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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

Initiative The CORE fund

\$1,510,148 NEEDED



Volunteers and staff gather to engage in worship, prayer, and sharing before beginning their work.

The world is changing rapidly. That observation won't surprise you, of course, but we want you to know that Bible translation and language development work are changing just as fast. And because our mission is to help make those efforts possible, we're changing, too.

You're going to hear us talking a lot more about "Initiatives" and "Solutions" and—to a degree—a bit less about specific "Projects." Not because individual projects (like aircraft, IT training, media players, and so on) are less important but because they spring up more quickly and sometimes get stalled or cancelled due to increasingly volatile conditions on the ground. So our focus on regional initiatives (think: Africa or the Pacific) or on key solution areas (think: mission aviation, media production, training) will allow us to respond more quickly and in more sustainable ways when we are needed.

You'll also see JAARS getting more involved in operations as partners continue to ask for that kind of help. This will require significant investment in our CORE capabilities (things like financial and operational processes, training and deployment of staff ...), but it will enable our partners to focus more intently on language development and translation.

In all cases, our commitment to them is to focus on locally appropriate and sustainable solutions. And our commitment to you is to provide timely and transparent information about the outcomes of your partnership and the opportunities that remain before us.

We thank you for being a faithful friend of JAARS and for providing the prayer, funding, and advocacy that we need. As the year closes and you consider your year-end giving plans, we invite you to invest in our Core Mission Fund ... and then to pray with us throughout the year for the partners, nations, peoples, and languages throughout the world that these efforts will support.

As the year closes and you consider your year-end giving plans, we invite you to invest in our Core Mission Fund at jaars.org/CORE.



Aviation Service Impacts Life for Translators

A200 AVIATION TRAINING

\$253,839 NEEDED

A helicopter and a JAARS-trained pilot turned a long, tough hike into a quick, safe trip.

JAARS aviation training is all about: preparing pilots, who in turn enable translation workers to reach isolated locations quickly and safely. Your support will help us maintain the specialized training that makes it possible for remote communities to receive the Word of God.

Go to jaars.org/A200.

A missionary family—a dad, pregnant mom and two small girls—was about to hike more than 12 hours through steep, wet, slippery terrain to a location near my destination. They were thrilled when my helicopter transformed a challenging, dangerous hike into an eight-minute flight.”

This story, related by Gavin Jones, a JAARS-trained pilot serving in Papua New Guinea, sums up what



Lauren Runia mentoring a media specialist during a village recording

Your Gifts Multiply God’s Word

7975 AUDIO-VISUAL SCRIPTURE FOR PNG

\$23,925 NEEDED

More than three years ago—thanks to your generous gifts—we were able to supply portable recording equipment to help Lauren and Connie Runia, media specialists working in Papua New Guinea (PNG). Believers in that region have joyfully received the video and audio Scripture materials the Runias and their trainees have produced. Plus, five local men have volunteered to receive additional training to multiply the work.

“We’ve really experienced the Lord’s blessing on our training during the past couple of weeks,” Lauren reported in November. “We’ve been teaching our media team to make Bible apps from the New Testament audio recordings they’ve made over the past couple years. There is a lot of excitement about these apps! Now people can use their phones to listen to the Bible in their language and follow along with the text at the same time.”

JAARS has been coming alongside our partners in PNG to provide equipment and support training so they can dub the *JESUS* film in local languages and record and duplicate Scripture videos. “As the team continues to gain experience, they are learning new things so quickly,” Lauren commented. “There is a real excitement about the work that our media teams are doing.”

Pray for these travelers as they work with local churches and volunteers. And add your gifts to support this valuable work at jaars.org/7975.

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Keeping Aviation Training Up to Speed

J100 AVIATION TRAINING FLEET RENEWAL

\$761,290 NEEDED



JAARS provides world-class training for missionary pilots and mechanics—training they need to fly into some of the most primitive airfields on earth. To be effective, our training fleet must replicate the aircraft used overseas. Plus, the FAA is requiring that certain avionics be installed in all aircraft by 2020. To accomplish this, our aging fleet—though well maintained—now requires a comprehensive renewal program, summarized here:

- Install ADS-B equipment that will help air traffic controllers track aircraft; an upgraded avionics package with flat panel displays; improved flight tracking equipment; and engine and flight control data recorders
- Overhaul airframes, including repainting and interior refurbishment
- Acquire specialized maintenance equipment for turbine engines

Good stewardship is always a priority at JAARS. All work will be done by JAARS personnel and volunteers. Additionally, the program will be carefully managed over several years to ensure that aircraft will always be available to maintain training excellence.

