



JAARS

Prayerline February – March 2018

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Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

February

1 The JAARS Learning and Development Department's vision is to strengthen others for service together. Pray for staff as they prepare for a scheduled training course.

2 ICC (Intercultural Communications Course) is underway until February 23. The ICC goal: equip every participant with growing skills for spiritual vitality, multicultural sensitivity, and relational maturity.

3 Pray for Jake Anderson, on campus to complete instrument renewal and standardization in the Cessna 210, the type of aircraft he will fly while seconded to Asas de Socoro in Brazil.

4 This month, JAARS Aviation Training is conducting a Supervisor Pilot course for nine senior pilots from AIM AIR, Mission Aviation Group, and Papua New Guinea (PNG).

5 Three Kodiak pilots from PNG and Mark Wuerffel from JAARS will complete recurrent training at Parkwater Aviation in Spokane, Washington.

6 Pray for Mike Mower and the [Missions at the Airport](#) team as they build the MATA schedule for 2018.

7 A member of the JAARS Aviation Training staff works from home due to health reasons, using his computer skills to provide technical drawings for the textbook we use in our PT-6 engine heavy maintenance course. Pray for health recovery.

8 Praise God for a financial partner who completed the FY18 funding for two of our projects—Scripture Websites in Heart Languages and IT Training in Africa.

9 Praise for good progress made on Africa Connectivity projects in Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, and Togo.

10 Pastors and church leaders among a Maya group in southern Mexico are attending a Keywords workshop to learn more about the value of studying Scripture in their mother tongue. Pray for workshop leaders, Martin Eberle and Phil Baer.

11 Pray for the French IT Connect conference in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, this month and for the Nairobi, Kenya, English conferences in April.

12 Attendees from many countries are meeting this week at a Global Communications Forum in Holzhausen, Germany, to develop skills and understanding of how to involve people in Bible translation.

13 JAARS has contacted hundreds of believers looking for ministry opportunities through the [MissionNext](#) organization. Pray that many will consider serving at JAARS.

14 Jacob Geyman, new pilot for our Tanzania flight program, is flying in Arusha with MAF to gain experience before moving to Mbeya to resume the program that was put on hold two years ago.

15 [JAARS Day](#) is planned for March 10. If you will be in the area, please pray about helping. Many people are needed to staff the day.

16 Give thanks to God! The Ambo-Pasco Quechua New Testament of Peru is completed, awaiting dedication in July. Pray for good cooperation among those planning the dedication.

17 Praise God for videos recently completed by Vernacula Media Productions —Desano ACTS (Colombia); Guanano ACTS (Colombia); Tucano ACTS (Colombia); Toba-Qom LUKE (Argentina); Ketengban *JESUS* film (Indonesia); Dirayta ACTS (Ethiopia); Kroumen Tepo GENESIS (Côte d'Ivoire); Kwassio LUKE (Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea); Zuni GOSPEL OF JOHN (US, New Mexico). Pray for God to use these videos for his glory.

18 Pray for Michael Currier, new Director of Communications for JAARS, as he completes partnership development before moving to JAARS to assume his new role.

19 Praise for excellent progress by the South Seas Cluster Group (southern Philippines) in translating the Old Testament into two Blaan dialects. Pray for perseverance in this large challenge.

20 Ask God to raise up more workers to participate in translation work across the 526 languages of Eurasia where much of the work is sensitive.

21 Pray for the team developing a new JAARS website using WordPress format.

22 The Annual Advocacy Conference will meet at JAARS Friday and Saturday with 73 advocates representing 22 states attending.

23 We are praying for JAARS advocates needed in Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and West Virginia.

24 Kividi Kikama is working at JAARS with a team in the Democratic Republic of Congo to translate the Gospel of Mark for the Yansi people.

25 Praise God for Dr. Jim Boyd who joined the staff of the JAARS clinic this year.

26 A long-term volunteer teacher for the four-five-year-old room is needed by the JAARS MK Station starting May/June 2018.

27 The Pwo Kayin team of Myanmar suffered a significant loss of work due to a computer problem. Praise God! They completed the restoration and their New Testament is now being typeset!

28 Museum of the Alphabet staff are working to complete three new projects: *Celebrate Scripture* exhibit, *Night at the Museums* program, and *Modern Day Alphabet Making* exhibit. Pray for creativity.

March

1 Praise for the completion of the remodeling project at the [Museum of the Alphabet](#) including the addition of children's exhibits and activities.

2 The MATA team will participate in the Faith Church missions conference in Winston Salem, North Carolina, March 3-4, offering helicopter rides on Saturday and Sunday. JAARS representatives will also have several speaking opportunities.

