



# JAARS

Prayerline **December 2017 – January 2018**

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Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

## December

- 1** Remember to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17). Ask that we would grow in this way of expressing utter, continual dependence on the Lord in all things.
- 2** Give thanks for a successful first [Race for Possible](#) event in Montana this past October. Five teams participated and raised \$4,600 for JAARS projects.
- 3** May the Lord of the harvest meet the needs of new staff assigned to JAARS so they can begin serving soon.
- 4** Pray for safety and accuracy for the Shipping Department: loading a 40-foot container bound for SIL Papua New Guinea (PNG) and preparing export documents.
- 5** Non-linguists use the [WeSay](#) program to build dictionaries in their own languages. Pray for programmers as they test program software and make changes.
- 6** JAARS urgently needs a coordinator for Church/Community Relations events by January.
- 7** Wisdom is needed for decisions concerning how JAARS should respond to the many needs in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).
- 8** It's snowbird time! Praise for all the volunteers who will serve at JAARS this winter!
- 9** Praise God! The Global Outreach boat has arrived safely in Uganda. Pray now for favor from customs for duty costs.
- 10** The [Aitape West Cluster](#) in PNG includes 11 different language communities where local translators work together to translate God's Word for their people. Ask God to give wisdom and insight.
- 11** Pray for safe and effective training for pilots completing Kodiak recurrent flight training at Parkwater Aviation in Spokane, Washington.
- 12** JAARS Aviation Training Manager, Dan Osborn, asks prayer for strength as staff conducts both maintenance and flight recurrent and standardization training in preparation for the February Supervisor Pilot's Course and Pre-Field Orientation beginning in March.
- 13** Pray for clear priorities as the JAARS Aviation Training staff serve to supply qualified pilots and mechanics for field operations.
- 14** The JAARS Aviation Technical Evaluation team needs pilot and mechanic candidates to meet current and anticipated field operational and training needs.
- 15** Pray for our new pilot in Tanzania, Jacob Geyman, and his wife, Carmen, who serve with our MAF partners in Arusha.
- 16** A youth group from The First Korean Baptist Church, Raleigh, attended the October JAARS Day. Pray these young people were challenged to consider their role in missions.
- 17** With the engine issues on the JAARS Transport Boat now resolved, pray for completion of the work on the boat and for plans concerning its deployment and staffing.
- 18** Pray for Mark Polhamus who is completing his preparations to join Africa Information and Communication Technology (ICT) as Project Manager.
- 19** Needed by JAARS Creative Services: a photographer/videographer to prepare creative communication about our mission—helping make Bible translation possible.
- 20** Praise God for a growing team of JAARS advocates in the Memphis, Tennessee, area as they plan events to inform and engage their area in support of Bible translation.
- 21** Pray God will provide more people for the JAARS Advocacy program in the western and southwestern parts of the US.
- 22** Praise God! JAARS advocates report: over 25,000 people reached with the JAARS message in 2017! Pray our faithful advocates have opportunities to speak to even more in 2018.
- 23** The JAARS Multigenerational Engagement team needs more staff so that [CrossVenture](#) and [Race for Possible](#) programs may grow.
- 24** Pray for the Learning and Development team leadership to sense God's guidance as they plan 2018 training both for JAARS and for partners.
- 25** During this special season, ask God to give us all extraordinarily refreshing delight in his Son, fixing our eyes like never before on Jesus.
- 26** The Nie family has completed their furlough and will return to the South Pacific. They will complete repairs on their boat upon their return to New Caledonia.
- 27** A website is being developed to provide access to all translated Scripture in the [Romani](#) dialects spoken in Romania. Please pray for God's help and guidance in the process.
- 28** Praise God for videos recently completed by VM Productions (IMS): Sateré-Mawé *JESUS* film (Brazil); Bamunkumbit *LUKE* (Cameroon); Turka *JESUS* film (Burkina Faso). May God use these videos for his glory.
- 29** Pray that we would be continually devoted to prayer (Acts 2:42).
- 30** JAARS MK station needs additional long-term staff to be steady teachers for our babies, and our three-year-old and four-five-year-old classes.

**31** Pray that we would become, by God's grace, increasingly a praying/praising people, as the Lord inhabits the praises of his people (Ps 22:3).

## January

**1** JAARS Chaplain John Williams prays: Thank you, Lord, that you are at work as you always have been. You will and work in us your good pleasure, faithful to bring to completion what you have begun in each of us!

