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During training a pilot practices his take-off from a mountain airstrip in North Carolina. Read on page 2 about how God brought people and resources together to improve a JAARS aviation training runway.



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WELCOME GOD'S GRACE AT WORK

GRACE MILLER, EDITOR



I was sound asleep in the deep night of my North Carolina home when my cell phone chimed to alert me to an incoming email message. Once again, I had forgotten to turn down the volume while my phone was recharging. But now that I was awake, I groggily checked the message, in case it was an urgent bulletin from family.

It turned out to be a routine announcement from a translation support office in Malaysia. Nothing I needed to respond to right away, but it reminded me that the sun was shining on a busy afternoon in Southeast Asia, while the southeastern United States slumbered in darkness.

And that led me to ponder on the fact that the sun never sets on Wycliffe Bible Translators and its partner organizations, SIL and JAARS. Somewhere in the world, no matter what the hour, someone is working and praying on behalf of God's Word and the people whose hearts have yet to receive it.

In this issue of *Rev. 7*, you will learn how God brought people to

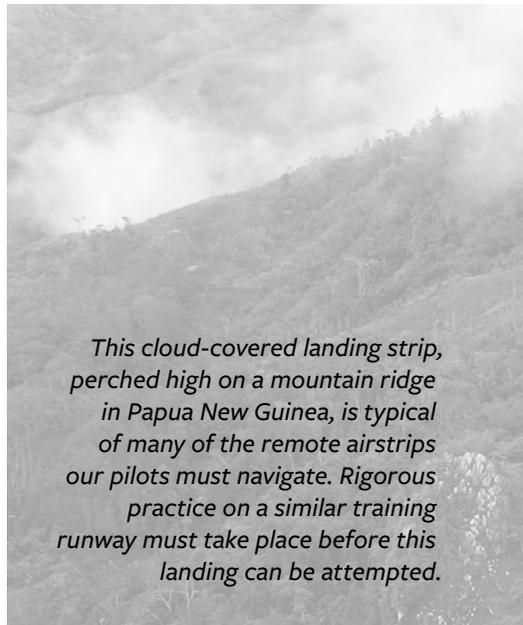
JAARS at different times and in different ways to improve a training runway. You will read about technology specialists across the continent of Africa joined to share solutions to technical issues. You will learn how a media consultant in Papua New Guinea worked with Christians there to reproduce and distribute videos that will improve the health of their communities. You will travel across the United States with a team that takes specially-built mission aircraft almost anywhere it can land to enlighten people about Bible translation and our support role. And if you are inspired by these stories, you can learn how you can have a part in the work of JAARS.

As Psalm 74:16 acknowledges, "The day is yours, and yours also the night; you established the sun and moon." Day and night, by God's grace, the translation of Scripture continues. And JAARS—with your partnership—never stops supporting that work.

COVER STORY

[AIR] FIELD OF DREAMS

RICHARD SHIPMAN



This cloud-covered landing strip, perched high on a mountain ridge in Papua New Guinea, is typical of many of the remote airstrips our pilots must navigate. Rigorous practice on a similar training runway must take place before this landing can be attempted.



THE THEME OF THE BOOK, AND THEN THE MOVIE, WAS, “IF YOU BUILD IT, HE WILL COME.” THE THEME FOR THE JAARS WORKERS WAS, “IF YOU BUILD IT, GOD WILL PROVIDE.”

“Field of Dreams,” a hit movie from the 1980s (adapted from the novel “Shoeless Joe” by W.P. Kinsella), is a captivating story about an Iowa farmer who turned his land into a baseball diamond, confident that baseball legends would come if he built it. JAARS had its field of dreams, too, but it was a runway extension needed to train pilots to spread the Word of the Lord.

