



JAARS

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

What is impossible with man is possible with God.
Luke 18:27

What's the connection with waiting, strength, and joy? As I sat down to write this letter, two verses came to mind that connected for me in a new way—highlighting what we've experienced this year at JAARS.

"Those who wait for the LORD's help find renewed strength."
(Isaiah 40:31a, NET)

"The joy of the LORD is your strength." (Nehemiah 8:10c, NET)

How is it that waiting leads to renewed strength? Often waiting can be frustrating and discouraging. Why is it taking you so long to answer, Lord? Are you not hearing my prayers? Am I asking for the wrong thing?

Then suddenly God answers—often beyond what we could ask or imagine—and joy overwhelms our hearts. The anxiety, frustration, fear, and doubt dissolve. Suddenly we see God at work, and our hearts and spirits are encouraged.

And that joy—God's joy—renews our strength to face the next challenge, pray the next prayer, or seize the next opportunity. Having seen God at work, we know we can trust him for what's next. Rather than allow anxiety and doubt to return, joy reminds us that God is present, alive, on mission.

For us at JAARS, 2014 began with great challenges and many unanswered prayers. While the ministry opportunities before us kept growing, it felt like our capacity was shrinking. Areas we believed God called us to step into were on hold because we had no one to lead them.

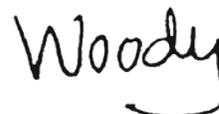
So in the spring, we did something very different for JAARS—we launched a *campaign*. And in our campaign, we asked God to raise up *people* to join with us in making Bible translation *possible*. We invited people like you to pray with us and to consider how they might engage with God's work at JAARS—either for the first time or in new ways.

And do you know what? God answered. In the pages of this report you can read about many of the ways he worked in and through people like you. Once again, God used both long-term, faithful servants—and the timely provision of newcomers—to help make Bible translation possible.

As 2015 begins, God is renewing our strength. The joy we experienced last year in seeing his help arrive gives us courage and strength for the challenges ahead.

May the Lord Jesus Christ likewise fill your heart with joy and renew your strength to serve him with greater faithfulness, love, and hope in 2015 and beyond.

Your brother in Christ,



Woody McLendon
President



This year gave us many reasons to praise God: The expertise and ingenuity of those we serve. Open doors. New partnerships. The fervent prayer and generous gifts of people like you. All of these, blessed by God's favor, are making Bible translation possible.

AVIATION

In Australia and Tanzania, new flight programs are saving workers days and weeks of travel, allowing them to move forward with Bible translation, literacy, and Scripture use. God's timely provision also allowed engineers in our hangar to design a stretcher for our partner's helicopter in Cameroon, along with an ingenious means of quickly installing it to transport critically ill patients.

LAND TRANSPORTATION

Ministry in Papua New Guinea was strengthened by this year's arrival of a sturdy truck to rescue stranded vehicles. We customized many features to make the truck useful in the rugged conditions that Bible translators there face regularly; see more at www.jaars.org/rescue-truck.

And a new truck for ATALTRAB, our translation partner in Chad, is making travel to remote areas much safer and easier—resulting in more visits, training, and changed lives.

WATER TRANSPORTATION

JAARS purchased and outfitted a 60-foot boat this year to share Scriptures in the Torres Strait; read more on page 9. We also continued outfitting a used, 33-foot boat to support translation and literacy in the Pacific.

2,613 passengers flown by Pilatus PC-6 #4, covering a total of 69,836 miles, since its first operational flight in Indonesia on November 22, 2013

59 motorbikes sent to five countries in Africa; maintenance and safety courses also prepared workers for traveling to remote areas

34 water safety kits provided for teams who must travel on oceans, lakes, and rivers to further Bible translation

224 satellite emergency beacons in 15 countries monitored by JAARS to ensure our colleagues receive help in an emergency, including 30 deployed or replaced this year



Robbers attacked an Ethiopian translator and stole his laptop, phone, and money. Thank God, he recovered—and we recovered his translation work, too. JAARS had just provided him with a device that allowed him to back up his work online.
—Marc Secchia, IT manager, SIL Ethiopia

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Technology is critical to Bible translation—for working with consultants, backing up drafts, and much more. Training workshops this year improved the skills of more than 40 IT workers who traveled to Kenya and Togo from 19 countries across Africa.

