



JAARS

Prayerline August – September 2018

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Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

August

1 How do we [pray for translation work in sensitive areas](#) of the world? Ask the Holy Spirit to pray on your behalf, and trust God to accomplish his will. God knows exactly who you're praying for, where they live, and what's happening in their community.

2 When Todd and Esther Jones complete French language study in France this month, they will transition to Cameroon. Todd will join the Africa IT Services Group as an Area IT Consultant.

3 On October 3–5, Dr. Jolene Erlacher will lead a conference at JAARS on how to create a vibrant organization that younger global-minded Christians want to join. Pray for the planning team from Learning and Development, Aviation, and other departments.

4 Pray for two [Culture meets Scripture](#) workshops in Southeast Asia July 30–August 10. Participants need courage, spiritual wisdom and insight to learn how to bring their culture into alignment with God's Word.

5 Pray that attendees at the [Check-IT-Out](#) summer conference this week will listen to what God is saying about how to use their skills to support Bible translation.

6 During the 2018 America's Keswick Memorial Day weekend, the JAARS team gave more than 100 flights (approximately 250 passengers) and had four speaking engagements (200 or more attendees each time). We give praise for safe, memorable flights on that special weekend.

7 JAARS Partnership Ministries needs two representatives—one to serve in North Carolina and one to serve remotely on the west coast—to thank and update partners.

8 Praise God! Despite tragic setbacks of war and exile from homelands, the Keliko New Testament was completed and arrived recently in northern Uganda. An important milestone for SIL: it's the 1,000th New Testament completed with their engagement!

9 Advocates—volunteers who speak for JAARS in their churches and communities—are needed for Mississippi, Arkansas, and Oklahoma.

10 Praise God for three Wycliffe summer interns serving at JAARS. Pray they will finish strong.

11 Pray the many guests who attend [JAARS Day](#) today will be encouraged to participate in the mission of JAARS.

12 TOTAL It Up! Extreme will be held on the JAARS campus at the Woods Center, now called Belisi, this week. Ask God to show participants how he wants to use them in the Bible translation movement.

13 [Refuge 139](#) volunteers needed: for Georgia (Caucasus) on October 14–25 and for Malaysia, November 8–18. Are you, or someone you know, interested in filling this need?

14 Praise God for a wonderful answer to prayer: new advocates in Oregon, Illinois, Delaware, and Pennsylvania.

15 Water safety training is underway in the Philippines. Pray for safe travel for the staff and for safety during the training.

16 Pray for staff planning the Passport to Christmas program at the JAARS Center for children ages 6–12.

17 On August 18–19, our Missions at the Airport ([MATA](#)) team will represent JAARS at the Mission Aviation Fair in Smoketown, Pennsylvania. MATA Director Mike Mower will present an FAA-approved seminar on safe backcountry flying to the flying public.

18 The Arara people in Brazil want to have the *JESUS* video dubbed into their language. Ask the Lord to provide the funds needed and wisdom as they prepare the script. They hope the dubbing will take place in their village in early 2019.

19 International Media Services (IMS) will conduct their annual Media Specialist Training course at JAARS September 4–November 21. Pray for students raising support so they can attend.

20 The Africa Internet Improvement Program will launch a series of assessments and projects for regional offices with weak Internet service. Pray for the success of these projects led by SIL Africa IT Services Group.

21 Recently, representatives from [10 minority language groups](#) in Russia attended a workshop on using new technologies such as smartphone apps to make Scripture texts and audio recordings more accessible for nonreaders. Pray these new technologies will help people understand and apply Scripture in their lives.

22 Pray for the Summit 18 meeting on the JAARS Campus. The theme is Digital Scripture Access/Engagement strategy.

23 Pray for JAARS Chaplain John Williams and his wife, Yarby, as they spend more time with their grandchildren, but still volunteer as they are able.

24 Our leadership needs wisdom as we move forward with a maritime transportation solution for the Islands of Papua New Guinea.

25 Pray for JAARS Maritime efforts to partner with overseas mission organizations such as YWAM and Ethnos 360.

26 Pray for wisdom for John Strawser and his JAARS Tuesday Center Meeting team as they plan programs that will glorify God, and inspire and challenge JAARS folk.

27 Pray for the Language Software team developing [Bloom](#) so that the electronic 'books' it produces can include audio features that will better serve the visually impaired.

28 Venezuela remains in crisis, with severe shortages of food, medicine, electricity and transportation as crime and political unrest increase. Pray that Bible translation can continue for Venezuela's indigenous groups.

29 Pray for new staff at JAARS Maritime Services and Land Transportation as they work on partnership development.

30 Pray for a deep work of the Lord in the lives of the leadership team of the [Bible Translation and Literacy Partnership Solomon Islands \(BTLP SI\)](#): Director Pastor Andrew Fanasia, the board of trustees, and the executive committee.