Missionary flying is perhaps the most challenging in the world. For example, the runway used by JAARS partners at Aziana, Papua New Guinea, is carved out of the forest at an elevation over 4000 feet. Its grass strip is short, narrow, and steeply sloped, with animals frequently grazing in the touch-down zone. Why would anyone risk flying into a field like this? Because the choices are a two-day overland trip or a nine-minute flight! The question then becomes: “How do you train pilots to operate safely out of airstrips like this?”

The answer: you send your pilots to JAARS. For years, JAARS has supported mission aviation with specialized pilot training. Challenging airfields such as Aziana are not unique, so mission flight training must prepare pilots accordingly. Unfortunately, the existing grass strips at JAARS lacked slope and were just too short to accommodate the larger, turbine-powered aircraft that were coming into missionary service. JAARS pilots-in-training compensated for these shortcomings by flying to nearby fields but by 2009, several of these fields had closed, and the only one that had appreciable slope was up for sale.

The need for a new runway was clear, but the source of funding was not. Trusting in the Lord’s provision, JAARS Aviation personnel started construction anyway, clearing trees to extend an existing 600-foot, north-south runway. The theme of the book, and then the movie, was, “If you build it, he will

come.” The theme for the JAARS workers was, “If you build it, God will provide.”

The first evidence of the Lord’s provision came when Andy Gudeman called JAARS. At the time, Andy was a campus worker with the Coalition for Christian Outreach at Penn State–Harrisburg. He had learned about JAARS from reading “Into the Glory,” the history of JAARS, and had called on a whim to see if there might be an opportunity for a mission-related trip for a group of engineering students. Yes, there was! While other students spent their spring break sleeping and partying, this group spent theirs planning and surveying. In another example of the Lord’s provision, an engineer from Andy’s affiliated church, who had worked on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, joined the team. Using this combination of expertise and dedication, the team surveyed the new runway site, staked out the boundaries, and came up with



A volunteer team from Savannah (GA) Christian Church labored in the summer sun to clear a path for the runway extension.

cost projections to complete the extension. With a plan in place but still no funding, aviation personnel at JAARS donated their time, equipment, and enough money to continue work on the runway. They cut down trees, cleared brush, dug out stumps, graded the extension (with their own equipment), and contoured side areas for erosion control. Nobody said this was going to be easy!

It soon became obvious that the project needed more volunteer labor. And the Lord provided. High school seniors from the Christian Academy in Sydney, Ohio used their annual mission trip to work on the runway. These motivated and dedicated youth cut down trees, piled logs for recycling, and hauled brush into the woods. Later that summer, a volunteer work team from Savannah Christian Church cut off the tree stumps and cleared the remaining brush between the runway and the woods.

The dedication of the workers was both inspirational and invaluable, but no amount of free labor could solve the next problem: dirt. The cleared surface needed

dirt—and lots of it—but there was no money to purchase this unglamorous but vital commodity. Many prayers went out about this dilemma, and again the Lord responded. “Seek and ye shall find,” says Matthew 7:7. And the JAARS team found the dirt right under their noses! The North Carolina Department of Transportation had replaced a bridge on a road leading into the JAARS campus, and had dumped their excavated dirt on JAARS property. It was there for the taking, so once again JAARS workers showed up with their ‘dozers and dump trucks to haul the fill dirt to the runway. When this amount proved insufficient, another “mother lode” of free dirt appeared at a nearby construction site.

Finally, in 2014, JAARS was able to devote the remaining funding necessary for topsoil, grass and a safety fence around the entire extension. They prayed for dry weather during the planting, and for rain once the seed was established. God answered both prayers.

The lengthened runway was dedicated March 22, 2016. It has varying degrees of slope throughout its 1400-foot length, is

“GOD DEFINITELY OPENED MY EYES TO WHAT MISSION WORK IS TRULY LIKE AND HOW WE CAN ALL BE USED.”



JAARS personnel gathered to dedicate the newly revamped training runway to God’s service, and to rejoice in the very first landing.

surrounded by trees, and replicates conditions pilots will experience overseas. They can now train in larger aircraft without leaving the JAARS airport, saving precious dollars otherwise spent flying to outlying fields.

