

# Partner EXPRESS



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

## Asia



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It takes up a third of the world's land mass and is the most populous continent on the planet. Fascinating and perplexing with its diverse cultures, economies, landscapes, plants and animals. The world's oldest civilizations, highest mountain peaks, largest cities, and tallest buildings reside there—Asia.

Though hundreds of millions of people live in Asia's great cities, communities without access to God's Word in their own language are more often found in the vast, remote areas

where roads and power grids do not exist. These are areas where language development, Bible translation, and a personal encounter with the gospel are needed most.

Through our *Asia Initiative*, JAARS assists our translation partners in Asia to overcome geographical and logistical barriers hindering their Bible translation work. We do this by specializing in four *Solutions-oriented* areas: **Transportation, Training, Technology, and Media**. JAARS works

Mobility, reliable electricity, handheld communications, and even the concept of a "help desk" to solve problems are often nonexistent where Bible translation needs are the greatest. JAARS makes it possible for translators to work safely and effectively in these conditions.

with translators to provide needed *transportation* tools like aircraft, boats, motorbikes and four-wheel-drive vehicles along with ongoing operational *training* support.

Today, accurate and efficient translation depends on cutting-edge *technology* and expert *media* skills. In Asia, we provide support enabling our translation partners to use modern audio and visual media for wider communication of the gospel, especially to oral societies where written communication is not part of the culture.

As one staff worker in Asia relates: *"When people see and hear the gospel presented in their own language they understand better what the gospel means to them. Audio and visual materials have been great resources to spread the good news to many language groups. When people see and hear the gospel in their language, lives change."*

Your gifts are what make this possible. The Asian continent is hungry for the gospel.

*JAARS serves our translation partners with locally appropriate and sustainable solutions throughout the challenging regions of the Asian continent.*

*Partner with us in providing the life-changing Word of God to seeking hearts in Asia. Use the enclosed reply form or learn more by visiting [jaars.org/asia](http://jaars.org/asia).*



Just getting safely to one's destination is a logistical challenge facing those who serve in the isolated islands of Lake Victoria.

### Partnering to Serve the Lord

Imagine living where there are no medical facilities, no schools, no clean water .... but there is a deep hunger for God's Word. Three thousand people do live in a place like this—it's called Lyaabana, one of many small islands in northern Lake Victoria.

Dr. David Ayer, a pediatrician and minister with Global Outreach, started traveling to these remote islands from his base in Jinja, Uganda, to give basic medical care and share the gospel with isolated people. Unfortunately, local canoe-type boats—the only available transportation—were dangerous and unreliable. The ministry needed a better, safer boat.

Dr. Ayer located a boat in Florida but needed someone stateside to evaluate it. He reached out to the Maritime Services branch at JAARS. Bob Haussler and Daryl Beltz agreed to inspect the boat and provide a recommendation. Their conclusion? The boat needed work but the “bones” were good. Dr. Ayer agreed to buy the boat and JAARS agreed to prepare it for service.

The boat INDEED needed work. Daryl Beltz summarized some of the repairs JAARS workers made: “We completely rewired the boat, replaced the gauges, installed new fuel tanks and mounted two new outboards. We knew the doctor needed a reliable boat.”

Now proudly named *Islands of Hope*, the boat successfully completed trial runs and was shrink-wrapped for the long journey to Africa. After the vessel eventually arrived in Uganda, JAARS worker Glen Adams traveled to Jinja to help launch the boat and complete its first maintenance.

The *Islands of Hope* boat exemplifies how ministries can partner together to spread God's Word. Daryl Beltz well summarized the project: “This boat's potential to touch people's lives through Dr. Ayer's ministry gave our team much satisfaction. Hopefully, this will be just the first of our efforts to partner with other ministries for the glory of God.”

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### Training, Support, and Tools

A knowledgeable tech support team makes translation faster and more accurate.

Back in 1983, the JAARS magazine *Beyond* reported on the growing use of computers in translation work, adding that “computer technology is making immense strides every day and JAARS intends that Bible translation shall benefit.”

