



JAARS

Prayerline April – May 2018

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Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

April

1 Volunteering on the JAARS campus this week: a team from First Baptist Church of Port Charlotte, Florida.

2 Planning is in progress for the JAARS Partner Retreat (April 13–15). Pray for those finalizing the arrangements and for good attendance.

3 We need people to act as our ‘Bibleless’ ethnic group for the [Wisconsin Race for Possible](#) program. We’re seeking a church/group of Christians in Wisconsin who hold services in a language other than English or Spanish. Pray that plenty of people will be available, for their transportation arrangements, and for good understanding of instructions.

4 Planning for the [Katherine Christian Convention](#) for indigenous Australians is in progress. Pray for the staff who help people load Scripture onto their cell phones and distribute other literacy and Scripture materials.

5 This year the [Seed Company](#) is hosting [Imagine Zero Summit](#) events in 25 cities. They will share tools to help pastors equip and inspire their congregations to engage in the work of Bible translation.

6 Pray for the seven trips planned for [Refuge 139](#) this year. Needed: volunteers, funds for participants, logistic organization, safety, and good health.

7 [Africa IT Connect](#), meeting in Kenya this week, hosts IT representatives from various English and Portuguese speaking countries in Africa.

8 God is faithful—the Soli New Testament of Zambia is being printed and the translation team is preparing for a dedication! Give thanks that community life has improved since the translation work began.

9 On April 13–15 a number of JAARS partners will gather on the campus for a motivating presentation of JAARS *Past, Present, and Possible*. Pray for good reception.

10 Volunteering on the JAARS campus this week: a team from Maplewood Reformed Church of Holland, Michigan.

11 More violence against Christians has broken out recently in Central African Republic. Pray for peace.

12 Praise God, work on the JAARS transport boat is progressing. Pray that the modifications made on the boat will enhance its performance.

13 Pray for safety and good weather for participants traveling to the JAARS Partner Retreat this weekend. Pray those visiting will desire to increase their partnership with JAARS.

14 Bret Taylor is leading the Refuge 139 program in Ethiopia this week. Pray the special Saturday event will foster positive family activities and fun.

15 April 16–25—SIL Anglo-Lusophone Africa will be hosting a training event in Kenya called [Language Technology Consultant Training](#) (LTCT). The course will teach new tools and methods for performing common language software support tasks by presenting specific problems that occur frequently and discussing their solutions from the combined experience of the group.

16 A PT6A turbine engine heavy maintenance course starts today. Pray for clear instruction and reception.

17 Elizabeth Buchanan, a student at Columbia International University, is preparing to intern with JAARS Church and Community relations this summer.

18 Please pray for the [JAARS museum](#) staff as they install a new *Celebrate Scripture* exhibit in the Mexico Cárdena Museum and begin a new *Night at the Museums* program at the Museum of the Alphabet. Come and see.

19 The [Nie family](#) will return to the South Pacific soon. Pray as they complete repairs on their boat upon their return.

20 JAARS Health Services is thankful for the chance to serve members of area churches who come for immunizations, in preparation for summer mission trips.

21 Pray the JAARS Health Services staff can stay healthy as they serve others.

22 Mike Bunn is attending a Rolls Royce turbine engine maintenance course this week to prepare to assist Cameroon’s R66 helicopter program.

23 Trauma Healing Workshops provides comfort, hope and healing to people who have been traumatized by violence, sexual assault, disease, death, and destruction of homes and property. Pray for this initiative taking place in the northeastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Central Africa), where Bible translation and literacy work are being carried out.

24 Pray for patience, encouragement, and financial partners for two new teams preparing to serve in Land Transportation and Maritime.

25 Pray for a much needed full-time assistant for the JAARS Multigenerational Engagement team.

26 Today on JAARS Spiritual Vitality Day, pray those who work on the JAARS campus and are part of the wider JAARS community will be blessed with spiritual refreshment.

27 At the Wisconsin Race for Possible event this weekend, the participating teams will be raising funds to help eradicate Bible poverty by supporting mother tongue Scripture websites.

28 This year [Wycliffe Canada](#) celebrates their 50-year anniversary. Pray their special events will bring many young adults and families to learn more about Wycliffe’s Bible translation work.

29 Please welcome and pray for Rachel Bollinger in her new role as JAARS Chaplain to Women.

30 Praise God! The [JESUS film](#) has now been dubbed into over 1,600 languages!

May

1 Pray for flying safety as Aviation Training provides recurrent training and instrument procedures renewal for a [Flying Mission Zambia](#) pilot.