The runway project accomplished all its goals and has been an unqualified success. But equally important was how its construction affected the people involved. One of the students on the surveying team from Penn State made this comment after the trip: “God definitely opened my eyes to what mission work is truly like and how we can all be used.” For Andy Gudeman, this trip influenced his decision to become a missionary pilot-mechanic. He now has his pilot’s license and is currently in training at MMS Aviation for his mechanic’s certificate. JAARS volunteers—too many to name—saw their faith, vision and hard work come together as tangible proof of what can be accomplished through trust in the Lord.



When Dan Miller wasn’t instructing helicopter pilots, he was manning a bulldozer to move dirt that built up the slope of the runway extension.

Eric Peterson, airport manager who oversaw the project, summed it up this way: “This was a team effort. It was the Body of Christ working together. God put this whole thing together, making us trust in him, and rest in his judgement.”

How the new north-south, sloping grass strip at JAARS came together was truly inspirational. We could call it a “field of dreams,” but more accurately, we should call it a “field of faith.”

Richard Shipman, a retired US Navy pilot, is now a volunteer member of the JAARS writing team.

SERVING TOGETHER

MISSIONS MAY BE COMING TO AN AIRPORT NEAR YOU!

GRACE MILLER

It's a pleasant day at a small county airport. Gleaming aircraft are parked in displays around the grounds. The buzz of a Helio Courier taking off from the nearby runway attracts attention, and a line forms to buy tickets for a ride. Excited children run from ice cream trailers to face-painting stations while their parents follow at a more leisurely pace, stopping to examine displays, watch short videos, and chat with former missionaries, retired pilots, and JAARS representatives.

The carnival atmosphere draws thousands of people every year for a more serious—and eternal—purpose. This is one of

YOUNG PEOPLE BECAME INTERESTED IN MISSIONS AVIATION AND EVERYBODY HAD FUN.

dozens of Missions at the Airport (MATA) events that JAARS has held across the country each year for more than 40 years. At airports, private landing strips, and even parking lots and open fields, the MATA team spreads the news about Bible translation and the support role JAARS plays.

Last year, Gerald Sweger invited Mike Mower, director of Missions at the Airport, to bring the program to Carlisle, Pennsylvania. The team arrived earlier in the week and flew the JAARS helicopter to several local Christian schools. The students, Sweger related, “got excited, went home and told their parents, and they all came back to the airport and enjoyed the weekend event.”

Sweger counts the experience a great success. “People got up close and personal with the missionary pilots, young people became interested in missions aviation, and everybody had fun,” he said. Local families offered lodging in their homes to the MATA staff, welcoming the opportunity to hear their stories about flying in remote places. Some of

A JAARS pilot introduces our helicopter to a group of Florida youngsters.



Photo courtesy of Mission Aviation Support Association of Florida

the pilots spoke in area churches on Sunday morning.

Sweger and Mower hope to be working together again in 2018. Preparing for the Carlisle event requires more time than money, according to Sweger. “We operate on a very low budget—usually less than 750 dollars—and we have corporate sponsors involved,” he pointed out. “Our organizing committee is about 16 people from 10 local churches, and it takes almost a year to plan.”

Mike Mower and his Missions at the Airport team are willing to travel almost anywhere to make people aware of Bible translation and how JAARS provides vital support. “The standard event is at an airport with airplanes and

helicopters,” he explains, “but if we’re only bringing the helicopter, we can operate in most places without an airport. We have church and school events, camp and conference events. Churches sometimes invite us to be part of their missions conference, or we may be part of a festival the church is holding.” He also cites community celebrations and airport open houses and fly-ins where JAARS has provided airplane and helicopter rides.

Everywhere he goes, Mower has the same message. “I walk up to people standing in line for an airplane or helicopter ride, and I say to them, ‘Let me tell you about JAARS...’”