Thanks to generous people like you, our Where Needed Most fund also boosted Bible translation by sending laptops to translators in Burkina Faso, providing Internet upgrades for regional translation centers, improving security and communications in West Africa, and building IT staff capacity in Asia.

MEDIA

Your gifts and prayers this year provided recording equipment in Australia, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, and Timor, where teams are now sharing God’s Word through nonprint media. We also celebrated the delivery of audio Scriptures for the Nafe people in Vanuatu; see page 17.

- 13** Scripture website workshops in
- 9** countries resulted in
- 95** new sites, plus more underway, representing
- 139** minority languages with
- 193** local people as website managers

In her village in South Asia, “Padma” (featured below) heard the Gospel of Mark in her language for the first time this year—and her heart responded.

Thanks to your support, we completed an audio recording studio in Padma’s country in November 2013. By the early months of 2014, our colleagues had recorded Scriptures, loaded them onto handheld audio players, and distributed them in her community.

And so it was that this young mother came to know Jesus. As her new life in Christ took root, Padma sensed God was calling her to give up her liquor business—the main source of income for her family. But how would they survive?

One Sunday during church Padma made her decision. She stood up and committed, “Whether my family lives or dies, from today on I’m going to give up my liquor business and follow Christ wholeheartedly.”

Within a week the church helped her open a small shop selling groceries and vegetables—a beautiful lesson for this new believer that God can be trusted and blesses his children’s faithfulness.



What JAARS does from day to day keeps us going. And what we do from day to day, in the end, helps every tribe, tongue, and nation to hear the Word of Life.
—Jeremiah Diedrich, chief pilot, SIL Brazil

We're blessed to work with more than 70 partner organizations around the world. When they have a challenge, we pray, roll up our sleeves, and work together to make Bible translation possible. Sometimes that means building solutions from scratch; other times, we provide the research, program management, funding, or networking that lead to the best solution.

SOLIDARITY WITH ACATBA

Life has been incredibly difficult for translation teams in the Central African Republic since rebels took over their country in March 2013. A fellow translator was killed that December while trying to get his wife and children to safety. Yet our colleagues at ACATBA continue to cling to God and persevere in translating his Word. JAARS is privileged to stand by them with prayer and support. We provided relief funds this year, as well as support for Internet access, allowing them to stay connected to the outside world and continue with Bible translation. See more at www.jaars.org/rebel-takeover.

- 77** new missionaries, heading to 22 different countries, developed the skills and attitudes they'll need to serve effectively during our intercultural communications courses
- 12** mission aviation organizations sent pilots or mechanics to JAARS for training to ensure they are ready for conditions on the field; meet the trainees at www.jaars.org/PFO
- 3** translation teams trained at JAARS in water safety prior to their departure for the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, and Papua New Guinea

COLLABORATION WITH AuSIL

A 60-foot boat, the *Coweambah*, will soon ply the Torres Strait, Australia, with a unique home port displayed on its stern: Waxhaw, NC. Islanders chose our town—even though we're nearly 200 miles from the nearest ocean—to honor supporters like you who made this ministry tool possible.

JAARS purchased and refurbished the vessel this year—and as the program took shape, our partnership with the Australian Society for Indigenous Languages (AuSIL) evolved and expanded. Together we decided that JAARS will own and operate the boat, while AuSIL will lead Scripture engagement. The boat crew comes from Wycliffe New Zealand and Wycliffe USA, a perfect example of the partnerships that make Bible translation possible. Learn more at www.jaars.org/6111.



POSTCARDS

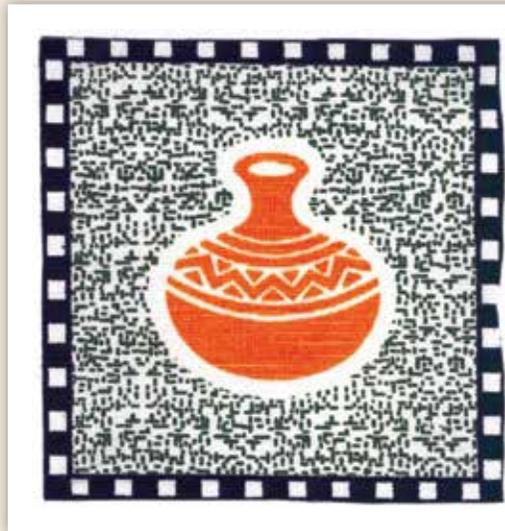


From Caleb Ndaram
ATALTRAS, CHAD

Hello from Chad!
Thank you from my heart for:
- Motorcycles and user training
- The vehicle, its accessories and servicing means got;
- Good management of the Internet Communications network that allows us to be in contact with Partners around the world
These resources have facilitated access for hard to reach areas and will achieve good results in the Bible translation in Chad
Praise the Lord!
May God richly bless JAARS!
We are praying that He continue to provide support for the work of His transforming word trans- lated in the languages of the...

