



August

1 C. S. Lewis once said, “I pray because I can’t help myself. I pray because I’m helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time—waking and sleeping. It doesn’t change God—it changes me.”

2 Pray for community-wide impact and unity among denominations as Jo Shetler and Amy West lead a mini [Culture-meets-Scripture](#) workshop August 3–4 in Paracelis, Mountain Province, Philippines.

3 Our [Missions at the Airport](#) team will be at the Burlington Municipal Airport August 5, partnering with Calvary Community Church in Williams Bay, WI, as part of their missions conference.

4 Jo Shetler and Amy West will also lead a missions conference in Paracelis August 5–6. Pray the testimonies about overseas and home ministries by Balangao workers will encourage more involvement.

5 Pray for safety for the JAARS shipping staff as they load a sea cargo container with heavy crates and boxes containing goods for aviation, schools, stores, and families in Papua New Guinea.

6 The Intercultural Communications Course (ICC) is currently underway at JAARS until August 18—with a large group of 34 participants. May each be especially receptive to the Holy Spirit’s teaching.

7 Pray God will provide a new maintenance manager for the Wycliffe retirement apartments, located on the JAARS campus.

8 Praise God for a safe trip to Ghana in June, when Dean Jordan checked Luke, Acts and part of Romans with one of the smaller language groups there.

9 Pray for safe recurrent flight training, and intensive review of normal and emergency procedures, for a PC-6 pilot serving with YAJASI in Indonesia.

10 Aviation staff in Cameroon faces tremendous challenges: they need more mechanics and pilots to meet increased requests for service.

11 After many years of slow, gradual work, the first printed Scriptures of both Luke and James have been published for the Pangu people of Nigeria. Pray for the eventual completion of the New Testament.

12 Pray for safety, good weather, and openness to furloughing MKs when the JAARS high school youth group attends a retreat this weekend, building connections with each other and God.

13 Pray God will use to his glory these videos recently completed by VM Productions (International Media Ser-

vices)—Kaingang *LUKE* (Brazil); Waiwai *LUKE* (Brazil); Nyangatom *JESUS* (Ethiopia).

14 Pray that God will continue to raise up churches and individuals to serve on the overseas Refuge 139 programs. Pray that teams will be fully staffed with people who love investing in MKs while their parents attend important conferences. [refuge139.org](#)

15 Pray for a replacement for Dorothy Grinnell, who is retiring after many years of faithful service as coordinator for JAARS Church/Community Relations.

16 The Project Management Office of Global Technology and Information Systems (GTIS) has begun projects to improve SIL’s ability to plan for and staff translation projects. Pray that God will use these projects to build stronger relationships in our organizations.

17 Pray for two new project managers in GTIS as they complete their partnership development.

18 Pray for the completion of the [Northern Thai](#) New Testament, currently in typesetting, that this language community will eagerly receive God’s Word in their own language.

19 The Northern Thai team has chosen 40 Bible stories for their next project. Pray for ready hearts when people who have not yet heard the gospel test the stories.

20 Aided by the Wycliffe Korean Diaspora team, the Vaughan Community Church, Ontario, Canada, is holding four mission-class sessions this month to help seniors actively engage in God’s Mission. Pray for a good task force team.

21 SIL International Media Services will hold its 2017 Scripture engagement summit August 22–24 on the JAARS campus. Pray for strengthened partnerships and new technology.

22 Praise: The leaders of the groups that came to the JAARS [CrossVenture](#) program during May/July reported that it met their groups’ needs, and they were pleased to see much growth in the lives of their participants.

23 Pray for the Kola translation team in the Aru Islands, Indonesia, led by translator Nus. May the [Kola people](#) begin to truly follow Jesus and turn away from traditional beliefs.

24 Pray for Tennessee advocate, Lee Robinson, as he makes final plans for the Missions at the Airport event in Millington, TN, this weekend.

25 Pray for travel safety and productive engagement with those attending the Missions at the Airport event at the Millington Regional Jetport in Millington, TN, this weekend.

26 Praise: The adaptation of the Indonesian Javanese Old and New Testaments into Suriname Javanese is almost finished! Pray for the literacy and Scripture engagement activities now in progress.

27 Pray for God's protection for the delivery of the ambulance boat, overhauled at JAARS for a Ugandan medical mission. After it arrives by sea container in Mombasa, Kenya, it must be transported via a long road trip to Lake Victoria in Uganda.

28 Pray for the Wycliffe Connection program in Orlando this week—workers returning to the States from overseas assignments need to connect with people and services while on furlough.