**2** Ask God to show you how you can have a part in reaching the 1.5 billion people still waiting for the Bible.

**3** Some of the six Scripture websites in a West Asian country have been blocked. Pray for restrictions to be lifted and that those who can access the sites will share with others.

**4** A woman in Asia once said that "reading Scripture in another language is like eating a banana with the skin on. Now Scripture in my language is satisfying ... like a sweet banana. I can't get enough of it!"

**5** Ask God to provide a graphic artist to help design icons for the IMS Story Producer app to make it more user-friendly for international workers.

**6** Praise God that the complete Sahelangué Bible in Arabic script is being printed. Plans are being made for a dedication program for this group of two million speakers in West Africa.

**7** Pray for the [JAARS Youth](#) department which is currently short staffed. Team members are away on partnership development and handling other non-assignment responsibilities.

**8** Pray that we would be instant in prayer (Rom 12:12), not delaying to call out to God.

**9** A translation team in the Mediterranean region plans to produce a picture video (a slide show of still paintings with narration and music) of the life of Moses.

**10** Pray for Steve Ottaviano, director of Transportation Field Programs, and Mark Sjoblom, Manager of Field Solutions, as they develop JAARS operations relationships with field partners.

**11** Pray for the new staff who are preparing to serve in Maritime. Pray for patience and encouragement as they continue through the initial process.

**12** Pray for churches in the Caribbean to find solace and strength to rebuild, and opportunities for the love of Christ to illuminate in these dark times after 2017 storm devastations.

**13** Equip training in Orlando, Florida, this week will help new Wycliffe members prepare for their first assignments.

**14** The cargo container is due to arrive in PNG. Pray for shipping coordinators Aseah Panoma and Michael Guy as they prepare import documents. Aseah is new on the job and faces a steep learning curve.

**15** Pray for Africa IT Services as they address the Internet connectivity weakness of many offices. Internet connectivity is an increasingly critical tool for advancing their Bible translation efforts.

**16** Due to difficulties of working inside the country, the Asian Baran translation work is being done from Germany and the United Kingdom—some workers are Baran speakers. Praise God the book of Acts and the Gospel of Luke have been completed!

**17** Volunteers with hearts to serve in Bible translation work are needed in Asia as translators, book editors, web-site specialists, and writers.

**18** Friday and Saturday the JAARS Board will meet at JAARS. Pray: safe travel for all and for God's Spirit to fall fresh on directors and the senior leadership team during their deliberations.

**19** It takes many people to make Bible translation possible. Would you pray about becoming part of the team here at [JAARS](#)?

**20** Exactly 115 years after the first missionaries arrived in Munda in the western Solomon Islands, the complete Roviana Bible was dedicated! Pray for other language communities in the region that will use the Roviana Bible as a source text.

**21** Pray for the *CrossVenture* staff as they work on plans for their 2018 events and programs.

**22** Today many indigenous languages throughout Mexico still need God's Word, including Cuzas Zapotec (*pseudonym*). Pray the Cuzas Zapotec community will have Scripture in their language.

**23** Pray for political peace in Togo, especially in the central region where SIL language teams work.

**24** [Intercultural Communications Course](#) (ICC) begins today. Pray: open hearts for participants, a rested staff ready to engage, and for God to work mightily in the lives of these people preparing to go to the far reaches of the globe.

**25** Refuge 139 will host a program in Germany for children of missionaries who work in a sensitive context. Pray for Shelly Lyons and the team as they minister to these MKs.

**26** Needed: 20 or so people for three Refuge 139 trips planned for March and April. Pray for positive responses.

**27** The JAARS Purchasing and Shipping department needs a long-term volunteer who can help provide logistic solutions for Bible translation projects around the world.

**28** Pray for God to speak to the hearts of people to consider joining Wycliffe and filling the hundreds of positions needed around the world.

**29** Susan Williams, JAARS Transitions Ministries, asks prayer for people in transition—those who are furloughing, taking new assignments, widowed, and others. Pray they will be encouraged by knowing that God is directing their transition time.

**30** Many Bible translators work remotely, giving input to national translators. Pray for stable Internet connections, healthy relationships, and unity among team members.

**31** Praise God for [Render](#), new translation software developed by a partnership with the [Seed Company](#), [Pioneer Bible Translators](#) and [Faith Comes By Hearing](#). Render guides oral communicators in producing oral Scripture for their own language community.