October

1 The Missions at the Airport (MATA) team is representing JAARS at the Jasper Airshow in Jasper, Texas today.

2 For those who are attending the Fall Check-IT-Out IT conference at JAARS, today is the last day to receive a reduced rate.

3 This week, a three-member International Aviation Safety audit team will conduct an audit of the aviation program of the Australian Society for Indigenous Languages.

4 Racers will gather for the first JAARS-sponsored Race for Possible event at Camp Big Horn, Montana October 6–8. The two-day adventure race includes biking, climbing/rappelling, rafting, and a variety of missions and Bible translation challenges. Please pray for the participants and staff.

5 On October 6–8, the college group from Compassion Christian Church, Savannah, Georgia, will attend a two-night CrossVenture/Explore. Pray staff will be sensitive to how God is working and share his love and message with the participants.

6 Praise the Lord for providing staff to serve in JAARS Health Services. They seek continued unity in service and purpose as they meet the medical needs of our coworkers both home and abroad.

7 Remember Glen Adams as he assists with the deployment of the Islands of Hope ambulance boat on Lake Victoria in Uganda for the Global Outreach mission organization.

8 The three-member International Aviation Safety audit team will conduct a ten-day audit of the Indonesian YAJASI aviation program October 9–20.

9 Keith Franklin is leading a Refuge 139 program in Germany this week, supporting missionary families who are working in a sensitive context.

10 Check-IT-Out in July was very successful with all attendees moving toward involvement in some way!

11 JAARS Health Services needs another part-time doctor in order to meet the medical needs of our coworkers at home and abroad.

12 Amy West presents a paper for the Bible Translation 2017 conference in Dallas, Texas, on October 13–18. She will then travel to Bangkok, Thailand, to discuss a Culture meets Scripture seminar with a Southeast Asia group October 19–20.

13 On Sunday, the MATA team will partner with Forest Hills Church, Waxhaw to give helicopter rides as part of the church’s outreach picnic.

14 Today, we appreciate your prayers for our final JAARS Day for 2017: for good turnout, good weather, safe flying, and effective interaction with guests.

15 Wycliffe will host a Stateside Connection for Wycliffe USA workers at Orlando October 16–20. This special program assists them with information on retirement, partnership development, and help offered by the home office.

16 Pray for direction, encouragement, and patience for those who are joining Wycliffe to serve with JAARS Maritime Services.

17 Pray for our new Transportation leadership: Rick Nachigal, Director of Aviation, and Craig Russell, VP of Transportation Services.

18 The JAARS board meets online tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. Please pray for good connections, good focus, and God’s presence in their midst.

19 Pray for Bob Weber, Dean Wada, and their team as they train partnership representatives to implement our new Customer Relationship Management system.

20 The MATA team will represent JAARS and offer helicopter rides at the Uwharrie Off Road Jamboree in Uwharrie, North Carolina, on Saturday.

21 The Aviation Fall Pre-Field Orientation has been postponed until the 2018 Spring Pre-Field Orientation. Inbound personnel will need our prayers for patience and understanding.

22 Brian Anders, Chris Whaley, and other members of the Learning and Development team will offer training for all JAARS managers in November.

23 Two Aviation Training instructor pilots have moved to other roles, leaving a need for field-experienced pilots with a heart and call for teaching to come join the team.

24 Thank you, Lord, for the retiring mechanics who donated their tool sets to JAARS Aviation Maintenance Training. They have saved corporate funds and provided trainees with a full range of tools to use while training on campus.

25 The partnership between Samaritan’s Purse and JAARS Aviation Training has strengthened as we work together to train Kenyan pilots for mission aviation service in their home country.

26 We’re thankful for commercial (non-mission) training opportunities that allow our instructor-pilot team to gain additional experience and offset the expense of aviation.

27 The Nie family will soon finish their furlough and return to service in the South Pacific. They will need to complete repairs on their boat upon return to New Caledonia.

28 The Maritime staff needs encouragement and wisdom as they near completion on the JAARS transport boat.

29 JAARS Land Transportation asks for prayer for their need to replace worn-out vehicles, either through donated vehicles or financial gifts. All of our vehicles are 1996 or older.

30 Praise for successful PABX phone system upgrades at SIL Mali and Burkina Faso, updating their 20-year-old systems.
November

1 Although training in linguistics and IT skills is needed for local Bible translation workers in the Central African Republic, outsider trainers cannot live there because of unsafe conditions.