3 JAARS Aviation Training is privileged to have Chuck Daly back on the training staff. He will be instructing in the Spring Pre-Field Orientation that begins March 6.

4 The [Ethnologue](#) lists about 40 indigenous languages for the country of [Gabon](#), Africa. Ask God to help linguists determine how many Bible translations will be needed.

5 Praise the Lord, a prototype of the Tugutil Bible app of Asia, developed last year, enables all translated and checked Scriptures from the Old and New Testaments to be available on Android phones and tablets.

6 Spring [Aviation Pre-Field Orientation](#) begins today. Attendees include seven pilots and mechanics who are planning to serve with AIM AIR in Kenya and with SIL-PNG.

7 Ask God to empower translators as they begin to prepare the New Testament in the Tree language of Mexico for publication.

8 The people of the Konta, Melo and Oyta languages in Ethiopia are closer to having the New Testament in their heart languages. Ask God to keep them in good health and strengthen them to finish their projects.

9 JAARS Day is tomorrow. Please pray for the tour office staff and the many volunteers who will graciously greet guests and tell about JAARS. May all the details of the day be covered adequately.

10 Pray for JAARS Day guests as they travel to and from the Center and explore the many activities. Pray that they will want to become involved in Bible translation.

11 [LeTourneau University](#) students will travel to JAARS this week to work in the hangar, gaining experience and being challenged to consider a future in missionary aviation.

12 Recording studios in Asia and the Pacific need staffing and sufficient finances to produce oral Scripture and worship tools.

13 Continue to pray for God's favor upon a grant proposal to fund JAARS Aviation training over the next five years.

14 Praise God that the project to adapt the Indonesian Javanese Old and New Testaments into Suriname [Javanese](#) is nearing the finish line. Pray that the format and layout will be easy for people to read and use.

15 [Wycliffe Japan](#) will conduct a vision trip for Japanese youth to the Ifugao community in the Philippines March 15-19. Pray for safety and protection as the team travels.

16 Dave and Mitzi Shinen, who work remotely from their retirement facility in Oregon, need prayer for the completion of the long awaited Alaskan Yupik New Testament.

17 [Refuge 139](#) staff are trusting the Lord to provide volunteers needed to continue staffing overseas programs. Pray for Doug Dillingham as he searches for volunteers.

18 Orthographies (writing systems) are a crucial ingredient in Bible translation so people can read God's Word more easily. Pray for Mike Cahill, new SIL Orthography Services Coordinator, as he defines his new role.

19 Public demonstrations in Togo, Africa, have continued. Pray that leaders from the government and the opposition will discuss the issues peacefully. Pray for God's solutions to be found.

20 Approximately 94,000 [Romanian Deaf](#) use Romanian Sign Language to communicate. Ask God to provide wisdom as the team works to translate both Old and New Testament stories accurately and authentically.

21 A *Culturally Intelligent Media* four-day training course will be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, March 21-24. Attendees will look at media from a cultural perspective with the goal of increasing their communicative effectiveness.

22 Give praise that JAARS continues to receive generous legacy gifts for our Major Repair and Asset Replacement Fund. Recently we purchased a replacement 4WD training vehicle and are developing the 4WD training course.

23 Pray for the Check-IT-Out conference at JAARS today and tomorrow.

24 Pray for our missionary families who have children about to transition to college.

25 The Ghana Nafana New Testament, complete Bible, and God Story videos are now available to the people. Pray these Scriptures will reach the Nafana people in ever greater numbers.

26 Praise God that language teams recently received permission to work in an African country that has denied them entrance for many years. They previously had to work outside the country. Ask God to create an interest and desire for Scripture in the hearts of speakers of the local language.

27 The goal of the Bali-Mba project (Democratic Republic of Congo) is to translate key Bible stories and passages into the Bali and Mba languages and lay a foundation for a full-fledged Bible translation program.

28 Ask God to help a team in the Philippines to produce 35 digital audio recordings of oral Bible stories in the Manide language. Less than one percent of the Manide people are Christians.

29 Praise God! A consultant check of the Luke 2 Christmas story in the [Malango](#) language (Solomon Islands) was completed just in time for an audio recording this past Christmas.

30 A group of deaf pastors has established a [Philippine Deaf Sign Language Association](#) with the goal of reaching 500,000 deaf people with Scripture in their language so that their lives might be transformed for his glory.

31 Praise God for the dedication of the complete Atianga* Bible of Eurasia in March. Several pastors shared its importance: Having God's Word in their own language demonstrates that Christianity isn't a foreign religion.

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