31 The JAARS Learning and Development (L&D) team is preparing many training events for the remainder of this year—manager development, Spiritual and Relational Vitality (SRV) events with some of our overseas partners, and more.

September

1 Praise God, the Global Outreach boat is now operating on Lake Victoria in Uganda. Pray for safety as its medical-evangelistic ministry begins.

2 Praise: The Nie family is now underway with their repaired, restored boat. Pray for guidance and wisdom as they begin serving Bible translation in Vanuatu (Pacific Islands).

3 Praise: A summer assistant helped develop new materials and overhaul existing materials for the Multi-Generation Engagement team.

4 Praise God for new advocates representing JAARS in Boone and Apex, North Carolina.

5 Pray for Becca Burgos as she works on partnership development before joining the JAARS Youth department staff.

6 The majority of the Akebu people of Togo, West Africa, follow a traditional religion of rituals to appease ancestral spirits. Pray for the translation team as they produce audio recordings, a website, radio programs, and cellphone SD cards.

7 The Africa IT Discovery Team is reviewing the IT technical training program. Its recommendations will be implemented in various 2019 IT Connect Conferences.

8 On September 8–9 a JAARS team will partner with Essex Alliance Church to offer helicopter rides at Chamberlin's Farm and share about JAARS with the public.

9 Pray for full-time and/or part-time assistants to help with promoting the Multi-Generation Engagement [CrossVenture](#) program.

10 Praise God for videos recently completed by VM Productions (IMS): Gospel of John, *JESUS* film, Luke (Asia); Lolo *JESUS* film (Mozambique); Korafe Luke (Papua New Guinea); Mato *JESUS* film (PNG). Pray God will use these videos to change lives for his glory.

11 This week, JAARS representatives, transported by the JAARS helicopter, will 'drop in on' schools in the Carlisle, Mechanicsville, and Harrisburg areas of Pennsylvania to share with students about opportunities in missions.

12 Recently, Wycliffe USA entered into partnership with [Deaf Bible Society](#). Together, they are working to have God's Word translated and video Scriptures available in the roughly 400 sign languages of the world.

13 JAARS needs to fill many full-time positions—Director of Human Resources, Director of Prayer and Spiritual Development, Housing Reservation Clerk, Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator, and a Sea Freight Shipping Coordinator.

14 On September 15–16 the JAARS MATA team will offer airplane and helicopter rides and present technology in missions to attendees at the Carlisle Business Airport, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

15 [Wycliffe Bible Translators Japan](#) will celebrate its 50th anniversary on November 10. Pray for Executive Director Josh Matsumaru as he plans the event with his team. Pray the celebration brings praise and glory to the Lord.

16 We need pilots and staff to re-engage in the Tanzania Bible translation effort, which has been on hold for the past two years. Please pray.

17 The new JAARS Communications team will hold a conference this week to get to know each other, and learn how best to collaborate on the subject of messaging.

18 Today is the last day to register with lower fees for Fall Check-IT-Out. Pray for good attendance and excitement about serving God with technology skills.

19 A Scripture Celebration event will be held at JAARS on September 20, highlighting 36 completed New Testaments/Bibles that give more than 13 million people new access to Scripture. Praise God!

20 The Ethiopian Kafa Bible is near the finish line. Pray for a speedy, accurate revision of the Kafa New Testament for inclusion with the Old Testament.

21 On September 22 JAARS will host a Transition Seminar to help students returning to the States transition back into American culture.

22 Three newly assigned pilot/mechanics heading to PNG will attend training at Parkwater/Spokane Turbine Center in Spokane, WA for operation and maintenance of the Quest K-100 *Kodiak*. Pray for clear minds and good retention.

23 JAARS needs to create more videos. Please pray for a skilled videographer/photographer to come on staff.

24 The principal translator for the MH* language in Cameroon has completed university training and returned to his home area. Pray for increased understanding of translation principles and practice so he can become a consultant-in-training.

25 Pray for God's blessing as JAARS begins support of the Boyaya cluster project in the Democratic Republic of Congo with provision of a vehicle, motorcycles, and maintenance and driver training.

26 Almost all New Testament books have been drafted for the Boma* (245,000) of Southeast Asia with launching and dedication planned for 2019. Praise God for a denomination that supports the salaries and expenses of the project.

27 Pray for Kris Russel as he coordinates local logistics and staff for the upcoming October [Race for Possible](#) in Montana. Ask God to raise up racers and others to participate and raise funds.

28 Praise God as JAARS marks 70 years of supporting Bible translation and language development in remote and difficult places.

29 Wisdom for the Language Software team developing an updated publishing service for smartphone Scripture apps in local languages.

30 Praise God for 'storying' workshops that were completed in Northern Thailand. Pray for the team of consultants who will come and help with storying in Northern Thailand.

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