2 May God speak clearly to the Check-IT-Out attendees this Friday and Saturday on what their next steps might be.

3 Praise God for the completion of the New Testament for a Southeast Asian language about a year ago. Since then a major church group has been promoting its use.

4 Tracy Tooley needs additional staff to help her coordinate the CrossVenture program here on the JAARS campus.

5 JAARS will host a Global Education and Care Orientation course November 6–9. This intensive training is for those who work with MKs. Pray participants will retain and apply all the good information presented.

6 Todd and Esther Jones are preparing for future IT service in Cameroon. Pray for their French study in France through August 2018.

7 On Thursday JAARS staff will share how technology is used to support Bible translation at Geek Fest for homeschool and college students.

8 On November 9–13 Jo Shetler will teach a WorldView-CmS intensive module at Heritage Seminary, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada.

9 The Journey Deepens retreat for people considering missions will meet at JAARS Center on November 10–11. May God give participants insight and direction as they explore his calling on their lives.

10 We give praise for two new JAARS advocates, Matthew Wallace and John Schultz, hoping this may be the start of an advocacy team near Memphis, Tennessee.

11 Praise God for the Crystal Coast advocacy team working along the coast of North Carolina. They are helping us develop the criteria and model for advocacy teams.

12 We need more JAARS advocates in the northeast, especially in New England. Please pray for opportunities for New Hampshire advocate, Elisabeth Farnsworth, to speak in churches and touch hearts to join us.

13 We need JAARS advocates in the New York City area. The closest advocates are four and six hours away.

14 As JAARS tour ambassadors meet, greet, and escort guests on daily campus tours, may our guests catch a vision of becoming involved in Bible translation.

15 On Thanksgiving Day, JAARS is hosting an annual potluck meal for those in the JAARS community who do not have family nearby or who want to share the holiday with others. Pray for Susan Williams and her staff as they plan, organize, and show hospitality.

16 Translation is in progress for more than 400 people groups whose homelands are in a “sensitive area.” Pray that God will raise up mother-tongue translators, even those who may not be believers at the beginning.

17 The International Media Services now offers a version of John’s Gospel through an agreement with the Lumo Project. This project uses the Gospel text, word for word, to bring the story of Jesus to the screen. Filmed in Morocco, the video is based on the latest theological, historical, and archaeological research on every aspect of life in first century Palestine.

18 The PL (pseudonym) translation team in Southeast Asia is ready to publish the Gospel of John and Colossians. Pray that they can complete checking procedures and prepare Romans and 2 Corinthians for publication this year as well.

19 Fighting and unrest continue in the Southern Philippines, but, praise God, our teams working there have remained safe and productive. Please continue to pray that the fighting will end and the transforming Word of God will reach the people in these difficult areas.

20 Pray for a new plan to increase the number of translation consultants, currently in short supply, within the Wycliffe Global Alliance. Criteria will be developed to identify people who have seminary, Bible college or other theological training.

21 In Nigeria, one of the top three countries in the world with the greatest need for Bible translation, nearly 350 language communities still lack even one word of Scripture in their language.

22 Holidays can be difficult for those who are away from family or who have lost a loved one recently. Pray for our missionary families who are often scattered around the world and also for those who have been widowed.

23 On this Thanksgiving Day, Lord, thank you for promising to bring to completion what you have begun in us in Jesus.

24 Remember Mike Osborn as he works with numerous staff members who need to increase their financial support team.

25 Praise God that so many Wycliffe translators and consultants can work remotely due to the marvels of Internet capabilities.

26 Plans indicate the Rapa Nui New Testament of Easter Island will be publication-ready early in 2018. Ask the Holy Spirit to prepare hearts to “hear God’s word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest” (Luke 8:15, NLT).

27 Give praise for the September Spiritual and Relational Vitality retreat for 15 Cameroonian Bible translators. May their love for God fuel their passion for Bible translation.

28 Thirty-eight thousand Laotian Laven refugees who have settled in California have no Bibles, JESUS films, radio programs, or audio gospel messages available in their language. Pray for Bible translation to begin for this community.

29 Hallelujah! The Kalinga New Testament of northern Philippines was dedicated in September 2016. Pray that translation work will soon start on the Old Testament.

30 JAARS will host the Passport to Christmas program on December 8–9. Please pray for the staff planning for this event.