Thank you so much for airstrip and enjoying the trip to our local language area. We were able to do the Community testing. We just spent a single day, the place where we normally spend two days each way.
Thank God, my love you really

From UTB, Mboya, Tanzania



JAARS,
THANK YOU FOR ALL THE TRAINING OF PILOTS AND MECHANICS THAT YOU DO FOR US HERE IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA. BOTH THE INITIAL PRE-FIELD TRAINING AND THE RECURRENT TRAINING THAT YOU PROVIDE GIVES US THE ASSURANCE THAT OUR AVIATION STAFF ARE WELL PREPARED AND EQUIPPED TO SERVE THE TRANSLATION NEEDS OF BIBLE TRANSLATION HERE IN PNG.

RICK NACHTIGAL
DIRECTOR OF AVIATION
SIL PNG

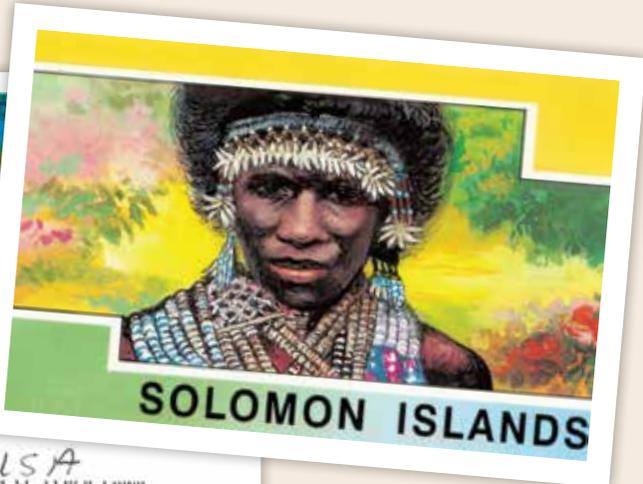
Thank you, very much for helping the recording of different language in Solomon Island, they will be listening to their own language. God will bless you as you continue to support the work of Christ in Solomon Island!

God! Bless
JAARS
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USA

Solomon Islands - A Day's Photography

HELLO FRIENDS,
Greetings to you in Jesus' Name. Thank you for your support towards the "Recording Training" we had here in Honiara, Solomon Islands. It was truly a blessing to learn new things that can help us become effective men & women in God's ministry here on earth.

Solomon Islands Philatelic Bureau PCPS/11



USA

A warrior from Simbo Island, Honiara

A man took some Scriptures home and his daughter said, "Daddy, this is so delicious. Can you bring us more?" JAARS will be there for the next generation of Bible translators and projects. Thank you for making those "delicious" moments possible.
—Bonnie Nystrom, Bible translator and JAARS board member

Veteran workers still get excited about how they witness God working through Bible translation. John and Marlene Custer, for instance, have partnered with JAARS for more than seven years, investing their time, prayers, and finances. Today they are serving with a partner in Vanuatu, where they write, "Being at JAARS expanded our knowledge and passion for missions...While here in Vanuatu, we have met and had dinner with many islanders—one of whom is Pastor Joshua, who is effectively leading many to Christ using the audio players provided by JAARS supporters."

89,376 hours logged by 258 volunteers at JAARS—in everything from aviation to grounds keeping to administration

52,000 people reached by JAARS through events, classes, speakers, and presentations

238 people, from 25 different church teams, who spent time at JAARS on short-term mission trips

50 percent increase in the number of JAARS advocates through The Campaign for Possible

Support for Bible translation is carried out, first and foremost, by people. Some work at our campus in North Carolina; others serve remotely. Some pray, others invest time or financial resources, and still others serve by sharing our story—each according to his or her strengths and calling.

In particular, God spoke to the hearts of many people this year through The Campaign for Possible. Below are reflections from just a handful.

I got the mail and found the brochure for The Campaign for Possible. When I saw that an editor/writer was needed, I got excited. I can do that! I thought. Then I ran down the driveway and called my husband.

