

# Partner EXPRESS

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JAARS

*You will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.*  
2 Corinthians 9:11 NLT

## JAARS Introduces New Giving Strategy

In April 1992, JAARS completed the first-ever email communication between our U.S. operations and a remote translation partner overseas. Afterwards, our partner in Burkina Faso, Africa exulted that “turn-around time for a message is [only] 48 hours!”

Today, email is instantaneous, video conferencing is global, and cellphones are everywhere. Much has changed in missions over the last quarter century, and not just technology.

So, JAARS has worked hard both to lead and to keep up with change over the decades—because linguists and Bible translators working off-the-grid to bring the Good News to millions of people in their own language depend on us to help make their work possible. And now we’re changing again—not so much in what we do, but in how we invite you to participate with us.

For decades, we’ve asked for your prayer and financial support for specific projects: airplanes, various types of training, laptops, recording studios, and so on. Your partnership has been both generous and vital—millions of people around the world have gratefully received heart language scripture because of translation projects you have supported through JAARS. In recent years, though, Bible translation has experienced rapid progress due to many new partners and new approaches—all of which require new levels of speed, flexibility, and due diligence from JAARS.

To make that possible, we’ve adopted a strategy for funding that takes the best of what we were doing before and aligns it with what overseas translation partners need going forward. Specifically, while we’ll still make



*Members of a South Asian community listen to Scripture in a language and medium that speaks to their hearts. JAARS is adapting to meet these and other globally emerging needs. We invite you to contact your Partner Representative or visit our newly renovated website at [jaars.org](http://jaars.org) to learn more!*

thoughtful support commitments for locally appropriate and sustainable projects—which we’ll communicate to you here in *Partner Express* and at [jaars.org](http://jaars.org)—we’ll ask you to make those commitments possible by giving to our regional **Initiatives** (Africa, Asia, Pacific, Americas), our historic **Solution** areas (Transportation, Technology, Media, Training), or our Where Needed Most fund.

Now, within each of those areas, we’ll be able to honor your gift designations AND accelerate, delay, modify, and even shift project solutions based upon ongoing, real-time assessments of need, impact, urgency, sustainability, and so on.

It’s exactly what our translation partners around the world need.

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## Pacific Initiative



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**H**eralded in 1521 by Portuguese explorer, Ferdinand Magellan, as “Mar Pacifico” (“Peaceful Sea”), the Pacific Ocean is the world’s largest ocean with a population of almost ten million people inhabiting its fifteen major island countries. Fifty-four language groups there have a fully translated Bible—but there are still over 900 languages without so much as a New Testament. Translation partners are focused on reducing that number to zero and JAARS is there to help make that possible!

Our **Pacific Initiative** incorporates a range of logistical solutions for Bible translation and language development partners in Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, and Australia. In these countries, JAARS supports projects reaching more than 188 language groups. Many more projects are *still* needed.

Our **Transportation Solutions** help partners navigate travel on land, sea, and air, enabling them to work safely and effectively in volatile and risky environments. This ranges from providing equipment, training, and operating support to researching the best approach for safe and sustainable inter-island ocean travel. And our mission aviation partners are often able to demonstrate Jesus’ second great commandment—to love our neighbors as ourselves—by making it possible for remote communities to have urgent-care access to regional hospitals and clinics.

In the primarily oral people groups of the Pacific, our ongoing provision of **Media Solutions** means translation partners can record, produce, and distribute the gospel and related materials to communities via mobile phones, handheld audio players, portable Wi-Fi hotspots, *JESUS* film translations, and more—long before (and after) written translations are available.

And finally, we provide **Training Solutions** that range from preparing pilots and mechanics for the unique equipment and conditions they’ll encounter in the Pacific ... to making water travel safer for regional translators—who often must travel via less-than-desirable commercial transport options—by providing water safety training, equipment, and international navigational beacons.

Please join with us in the Pacific Initiative in prayer, in funding, and in advocacy among those you know. THANK YOU for responding to God’s leading in this critical part of his mission for the world.

*To make these solutions possible, please consider a gift to [jaars.org/pacific](http://jaars.org/pacific) or any of the solution areas above.*

# Scripture Websites Publish God's Word Globally

One of the teams here speak a dialect that is shared across borders. They are here as one team, but from different countries.

*Photo courtesy of Dan Neville*



A recent workshop in Southeast Asia included eight teams, all of whom successfully launched websites that will share Scripture with those who communicate in a shared language. Now an additional 795,600 people can access Scripture in their heart language! Thank you for your gifts, which made this possible.

Our partner has ten more workshops planned for this year. Two new software developers are poised to help them

as soon as they are able to raise their personal support. Pray for the success of these workshops, which we hope will result in many more websites reaching hundreds of thousands more hearts in the coming months.

For millions of people around the world of all ages and spiritual backgrounds, audio might be the only way they can experience God's Word in their own language. Add your gifts to support this expanding work at [jaars.org/media](http://jaars.org/media).

