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Dear Prayer Partners,

I am writing this from the Pearl of Africa as I sit among the Lhukonzo translation team. Uganda is a beautiful country with much variety between the north and the south. The south is better suited to growing bananas, and they have many varieties of them. The matoka banana is often steam cooked and served in a consistency resembling mashed potatoes. This is then usually eaten by hand with each clump of matoka being dipped in a sauce, which is served with it. In some parts of the country, one can also see street vendors selling gonja. Gonja is another banana that has been roasted, peeled, and sold to passing travelers and other customers. It has a good flavor as the roasting seems to bring out the sweetness in the banana.

I am coming to the conclusion of a busy three week trip to Uganda. I arrived in Uganda on July 18, and I connected with brother Moss and his team. We began traveling to Adjumani on the 19 and passed through a game preserve on the morning of the 20th. We took a three-hour boat tour on the Victoria Nile to see Murchison Falls. Along the riverbank, we saw elephants, giraffe, water buck, hartebeest, impala, cape buffalo, hippopotamus, crocodile, baboons, and a variety of other birds and wildlife. God's creation is certainly beautiful, and I am very thankful for the opportunity to see another part of it.

On Sunday the 23, I was able to preach in a small church in Moinya located some distance out in the bush. The church was encouraged and helped by our coming. These small, village churches often struggle as some of their pastors have little-to-no Bible training. These pastors do their best to teach and preach what they know, but with no training and limited understanding of English, the churches can become discouraged. On the 30th, I preached in another church that was being started back in 2019. The church had fallen apart in 2019 and is being restarted since 2021. I have had several people express to me their desire for the Madi Bible because they are really struggling to understand God's Word without it.

July 24-28 we hosted a pastors' conference in Adjumani with around 60 believers and pastors in attendance. Brother Moss taught on the feasts of the Old Testament in the morning with several of us preaching in the afternoons. During this week, we also hosted children's outreaches in a couple schools in Uderu and Ciforo. More than forty children responded to the Gospel and trusted Christ as their Savior. On July 31, I traveled to Kasese to be with the Lhukonzo team for a few days before I return to the States on August 6. They are working on group checks in John 18, and Mark is in the final stages of the checking process. I am really looking forward to the time when I can return full time and be immersed in this great work!

Serving the Lord,
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Praises:
Safe trip to Uganda
New support
Salvation of many souls
Churches and believers
being encouraged
Translation progress

Prayer Requests:
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Madi team: group checks
of Ephesians
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