—Robin Bratton, new JAARS co-laborer

The excitement I felt after my first trip to JAARS was so strong. As I read about The Campaign for Possible, I had a great desire to become an advocate, especially since it is something I can do while I work in my current job as a teacher.

—Karen Fischer, new JAARS advocate in South Carolina

Though I have been faithful in prayer for the unreached, I feel like it is time to invest more. It is such a high honor to join with others in Bible translation efforts, and the possibility of global evangelization within my lifetime gives me such joy!

—Hannah Detweiler, new JAARS financial partner

About two years ago I started asking the Lord to teach me to pray. Now I receive Prayerline by email and use it to pray more specifically for JAARS every day. I have seen glimpses of how he works when we pray, and prayer is becoming a passion. I praise God for how he is teaching me!

—Tina Weber, new JAARS prayer partner



PLANNING

The last thing Jesus said was to take this gospel to all people. It must have seemed impossible at the time. But look where we are today! Remarkably, however, the job is still not complete. There are still over 1,800 languages that have no Scripture. I believe God is giving us the ability and the tools to finish the job.
—Bernie May, former JAARS president and founder of The Seed Company

How has God uniquely gifted JAARS? And how does God want to use those gifts in the future?

These questions formed the core of a year-long discernment process that JAARS undertook in 2014. Our leaders listened to input from partners, staff, and—most important—the Lord about what he is doing and how he wants to use JAARS. The end result of this process was an affirmation of our historic calling—plus bold new directions for growth and impact.

God has uniquely equipped JAARS to help reach the last languages without Scripture. Our desire is that no Bible translation and language development effort, anywhere on earth, would be hindered by transportation or technology barriers. We strive toward that end, realizing that only God can make it possible.

Throughout our planning effort, we recalled many instances in our history when God miraculously removed barriers to translation. We reflected on our expertise, resources, and networks, and we sought the Lord about how best to use those tools to support Bible translation.

WHAT WE HAVE DETERMINED

God is calling us to be bold. Hundreds of millions of people still have no Scripture in their heart language—many because of barriers we're uniquely capable of removing when we have sufficient resources. We must increase our capacity.

Our partners have different needs. Some have their own transportation and technology staff, while others rely heavily on JAARS' expertise. We must offer a range of support to mirror the range of needs.

We are uniquely equipped to solve problems in transportation, technology, and media. We will continue building on our history of innovation and strong partnerships in these areas.

Our training programs are key to sustainable impact. Our highly respected aviation and intercultural communications training programs prepare people to have a sustainable impact in challenging places. Investing in training is a key way that JAARS can strengthen translation work.

We want to help the church accomplish the Great Commission. We are blessed to connect you with what God is doing through Bible translation all over the world. This commission doesn't belong to a select few—it is the work of the whole Church, joining together to reach "the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).



Photo by Marc Ewell

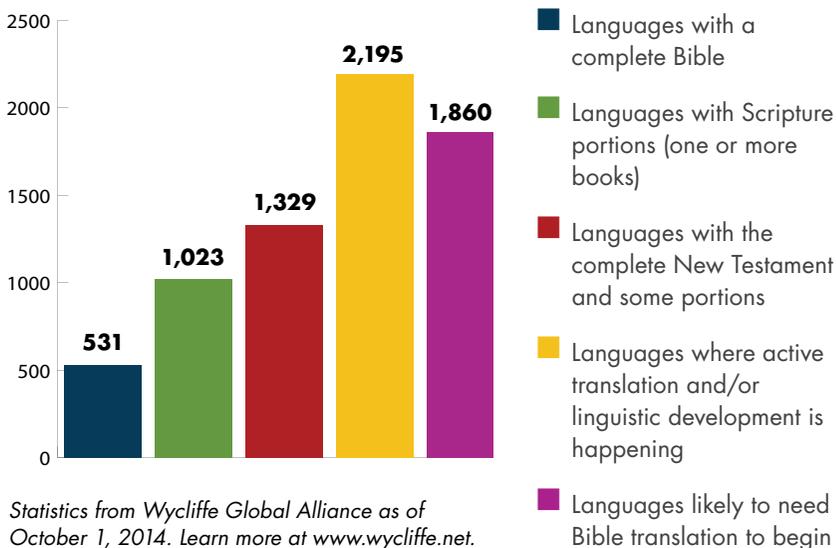
That was God's Word ... and I listened!
 —Iaina, a North Tanna speaker in Vanuatu,
 while wiping away tears after hearing Scriptures
 in her language for the first time

For 65 years, we've watched God work—bringing understanding, peace, hope, and transformation when people experience his Word in their heart language.