But computers, software, and Internet service are valuable only if trained support technicians are available to help translators and language consultants use them to the fullest advantage. Thanks to your gifts, we are providing the training and tools that tech support specialists need in South Asia.

A recent workshop there resulted in upgrades to ParaText and Render, two software programs that have proven immensely valuable to translation workers. Eight translation teams were trained in ParaText and assisted in transferring their files to the newest version.



The department manager created an Intranet website to consolidate IT information for the staff and to reduce time-consuming manual tasks. She also developed a keyboard for the team, enabling them to type in their language's alphabet. Another tech specialist assisted in firewall fixes, security, and back-up systems.

*Add your support to ongoing technology training in South Asia. Use the enclosed reply form or go to [jaars.org/technology](http://jaars.org/technology).*

### Outcomes and Opportunities

#### CORE MISSION OPERATIONS

THANK YOU for your support of the recent *Campaign For Possible 2018!* Your generous gifts make it possible for the JAARS Center in North Carolina to continue providing practical solutions to our Bible translation partners worldwide in critical areas like R&D, technology and financial systems, missionary care, aviation hangars, runways, and much more.

#### AMERICAS INITIATIVE

Throughout Central and South America, Scripture websites in different languages are coming on-line as our Bible translation partners use this modern medium to reach many with the gospel in their heart language. Needed aircraft mechanical upgrades now allow translation personnel and cargo to travel more efficiently. Please add your support to this initiative at [jaars.org/americas](http://jaars.org/americas).

#### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS

Representatives of minority language groups in Russia recently attended a workshop on using new technologies such as smartphone apps to make Scripture texts and audio recordings more accessible for nonreaders. To assure continuation of these workshops, visit [jaars.org/technology](http://jaars.org/technology).

#### MEDIA SOLUTIONS

Videos of the Gospels of John and Luke, as well as the *JESUS* film have been completed in Asian, African, and Pacific Islander languages. These videos are changing lives in mighty ways for God's glory. Please provide your encouragement for continued distribution of these films by going to [jaars.org/media](http://jaars.org/media).

#### TRAINING SOLUTIONS

Every Spring JAARS offers a 16-week pre-field orientation (PFO) that prepares pilots and mechanics to fly and maintain aircraft in the most challenging locations. During this intense training, instructors work with trainees to increase their competence and instill good judgement, attention to detail, and understanding of risk management. Add your support to this training by visiting [jaars.org/training](http://jaars.org/training).



# JAARS

100% of giving to all *Initiatives* and *Solutions* goes directly to those designated areas. This is possible because JAARS is blessed to cover 2/3 of our core operating expenses—including research and development, certain project management and training needs, communications, fundraising, and a range of missionary support services—through our own operations. The balance is covered by generous gifts to our *CORE Mission Operations* from faithful partners like you.

For designated gifts, funding in excess of current needs will be applied to future needs within the same *Initiative* or *Solution* area.

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## Investment Opportunities

	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>



## Flexing with us

- A 4WD truck to support emerging locally led Bible translation projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- An expanded commitment to audio production studio capabilities that provide the gospel to oral language groups in South Asia.
- Aviation training subsidies in North Carolina that enable pilots and mechanics headed overseas to adequately prepare for off-the-grid aviation environments.

These are all recent solutions made possible by your generosity—and in part by the flexibility of our recently

introduced *Initiatives* and *Solutions* giving model.

Now, with funding directed to regional *Initiatives* or tactical *Solutions*, we have the ability to flex when translation partner needs shift around the world—and to adjust the timing of solution priorities in order to serve Bible translation needs quickly and well.

So thank you for flexing with us and for adopting this new approach to giving. As always, we'll keep you informed—here in *Partner Express*, online at [jaars.org](http://jaars.org), and through as many other channels as possible—about the specific “deliverables” we provide our global translation partners and how they are used to help provide the life-transforming power of the gospel!