The fleet renewal program will enable JAARS to provide distinctive, mission-focused training and support for global aviation programs well into the future. Keep our training aircraft world-class at jaars.org/J100.

Outcomes and Opportunities

INTERNET UPGRADES FOR TRANSLATION TEAMS

Thank you for helping us provide a solar panel and a BGAN to our partner CABTAL in Cameroon. “We are very happy for the gift we received,” said Jerome, a translation leader working with the Niyem language group there. “We will now be connected to the world!”

PACIFIC TRANSPORT BOATS

We’re working hard to design and implement a maritime services program that will provide safe ocean travel for Pacific Island communities reachable only by water. You can work with us at jaars.org/W201.

SCRIPTURE WEBSITES IN HEART LANGUAGES

A media partner we’ve been working with reports that they have 622 live websites and 1,007 live apps sharing Scripture with language communities around the world. Help them increase the reach of the gospel at jaars.org/4913.

AUDIO-VISUAL PRODUCTION FOR SCRIPTURE ENGAGEMENT

We have pledged to increase our support for a South Asian studio that is producing audio and video recordings of Scripture, gospel songs, and more, changing lives in language communities there. Please add your gift at jaars.org/8419.

IT TRAINING IN AFRICA

At conferences in Kenya and Burkina Faso next spring, IT specialists who support Bible translators working in several African countries will be able to improve and upgrade their skills. Help us encourage them at jaars.org/5640.



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

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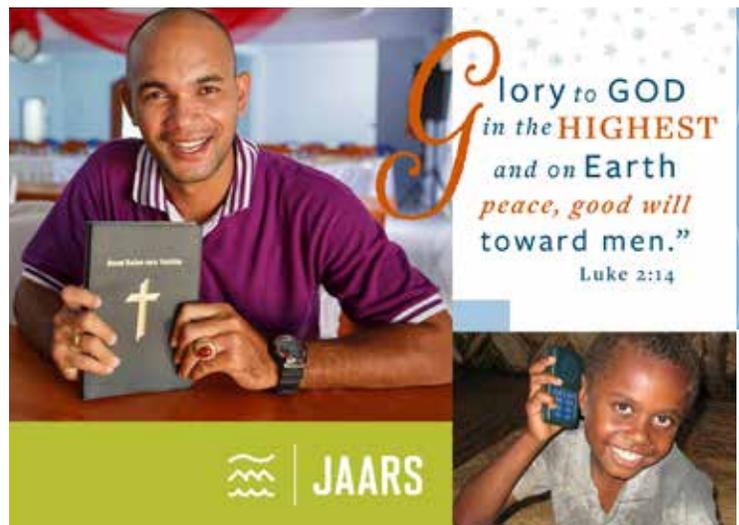


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Current Projects & Priorities

NO.	NAME	TOTAL NEED	REMAINING NEED
AVIATION			
A400	Africa Aviation Initiative	1,859,000	490,629
A200	Aviation Training	314,500	253,839
J100	Aviation Training Fleet Renewal	762,600	761,290
LAND TRANSPORTATION			
L100	Motorbikes	90,000	85,905
L102	4WD Vehicles for Field Partners	180,000	177,420
WATER TRANSPORTATION			
5645	Water Safety Kits and Training	30,000	25,856
W201	Pacific Island Transport Boats	279,268	95,824
MEDIA			
4913	Scripture Websites	40,000	38,345
8419	Audio-Visual Production	48,950	45,756
M100	Audio Scripture Players	25,000	22,565
7975	Audio-Visual Scripture for PNG	23,925	23,925
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY			
5640	IT Training in Africa	42,000	29,345
5851.1	South Asia Information Systems	46,656	44,856
T102	Internet for Translation Teams	52,000	45,820
GENERAL			
CORE	CORE Mission Fund	1,625,000	1,510,148
JWN	Where Needed Most	264,000	209,408
TOTALS			
Totals as of December 1, 2017		\$5,682,899	\$3,860,931

NOTE: For IRS credit for deductible charitable contributions, all donations by check must be postmarked by December 31, 2017, and all online credit card donations must be completed on or before December 31, 2017.



Fordata New Testament translator (Indonesia)

Lewo child with audio Scripture player (Vanuatu)

As we begin a new year, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress possible. And in this spirit we say, simply and sincerely, thank you and best wishes for a joyous Christmas and happy new year.