29 Praise: The leader of a national Christian organization in Southeast Asia has brought together several organizations to form the Integrated Scripture Engagement Round Table. Ask God to bring unity among these leaders.

30 Pray for peace and stability in Ethiopia. The government is cracking down on peaceful protestors with arrests, torture, and killings, with mass gatherings prohibited—even for the church.

31 Pray for God's provision for projects that support transportation training, IT training and resources, and media resources in Africa, South Asia and Pacific Islands.

September

1 JAARS has contacted hundreds of believers looking for ministry opportunities through the [MissionNext](#) organization. Pray that many will respond and come serve with JAARS.

2 Nearly 140 of more than 230 Australian languages have no access to Scripture! People across Australia need the Bible in their own language.

3 Pray for the Russian Lezgi translation team's goal to publish the New Testament within the next two years, a difficult task in an area dominated by another religion.

4 Pray for several museum staff members who are working to complete their financial and prayer partnerships.

5 Pray for staff needed to lead public relations for International Media Services at JAARS.

6 Pray for God's favor upon a grant proposal that would fund [JAARS aviation training](#) over the next five years.

7 Pray for Director Steve Ottaviano, Field Transportation, and Manager Mark Sjoblom, Field Solutions, as they develop more JAARS operations relationships with field partners.

8 New members preparing for work in key positions at Wycliffe Canada need the Lord's provision for their prayer and financial partners.

9 Pray for the five [Quechua](#) Bibles in Peru that are now in the layout process.

10 Pray for peace and security in the southern Philippines, as well as wisdom for the leadership of the nation.

11 Samaritan's Purse and JAARS aviation training need clear, effective communication as our staff makes plans to train their Kenyan pilots.

12 Pray for good processes as JAARS aviation training works together with the [Missionary Air Group](#) to prepare professional pilots for the unique operational challenges of mission flying.

13 Pray for our missionary families as they transition back into the school routine, especially those who may be entering public school after several years living overseas.

14 A sea cargo container with supplies for SIL Cameroon is on the way to Douala. Pray for Mark Lambert and his staff as they prepare the paperwork for smooth customs clearing.

15 Pray for a replacement in JAARS Creative Services for Tom Chesebro, who is retiring after serving faithfully for many years as video production technician.

16 Pray for new members taking the Equip course in Orlando for the next two weeks, which will help them to develop a complete prayer and financial partnership team quickly and effectively.

17 According to the Deaf Bible Society, over 400 sign languages are in use around the world today. Yet not one of these groups has a complete Bible, and only two percent have heard the gospel!

18 Pray for work underway for both Thai and Japanese sign language translations.

19 Give praise for the prototype of the Tugutil Bible app of Asia, developed last year. After Luke and Acts are finished and checked by a consultant, the New Testament will be prepared for printing!

20 Thank God for two new JAARS Youth Department staff members: Shelly Lyons, Associate Director of the Refuge 139 staff, and Becca Burgos, Girls Discipleship Coordinator.

21 Pray that the Malaysian Bau Bidayuh New Testament will soon be completed, successfully printed, and in widespread use among the Bau Bidayuh community.

22 The Savannah Bible Church, Savannah, GA, is attending a two-night CrossVenture/Explore at JAARS. Pray for staff and speakers to have a sensitive spirit to how God is working.

23 Due to difficulties of working inside the country, translators use Skype to work with the Baran people of Asia. Praise God that they have completed Luke and Acts translations.

24 Praise: The [JAARS Land Transportation](#) department has upgraded its car, motorcycle, and 4WD drive services to the field, described in prayer requests over the next few days.

25 Pray for Land Transportation staff consultations with missionary customers to help them choose the right vehicle and equipment for their application.

26 Pray for Land Transportation's operator/maintenance training for cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Vehicles last longer when they are cared for and operated properly.

27 Land Transportation staff provide materials, equipment, and static displays for events that raise awareness of overseas needs, challenges, and solutions, and provide authentic off-road 4WD ride experiences that demonstrate the difficulty of driving overseas.

28 Pray for God's provision to meet IT staffing needs for the recording studio in Southeast Asia.

29 This weekend the college group from Compassion Christian Church, Savannah, GA, is attending CrossVenture/Explore at JAARS. Pray for staff and speakers to have endurance for the long weekend.

30 Pray for the staff planning the 2017 Passport to Christmas event to be held December 8–9 at the JAARS Center. Last year 180 children plus adults attended one of the three sessions.