2 In January the New Testament was dedicated for 73,000 Dukawa speakers in Nigeria with 7,000 copies printed. Join us in praise!

3 Today the JAARS IT staff will gather at Cane Creek Park to spend time in prayer for their work and refreshment from the Lord.

4 Pray for Kividi Kikama and his team as they translate the Gospel of Mark for the Yansi people of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

5 The JAARS ICC staff will conduct a Cross-Cultural Engagement workshop in Muscatine, Iowa, today. Pray the Lord would be honored and participants will be better equipped for cross-cultural ministry.

6 Praise God! Global Outreach has received funds to pay the high duty for their medical mission boat on Lake Victoria, Uganda.

7 Praise God: 1,600 reprinted [Ivatan](#) New Testaments and over 1,000 *JESUS* film DVDs safely delivered to Batanes, Philippines, last December. May God's Word touch the hearts of the Ivatan people to become followers of Jesus.

8 Needed: field-experienced individuals with a heart for teaching to join the Waxhaw-based Aviation Training team.

9 The 7th International Language Assessment Conference (ILAC VII) is underway this week in Penang, Malaysia. Pray for participants learning new advances in strategy and practices for effective language programs.

10 Marlute, a translator, held three Bible studies using Romani Scriptures with women in her village. Pray the studies will continue and the women will grow in their faith through the Romani Scriptures.

11 Praise God: the facilitator of an Asian language-development research project has made a good start. He hopes to finish the first phase of the project by the end of the month but needs more staff.

12 The JAARS MK Station needs a long-term volunteer teacher for four-year-olds, starting in May/June 2018.

13 Volunteering at JAARS this week: a team from Twin Valley Bible Chapel in Narvon, Pennsylvania.

14 May God's hand be on the Crow Indian translation project in the US. Portions of the New Testament are already available in print and audio forms.

15 [Paratext Lite software](#) is under development to enable editing of Scripture translation drafts using tablet devices. Pray usability testing will reveal any problems in the user interface design.

16 The Romblomanon New Testament of the Philippines is being typeset. Pray for dedication program preparations. The New Testament was recorded last year by a team from [Faith Comes By Hearing](#).

17 In Papua New Guinea, the SIL Center's Children's Home is in critical need of house parents. Please pray that new parents will step forward to meet this need.

18 The [JAARS Youth Department](#) needs additional youth workers.

19 Pray for the Wycliffe USA interns who will serve at JAARS this summer. They are seeking ministry partners and preparing to serve Bibleless people.

20 Volunteering at JAARS this week: a team from Roopville Road Baptist Church, Roopville, Georgia.

21 Praise God for a group of churches and organizations who plan to meet regularly to encourage and pray for one another and for the different ethnic ministries in Japan.

22 Ask the Lord to strengthen faith and courage in Pastor Andrew Fanasia and his wife, Unity, as he leads the [Bible Translation and Literacy Partnership of Solomon Islands](#) (BTLPSI). They need skilled staff to fill key positions.

23 David Gela, Director of Pacific Island Affairs, plans to visit each of the [Pacific islands](#) where Bible translation organizations are located. Pray for David and his wife, Sineina, who assists him.

24 JAARS Creative Services needs an organized person to manage the photo collection and search for photos when requested. Interested? Contact outreach@jaars.org

25 Pray for good relationships among local Bible translation language teams and partners in Russia—to show genuine love, respect, and grace to one another in every circumstance.

26 May many people be available to help staff [JAARS Day](#), June 9. Especially pray for Ann Rodgers as she heads up the planning.

27 Pray the 700 Emerillon-speaking people in French Guiana can be introduced to the abundant life found only in Jesus Christ through a translation of God's Word in their language.

28 Praise God. New Testaments for the Mecayapan and Tatahuicapan Hahuatl of Mexico were dedicated last year. Pray for the success of Scripture distribution and promotion efforts, and that many people will come to know Christ and grow in him.

29 Philippines President Duterte declared January 2018 as [National Bible Month](#). The [Translators Association of the Philippines](#) and [SIL Philippines](#) joined the Philippine Bible Society in a week-long public reading of the Bible January 22–26. Praise God!

30 A community of Deaf believers in Thailand who are translating Bible stories in their own language need prayer and financial supporters.

31 Join the Seed Company in [Pray for Zero](#)—that no languages will be without Scripture by 2025. Ask our heavenly Father to speed up and strengthen the work of Bible translation wherever language groups do not yet have even one verse of Scripture.