

Dear Prayer Partners,

## June 2024

The last couple of months seem to have flown by. My travels in April took me to northern Minnesota and Indiana. Then, I traveled to Texas and Iowa in May. All these trips added up to around 7,500 miles! It is really neat to see the vast change one witnesses in climate, crops, vegetation, wildlife, and culture while traveling from north to south in just a couple of days. Regardless of the distance and differences, it is encouraging to see God at work in the lives of believers and churches around the country. I am sometimes surprised, when meeting new people, by the connections that are made through shared acquaintances or places. I have even met a couple people who lived in or regularly traveled through my home area in rural lowa.

While in Minnesota, I visited the headwaters of the Mississippi River. It flows out of Itasca Lake and is a mere 20 feet across, which is vastly different from the lengthy I10 bridge crossing it in Louisiana. I also filled the pulpit for my pastor in Iowa as he was away visiting family. My brothers and I took a lengthy canoe trip down part of East Fork Des Moines River. We saw plenty of wildlife, endured a couple thunderstorms passing through, floated over and under several electric cattle fences, and obtained the close scrutiny of several herds of cattle. We also spent a few hours pulling thistles and other weeds in the pastures at home. I also participated in the commencement concert with my younger brother Elijah, who is in college. We sang Mendelssohn's *Elijah*. It is a beautiful piece depicting Elijah's life and ties in correlating passages of scripture.

I am very thankful to report that my **support is at 78%**! Expectations are oftentimes deceitful as the reality we experience seldom matches how we thought things would be. This has been true for me on deputation where many things, positive and negative, have not always been what I expected. However, I am thankful to be able to rely on God for everything regardless of the blessings and challenges.

The translation work continues to progress steadily. I am currently working through Hebrews 10, and the Madi team has recently finished group checks of Matthew 9. In addition to these group checks, they are also working through the final checks in previously translated books, looking for errors in spelling, grammar, punctuation, and a few other things. Please pray for the physical, material, and spiritual needs of the translators as they seek to translate God's word, provide for their families, face the challenges of life, and lead other believers and their churches. It is an awesome privilege and responsibility to serve the Lord! Serving the Lord,

Anders Swanson



Praises: Safety over the many miles Support at 78% Time with family Excellent meetings Prayer Requests: God's provision of support Madi team: group checks of Matthew Checking Hebrews God's leadership in the life of each translator

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