Would you like to experience a Missions at the Airport event? Check the calendar on our website to find an event near you. Go to jaars.org/events. **Would you like to bring a Missions at the Airport event to your church, school, or community?** Contact Mike Mower, director of Missions at the Airport, at mike_mower@jaars.org or 704.576.1248.

REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT

AFRICA

Reaching remote communities: JAARS airplane in Tanzania and motorbikes traveling by boat.



GARY HARRIS

Turn on your television to any channel and each day seems to bring more upsetting news of atrocities committed by terrorist organizations in Africa, such as Al Qaeda in North Africa, Boko Haram in Nigeria, and Al-Shabab in Somalia. While these groups specialize in perpetrating unrest and violence, our Heavenly Father—The Lord of all Nations—is at work in the African church as it takes responsibility for Bible translation, language development, literacy, discipleship and evangelism.

But more than 1,500 language groups are still waiting to hear and read God’s Word in their heart language. That’s why JAARS is there, focusing our resources and solutions in transportation and technology to support our partners’ specific translation and ministry goals.

TRANSPORTATION:

We have learned that translation can’t happen without travel. Safe, affordable transportation is crucial for Bible translation work

to reach remote communities to get input, tests drafts, work with church leaders, and start literacy classes. But roads to these communities can be treacherous and sometimes impassable.



In Ethiopia, instructor John Pepper talks a driver through the process of navigating a “road” with a 4WD vehicle.

A **4WD vehicle** is often the right solution to transport people and carry needed supplies. Well-maintained vehicles can help our partners traverse rugged

pathways to get to rural villages. The result will be more visits, training, and changed lives.

In some of the more remote locations in Africa, even a 4WD vehicle may not be feasible. Then, **motorbikes** are often the answer for turning travel time from days into hours. For many, motorbikes are a better fit because they are affordable, easy to maintain, and work almost anywhere. Motorbikes, along with training in their use and care, have been provided for a number of translation teams in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Benin, Burkina Faso, and Cameroon.



Prospective drivers must learn to maintain and do basic repairs on a motorbike that will take them many miles into remote and rugged territory.

But sometimes air travel is the only answer. Our **Africa Aviation Initiative** focuses less on individual aircraft and more on providing locally appropriate, sustainable and timely solutions across the region. In some settings, pilots and aircraft supporting translation work

also make it possible for hospitals and clinics to serve remote rural areas, expressing God’s love in vital, practical ways.

TECHNOLOGY:

Dozens of our partners in Africa rely on technology—from software to satellites—to move forward in Bible translation. But it takes people to fix computers, install software, back up documents, and keep networks running smoothly. Trained IT staff are key. Regional training workshops have proven to be an effective way for IT staff in Africa to improve their skills*.

And equipment like laptops, modems, and broadband network systems—along with solar panels to power it all—results in faster, easier, and more accurate Bible translation work and more people groups getting God’s Word in their own language.

**Go to page 10 to learn how “Training and Connection are Key” for IT specialists in Africa.*

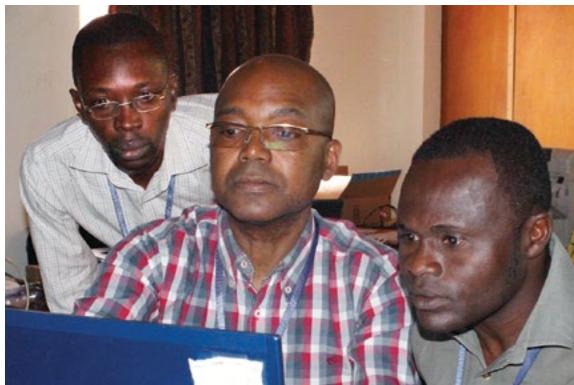
Gary Harris pastors a church in Lancaster, SC and has volunteered with the JAARS writing team for the past year.