But so many still wait. And the road ahead will be more challenging than ever. JAARS is deeply burdened to step up our support for Bible translation. So, we're believing in possible, despite the obstacles—and we are praying and working for transformation in more places, for more people, in less time.

Visit www.jaars.org or call **800-890-0628** to learn how you can join us in making Bible translation possible.

2014 Scripture and Language Statistics



A lifelong shaman in Vanuatu, Olfala Jimmy* (featured below) had no interest in the newly completed North Tanna Scriptures. But he was intrigued when he overheard his own language coming from a MegaVoice audio player one day.

Jimmy soon visited a local pastor, listened to the first chapter of John's Gospel, and begged to keep the device so he could hear more. "This MegaVoice tells the truth. I'm going to follow what it says," he announced. Jimmy told his friends about Jesus, and even asked his pastor to pray against the very spirits he had previously invoked.

Today, more than five years later, Jimmy is attending Bible school. He never learned to read or write—and still faithfully depends on his audio player to study Scripture.

Thanks to generous people like you, MegaVoice players are changing even more lives in Vanuatu today. Your gifts provided 1,000 audio players this year, similar to the one Jimmy treasures, for the Nafe people as they celebrated the completion of the New Testament in their heart language.

**Olfala* ("old fella") is a term of respect for elders in the Pacific Islands.



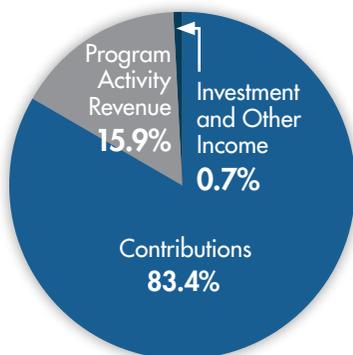
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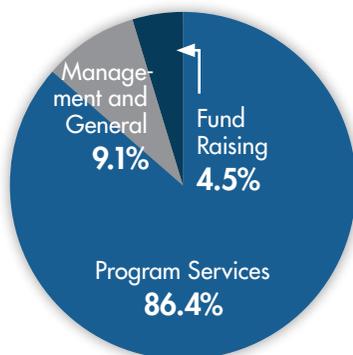
Photo courtesy of MegaVoice



FISCAL YEAR 2014



INCOME



EXPENSES

(IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

Contributions:	
Cash contributions	\$ 2,026
Noncash from public	658
Noncash from affiliates	6,046

Total Cash and Noncash Contributions \$ 8,730

Program Activity Revenue	1,662
Investment income	43
Other income	30

TOTAL INCOME \$ 10,465

Program services provided:	
Transportation	3,184
Information technology	229
Media (Language Development)	177
Ministry operations	5,428

Total program services \$ 9,018

Supporting activities:	
Management and general	946
Fund-raising	468

Total supporting activities \$ 1,414

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 10,432

Gain/(Loss) from Operations	33
Gain/(Loss) on disposal of assets	105

TOTAL GAIN FROM OPERATIONS \$ 138

100% of what you give goes to the project you designate! Support is also needed for the on-site design, development, research, training, and management at our headquarters. We work hard to be good stewards so that more dollars can go into supporting Bible translation. Learn more at www.jaars.org/JOP.



- The financial results reported are a selection of our full financial statements. Complete financial statements, audited by Capin Crouse, are available on request.
- A labor grant of \$6,046,314, representing career members supported by the contributions of friends and churches through Wycliffe Bible Translators, is recognized and reported as income and expense.
- Donated labor from volunteers amounted to \$1,589,008 of which \$592,650 qualified under SFAS 116 and is recognized and reported as income and expense.
- Depreciation of \$647,539 is not included in expenses.
- Total Net Assets on September 30 were \$7,934,449 of which \$1,668,780 were temporarily restricted.
- Amounts in this report represent the financial activity of JAARS, Inc. for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014.

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I believe that we have only begun to scratch the surface of the possibilities of the power of God, of what He can do, what He intends to do.

—Cameron Townsend, founder of JAARS, SIL International, and Wycliffe Bible Translators