## Outcomes and Opportunities

### IT TRAINING IN AFRICA

Twenty-six IT specialists serving in French-speaking Africa say "Merci et que Dieu vous bénisse!" ("Thank you and God bless you!") for your gifts and prayers that made possible the training they received at a recent conference in Burkina Faso. To support this ongoing training, go to [jaars.org/africa](http://jaars.org/africa).

### VEHICLES FOR FIELD PARTNERS

In 1990 JAARS began a program to provide 4WD vehicles—and the training to use and maintain them—to translation workers in areas where rough, muddy, frequently flooded roads make travel difficult, if not impossible. To add your support, go to [jaars.org/transportation](http://jaars.org/transportation).

### AFRICA INITIATIVE

Thanks to your prayers and gifts, the new helicopter in Cameroon is in operation, including speeding a national literacy worker to a hospital for treatment. "It is encouraging to be able to help a worker who is involved in Bible translation get healthy so he can get back to his work," said pilot Mark Spangler.

### SOUTH ASIA INFORMATION SYSTEMS

The IT support team in South Asia has set lofty goals, including developing a dictionary app for three local language communities and a Scripture app for five more. This is in addition to their regular duties, such as maintaining the backup server, training translators in the use of translation software and assisting translation efforts in their region. To encourage them, please consider a gift at [jaars.org/asia](http://jaars.org/asia) or [jaars.org/technology](http://jaars.org/technology).

### CORE MISSION OPERATIONS

For 70 years, JAARS has been providing the kind of practical support that makes Scripture translation possible. The JAARS Center in North Carolina is home to transportation, technology, training, and media solutions that make translation work faster, easier, safer and more accurate. To support the CORE Mission Operations of JAARS, please consider a gift to [jaars.org/core](http://jaars.org/core).



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!

JAARS was born on **May 21, 1948** when the Wycliffe Board of Directors voted to establish a new service arm of the Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL International). The organization was named **Jungle Aviation and Radio Service**, later known simply as **JAARS, Inc.**

# JAARS

Thank you for considering how you can participate in making Bible translation possible! 100% of your gift goes to the project you choose.

## WAYS TO GIVE

1. Give online at:  
[jaars.org/give](http://jaars.org/give)
2. Send a check with enclosed response card and envelope to:  
JAARS Inc.  
PO Box 248  
Waxhaw NC 28173
3. Call 888.773.1178 to use a credit card, offer non-cash assets, such as stocks, and include JAARS as a beneficiary of your will, trust, or retirement plan.
4. To include JAARS in your estate plans, please incorporate the following wording:  
“\_\_\_\_\_(% or \$ amount) of \_\_\_\_\_ (asset or assets) to JAARS, Inc., PO Box 248, Waxhaw, NC 28173 Federal Tax ID #56-0818833.”

## QUESTIONS?

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## Initiatives and Solutions Needs

	2018	2019	2020
<b>INITIATIVES</b>	<b>\$1,035,000</b>	<b>\$1,140,000</b>	<b>\$1,251,000</b>
Africa	\$545,000	\$600,000	\$660,000
Asia	\$300,000	\$330,000	\$360,000
Pacific	\$140,000	\$155,000	\$170,000
Americas	\$50,000	\$55,000	\$61,000
<b>SOLUTIONS</b>	<b>\$2,240,000</b>	<b>\$1,925,000</b>	<b>\$1,971,000</b>
Transportation	\$825,000	\$910,000	\$1,000,000
Technology	\$95,000	\$105,000	\$115,000
Media	\$220,000	\$245,000	\$270,000
Training	\$1,100,000	\$665,000	\$586,000
<b>CORE Mission Operations</b>	<b>\$1,200,000</b>	<b>\$1,400,000</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>



## Experience JAARS

**T**rees blooming and garden soil preparation means the arrival of spring in the Piedmont area of North Carolina. Summer vacation is in view. Need help with summer plans? Why not visit us at the Waxhaw campus of JAARS and see what it takes to support Bible translation across the globe. Hear and learn from the experiences of trainers, pilots, software developers, boat captains—people who’ve served all over the world.

How about your church group? We offer a range of learning opportunities to help church members grow in their understanding and commitment to missions—and to support the Church in fulfilling its Great Commission calling. Tours of JAARS, lasting two hours, are available starting most weekdays at 9:30 a.m. Afterward, grab a delicious lunch in our dining hall.

Open houses are scheduled for Saturday, June 9th and August 11th from 9-4 p.m., with displays, activities, and sessions running all day. Our two museums take a close look at the heart of our work—language, culture, and Bible translation. Come trace the history of writing or study a Mexican president who deeply valued minority languages.

*To start planning your visit, go to [jaars.org/experience](http://jaars.org/experience).*

*Interested in serving at JAARS? Check current needs at [jaars.org/serve](http://jaars.org/serve).*