MORE THAN 1,500 LANGUAGE GROUPS ARE STILL WAITING ...

Terrorists in Africa may use military weapons to spread fear, but JAARS supports the use of airplanes, 4WD vehicles, motorbikes, and IT equipment to spread the love of God. THANK YOU for your continuing support for the people of Africa, where hunger for God’s Word in their own languages is growing rapidly. To learn more, or add your support, go to jaars.org/Africa.

CREATING SOLUTIONS TRAINING AND CONNECTION ARE KEY

CHARITY ARMSTRONG



Sharing solutions to common problems is often cited by participants as one of the most valued aspects of an IT Connect workshop, which always begins with praising God and seeking his blessing.

Internet Technology (IT) personnel from Bible translation organizations all across Africa—and beyond—recently gathered for two yearly IT Connect conferences. Some traveled to Burkina Faso for the French speakers’ conference; others to Ruiru, Kenya, for the English conference. Some were first timers; others have come regularly for several years. All came to learn—to attend seminars and workshops focused on technical issues or to participate in opportunities for hands-on training. And they came to share ideas, solutions, and experiences as a cross-cultural community of workers committed to the Great Commission.

Their organizations rely on technology to move forward in Bible translation. Every office needs staff who can repair computers,

install and maintain software, and back up files. They need well-trained specialists to keep their networks, Internet, and power systems running smoothly. But technology is a fast-paced field—not a “learn once and done” skill.

Bill Mayes, the Africa IT Services coordinator who organizes and oversees the yearly IT Connect conferences, emphasizes that ongoing training is critical: “Professional people must keep grooming their skills in order to remain relevant in serving.” For Mayes, the goal of IT Connect is to “equip and encourage” the IT specialists who provide the vital support Bible translators and language workers need.

When 15 IT support specialists gathered at the French IT Connect conference in February, they were

concluding a full year of network management training. During the previous year, Jacques Akplogan, IT consultant for French-speaking regions, had met individually with these IT workers at their translation centers. He arranged for them to participate in a year-long network management course. At the conference in Burkina Faso, Akplogan taught them as they completed final course modules and practiced the content of the lessons. He and his colleague Richard Young will continue to coach the specialists when they return home and begin to use new skills.

Two colleagues from Togo, Patrick Dai and Didi Dzah, shared their personal highlights of the French conference. Patrick emphasized the technical value: “I discovered many theoretical things I did not know before ... and raised my level [of skill] in network security, Linux, and Windows environments.” Didi expressed a different perspective: “This training has changed my life a great deal. The teamwork and sharing, the atmosphere here, does me good. And it has allowed us to have a role in God’s work.”

The English IT Connect conference, held in March, drew 28 attendees representing 16 countries. A full slate of technical topics provided ample opportunity to update knowledge and problem-solve operational issues. Daily times of worship and prayer offered spiritual encouragement. Reviewing personal growth plans with conference leaders added incentive to continue improving

“THIS TRAINING HAS CHANGED MY LIFE”

technical skills throughout the coming year. First timer Burje Duro from Ethiopia described his excitement to be joining with a “variety of committed, passionate, and skillful IT persons from all over the world [who are] working together.” Nate Marti, Central African Republic, is new to IT support. He welcomed the opportunity to profit from the wisdom and experience of other attendees and to know that he can email them for help when he needs it.

For the second year, the English IT Connect was held in collaboration with the International Conference on Computing and Mission Africa (ICCM). Participants from other mission organizations throughout Africa joined IT Connect staff and attendees to further advance their skills and network with colleagues.

All the IT specialists returned home, refreshed with up-to-date information and new skills, knowing they are connected through a shared vision to an international community that provides a vital service for the work of Bible translation.

Charity Armstrong has been writing for and editing JAARS publications for more than seven years, first on campus and now remotely.

Translators across Africa depend on Internet service to work together, contact language consultants, and stay in touch with family and supporters. And they rely on IT specialists to keep their Internet service functioning. To add your support for training IT specialists, go to jaars.org/5640.

