

# Partner EXPRESS

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*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

## Initiative Africa



**W**hat continent on Planet Earth is the second largest with 11.7 million square miles and the second most-populous with 1.2 billion people? The answer — *Africa*. And no continent on Earth has more Bible translation projects underway—or more projects needed but yet to begin—than Africa. Numerous people groups are waiting to receive the gospel in their own heart languages. JAARS is dedicated to serving our translation partners in Africa with locally appropriate and sustainable solutions in four important areas.

### TRANSPORTATION

Road infrastructure is a challenge in some African countries. Translation progress depends upon safe, affordable transportation solutions like motorbikes, 4WD vehicles, and mission aviation service. In Cameroon, after unforeseen delays, the R66 helicopter has been reassembled and is undergoing flight testing and will soon be operational, renewing much-needed air transportation service. Beyond basic aircraft operations, funding is needed for items such as licensing, insurance and pilot training.

### TECHNOLOGY

Efficient translation now depends on technologies like mobile laptops, remote power systems, and reliable internet connectivity—in short supply in many African nations. The ability to work remotely among language communities—to save and back up work, to share and consult with others over work-in-progress—is the backbone of modern translation, requiring constant support.

### MEDIA

A media organization we've teamed with for several years works with local people to create websites featuring Scripture in their local languages. People can access these sites to find, read, listen to, and watch God's Word, all in the language they share. And viewers can—and do—share the content with friends. "It's a high-tech world, and an overwhelming majority of people have access to the Internet via computers, netbooks, or smart phones," relates one of the organization's leaders.

### TRAINING

Any solution put into place requires training those who will use it to ensure the safety and sustainability of their efforts. JAARS training support stretches across a broad spectrum: pilots, mechanics, drivers, IT professionals, and maritime travelers serving in Africa.

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*Has God laid it on your heart to support the Church in Africa? Find JAARS projects providing support at [jaars.org/donate](http://jaars.org/donate).*



## Helicopter Service Continues in Cameroon—Better Than Ever!

**A400 AFRICA AVIATION INITIATIVE**

**\$466,672 NEEDED**

**A200 AVIATION TRAINING**

**\$230,707 NEEDED**

The R66 helicopter prepares for service to the people of Cameroon.

The ship carrying a desperately needed R66 helicopter to our partner SIL Cameroon has *finally* arrived in Cameroon. JAARS aviation workers from Waxhaw, North Carolina, teamed with SIL mechanics to reassemble the helicopter. After final adjustments and test flights, a JAARS instructor pilot and our pilot in Cameroon flew the R66 to the helicopter’s home base in the mountains of northwest Cameroon for transition flight training. The older R44 helicopter will be disassembled for shipment back to JAARS.

Faith, hard work, and answered prayer enabled JAARS workers to locate, purchase, and refit this helicopter. Previous

editions of *Partner Express* have told this story well, but less well known is how JAARS aviation training made this transfer possible. Pilots from JAARS needed training to take possession of the new helicopter, to become instructors, and will provide R66 transition training for pilots at SIL Cameroon.

JAARS is renowned for its pre-field orientation program, but just as important is the recurrent and as-needed training JAARS provides. The safe delivery of the R66 helicopter displays how JAARS implements solutions from start to finish.

*Please help us enable Bible translation throughout Africa by visiting [jaars.org/A400](http://jaars.org/A400) or [A200](http://jaars.org/A200).*



## Motorbikes: Versatile Vehicles for God’s Work

**L100 MOTORBIKES**

**\$83,874 NEEDED**

Bible translation can’t happen in the vast and geographically diverse continent of Africa without traveling to remote areas. The trip can be tough: broken bridges, sinkholes, rocks, mud, and overgrowth. The right vehicle and training can help teams reach wherever they need to go, faster and with less stress and danger than walking. But what is the right vehicle? That’s where JAARS comes in—finding the right solution for different environments. We visit our partners, assess their travel challenges, and help them choose the best vehicles for their situation.

In Africa, motorbikes are an ideal solution.

- **They work almost anywhere.** Motorbikes are rugged and agile, so they can navigate nearly any terrain—from city streets to rainforest trails.
- **They’re easy to maintain.** Everyone who gets a motorbike from us will also get the tools and training they need to take care of it.
- **They’re affordable.** Gas and maintenance are far less than for other vehicles.

*Please consider partnering with us to provide more of these versatile vehicles to our translation partners in Africa. Go to [jaars.org/L100](http://jaars.org/L100).*

Training is an integral part of every motorbike program. Teams from JAARS recently traveled to Benin and Central African Republic to conduct on-site training—in French and English. Instructors teach proper riding techniques, field maintenance procedures, use of proper safety equipment—all the basics that enable mission workers to operate their vehicles safely.

