around 50 young people attended, and the camp has good potential for future growth. Reaching the youth is a needed ministry.

Serving the Lord,
Anders Swanson



Praises:
Fellowship with fellow missionaries
Progress on the consistency checking
Opportunities to serve in Peace Baptist Church

Prayer Requests:
TIN # to be approved
Continued adjustment to a different culture
Wisdom and clarity for us in the final checking stages

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