LOVE STORIES

COMMUNITIES RECEIVE HEALING THROUGH MEDIA TRAINING

“MANY MEN
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TO THE HEART!”

“This is powerful! We need this in our language! Our people need to see this!”

What evoked such a response from the Kamano-Kafe* translation team? It was the DVD produced by a church in Papua New Guinea several years ago depicting the devastation of AIDS. The story focuses on one family in which the parents contract the disease through the husband’s unfaithfulness. The story goes on to show the tragic effects on the wife and children.

After obtaining permission to reproduce the 80-minute film in minority languages, media specialist Lauren Runia utilized new technology to pull the video from a DVD and prepare it for recording. Then he and his wife, Connie, spent a month in PNG training five highly capable men to record the voices, dub the sound onto the film, and create the DVDs.

As part of the men’s training, they recorded and produced the film in the Kamano-Kafe language, completing it by the end of the training. It was sold on SD cards and on DVDs just in time for Christmas!



Media specialists in training strive to make sure that the dubbed voices match the actors’ movements in the video, “O Papa God.” Local languages help the videos to be understood and promote community health through God’s Word.

Photos courtesy of The PNG Experience



In the future, these trainees will work closely with the PNG churches to make this powerful tool available to local communities in their heart languages. In fact, it is already having an impact on the people who helped produce it. One of the church elders who served as a voice on the recording was very excited as he told the team, “There are many places I want to show this video!” A woman who played the voice of the mother on the film was so touched by the plight of the children in the story that she was genuinely crying as she read her lines.

The first case of AIDS in PNG appeared in 1987 and since then it has been spreading rapidly. The film is needed to teach the causes and effects of this devastating illness. Zach, one of the film trainees, declared, “Many men and women will change their lives by watching this video.” He explained, “Because it is in their own language, it talks straight to the heart!”

**Kamano-Kafe is spoken by about 63,000 Papuans in the Eastern Highlands province of Papua New Guinea.*

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The Great Commission and the second Greatest Commandment work hand in hand. We are constantly reminded of two things: tools, training, and solutions are received well and sustained longer in the context of loving, biblical relationships ... and that personal and community benefits in the here and now open hearts and doors for gospel witness.

Media specialists Lauren and Connie Runia received training in recording and production through International Media Services here on the JAARS campus. Your generous gifts to the Where Needed Most fund later provided quick funding for the equipment that the Runias use to create oral recordings of Scripture and Bible stories in many of the more than 800 languages spoken in Papua New Guinea and in some of 60 to 70 languages spoken in Solomon Islands.

REFLECTIONS

A CELEBRATION OF NEW LIFE



The Roviana language group—a community of about 9,900 in Solomon Islands—recently celebrated the completion of a Bible translation of their own.

“The audio recording of the New Testament seems to be having a great impact,” said linguist and translator Jim Mudge. “All the MegaVoice players are sold and people are asking for more.”

Thank you for your generous gifts, which provided 200 Mega-Voice Scripture players for the Roviana people.



REAL LIFE

WOODY McLENDON,
PRESIDENT



Many years ago when my family first came to JAARS, God used a dear brother that I met only once to challenge my thinking and open my eyes. He came to JAARS to lead a conference on prayer and devotion to God.

His challenge came in the form of a question, “How do you see the Bible?”

“If you see it primarily as a mirror, you will struggle to spend time in God’s Word. Your focus will turn to yourself and your own shortcomings. Each time you read you’ll likely come away discouraged and not want to read more.”

“If, however, you see God’s Word as a window onto the heart and character of God, then each time you read you’ll grow in awe and wonder at the beauty and love of God and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. You’ll want to come back again and again.”

He was right.

My own reading and prayerful reflection on Scripture over the years since then has become more and more precious. Each time I grasp a bit more clearly the nature God’s love, power, perfection, and purity. And I realize how much more we have to discover—now and then fully when we see him face-to-face.