# Faith Comes by Hearing, and Hearing by the Word of God

8419 AUDIO VISUAL PRODUCTION  
\$44,085 NEEDED

God's Word being dubbed into a local heart language.

Linguistic researchers have found that in most minority people groups, less than half the people can read. Daily lives are built around personal interactions, not written texts. They have little reason to pick up a printed Bible. For these oral communities, audio is the answer.

Local translation teams, with the assistance of trained staff members, record the entire New Testament or a single book, worship songs and Bible stories. The *JESUS* film is dubbed into a local language. The result—access to God's Word in an audio format for people in their heart languages.

In South Asia, the New Testament audio recording for the "S" language group was completed and *JESUS* film DVDs in the "K" language were prepared and arranged for dedication and distribution. This past December in Germany, a Scripture



Engagement and Social Media Summit was held to explore the significant impact social media can have on Scripture Engagement. Future project planning included how to use social media to engage minority language groups with Scripture.

Your support ensures that studio operating costs, including staff salaries, are met; that equipment—like audio Scripture players—is available to distribute recorded materials and that staff members can attend workshops to sharpen and upgrade their skills.

*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/8419](http://jaars.org/8419).*

## Outcomes and Opportunities

### THE CORE FUND

New translators and support personnel learn to build healthy cross-cultural relationships and personal resilience in the Intercultural Communications Course. Thanks to your gifts to the CORE Mission Fund, we are providing classrooms, technology, and other services for 27 people (along with 19 children) who are receiving that training now ... along with numerous foundational services and programs that enable JAARS global impact.

### AVIATION TRAINING FLEET RENEWAL

Major training fleet upgrades are needed this year and next to ensure the aircraft we use to train pilots and mechanics for overseas service replicate the aircraft and cockpits they will use in the field—while meeting stringent FAA regulations here in the States. Go to [jaars.org/J100](http://jaars.org/J100).

### WATER SAFETY KITS AND TRAINING

As part of our work to provide safer, more efficient transportation solutions in regions where risky boats and turbulent waters are the only way to travel, we provide equipment—and training in its use—that saves lives. Go to [jaars.org/5645](http://jaars.org/5645).

### AUDIO-VISUAL PRODUCTION FOR PNG

People in the islands of Papua New Guinea communicate orally. That's why five local men are learning to produce audio and video recordings of Scripture, songs, and stories in the languages and methods that reach hearts there. Go to [jaars.org/7975](http://jaars.org/7975).

### WHERE NEEDED MOST

"I want to help JAARS provide translation support wherever and whenever the need is greatest," said one of our financial partners. Our JWN fund does exactly that, making it possible for us to meet critical needs quickly. Go to [jaars.org/JWN](http://jaars.org/JWN).



# 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

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jaars.org/donate
2. Send a check with enclosed response card and envelope to:  
JAARS Inc.  
PO Box 248  
Waxhaw NC 28173
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## QUESTIONS?

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## Current Projects & Priorities

NO.	NAME	TOTAL NEED	REMAINING NEED
<b>AVIATION</b>			
A400	Africa Aviation Initiative	1,859,000	466,672
A200	Aviation Training	314,505	230,707
J100	Aviation Training Fleet Renewal	762,600	645,409
<b>LAND TRANSPORTATION</b>			
L100	Motorbikes	90,000	83,874
L102	4WD Vehicles for Field Partners	180,000	175,754
<b>WATER TRANSPORTATION</b>			
5645	Water Safety Kits and Training	30,000	24,915
W201	Pacific Island Transport Boats	279,268	87,953
<b>MEDIA</b>			
4913	Scripture Websites	40,000	-40
8419	Audio Visual Production	48,950	44,085
M100	Audio Scripture Players	25,000	14,079
7975	Audio-Visual Scripture for PNG	23,925	20,964
<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>			
5640	IT Training in Africa	42,000	-230
5851.1	South Asia Information Systems	46,656	42,303
T102	Internet for Translation Teams	52,000	36,119
<b>GENERAL</b>			
CORE	CORE Mission Fund	1,625,000	1,172,126
JWN	Where Needed Most	264,000	60,064
<b>TOTALS</b>			
Totals as of February 1, 2018		\$5,682,904	\$3,104,754

## Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

**R**ejoice with us in God’s provision for the successful sale of a large Gift-in-Kind donation. You may remember that in early 2017, a very generous JAARS partner gave us a large gift of miniature trains, jewelry, coins, numerous collectibles, and household items.

Many of you helped to unpack, itemize, repack, pray for, and even sell some of these items. A significant portion of the collection was turned over to specialized dealers and auctioneers to sell for us. We are delighted to report that this gift raised \$119,000 to support Bible translation through JAARS. The trains alone were sold for \$81,000.

*THANK YOU to everyone who helped with this project!*