As we pray and work to see God’s Word translated and accessible for people from every tribe, nation, and language, I believe we can’t forget to draw near to God in awe and wonder ourselves. I encourage you to keep reading and reflecting on Scripture in your own language so you grow in your relationship with God in Christ.

Jude says it well. “This is the unending life, the real life.”

But you, dear friends, carefully build yourselves up in this most holy faith by praying in the Holy Spirit, staying right at the center of God’s love, keeping your arms open and outstretched, ready for the mercy of our Master, Jesus Christ. This is the unending life, the real life! Jude 20-21 (MSG)

MY STORY

GOD CAN USE OUR MISCUES



Fred Leman prepares to set off on a crop-dusting flight. He is currently in training to use his skills and experience to support Scripture translation in Papua New Guinea.

Photo courtesy of Fred Leman

A STORY TOLD BY JOHN STRAWSER AND FRED AND JODI LEMAN

John: We had come to Pekin, Illinois, for a Missions at the Airport event at the municipal airport. I had some details to see to, while Mike [Mower, Missions at the Airport director] went to a local radio station to record an interview that would let people know about the airplane and helicopter rides we were offering. I planned to listen to Mike's interview while accompanying a fellow ex-pilot on an errand.

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Becoming concerned when I did not hear the broadcast, I called the radio station I spotted a couple of miles from the airport. The station manager told me Mike wasn't there. I had called the wrong station!

But when I began to tell the station manager about JAARS, mission aviation, and our presence at the airport, he was very interested in talking about it. So the following morning just prior to the MATA event, we went live, on the air, with unscripted segments interspersed with music.

Jodi: I was up earlier than usual that morning. When I turned on the radio and heard a man talking about airplanes and helicopters instead of the worship music I expected, it grabbed my attention immediately. I reached for my cell phone and began to send text messages to my husband. I told him that God had spoken very clearly to me that we needed to look into JAARS.



The entire Leman family visited John Strawser at the Bloomington, Illinois MATA event in August, 2015, accompanied by Fred's mother Karen.

Photo courtesy of John Strawser

Fred: I work as a pilot, and was employed by local Agriculture CO-OP to run the crop-dusting branch of the business. I have flown a helicopter for the past nine years, including five years of aerial application. I loved my job and am thankful for the opportunity to have done it, but Jodi and I had felt for some time that we were at a crossroads in life. We had been praying about our future and where God wanted us.

We had never heard of JAARS, but when Jodi texted me about this event at the airport, I was intrigued and excited. I looked up JAARS right away and explored what they do.

Jodi: In my heart I was already saying, “YES!”

Fred: I went to the Pekin airport that evening. The first person I talked to was John Strawser. He challenged me to be certain of God's calling. I also enjoyed talking to JAARS pilots and learning about the work they do to help Bible translation.

I began to feel pretty sure that God was starting to turn us down the path of aviation mission support. This was confirmed when a JAARS aviation recruiter told me that there was a big need for helicopter

pilots. It was as if God took us by the shoulders and turned us in a very specific direction.

Jodi: That was almost two years ago. Today we are members of Wycliffe Bible Translators, engaged in raising our financial and prayer partnership teams. We hope to go soon to JAARS for Aviation Pre-Field Orientation and other preparatory classes.

We expect to go to Papua New Guinea, where helicopter pilots are greatly needed. We talk with our children about people who don't have the Bible in a language that touches their hearts. They think that's sad, and they are excited to be a part of helping people get the Bible.

John: That day in Illinois, after I called the wrong radio station, we were overwhelmed with the turnout at the airport. We had 500 to 700 people there, and many said, “We heard you on the radio!”

I'm glad to be used by God. And I'm thankful he can even use my miscues.

John Strawser is the assistant director of Missions at the Airport. To learn more about Missions at the Airport, go to page 6.

THANK YOU

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