

# 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

JAARS provides transportation, technology, media, and training solutions that help language communities like the Dangaleat of Chad receive God's Word.



**B**ounded by the Mediterranean Sea, the Red Sea, the Indian Ocean, and the Atlantic Ocean, the world's second-largest continent, *Africa*, is also divided in half almost equally by the equator. Africa's population stands at 1.2 billion people—half of which are children.

The African Church has experienced remarkable growth over the years. At the turn of the twentieth century, Christianity was virtually nonexistent in many parts of the continent but it is now the majority faith in many nations.

Much of this growth is the result of Bible translators working to provide

the Scriptures in languages that speak to the hearts of the people. Yet, 1,400 people groups are still waiting to hear or read the gospel in a language they understand best. Most of these groups live in remote, off-the-grid locations.

Bible translation on the continent, along with other missions work, is being challenged by the increasing level of religious persecution that has forced millions of Christians to flee their homes for overcrowded refugee camps. The number of martyrs in the African Church has risen dramatically over the past several years.

Yet, this **does not** deter our translation partners in Africa. Through

our *Africa Initiative*, JAARS continues to work to provide timely, high-impact, and sustainable solutions in the areas of transportation, technology, training, and media to help overcome the geographical, logistical and communication barriers that hinder Bible translation.

In many African countries, transportation infrastructure is poor-to-nonexistent. For translation workers, getting to a location such as a village or church may take days, even weeks—slowing down their work while possibly creating a range of safety issues. Planes, helicopters, boats, 4WD vehicles and motorbikes provided by JAARS help to shorten these long journeys and make them much safer.

In some locations, communication systems may typically be nonexistent, or slow and sometimes unreliable. Often no power grid exists to provide the electricity they need. JAARS technology specialists provide needed assistance to our translation partners with internet access, computers, specialized software, and linguistic consultation to help with difficult translation issues.

*Your generous gifts will continue to provide our translation partners in Africa much needed practical solutions for the safety and sustainability of their efforts. Use the enclosed reply form or learn more by visiting [jaars.org/africa](http://jaars.org/africa).*

*No continent on earth has more translation projects underway—or more projects needed but yet to begin—than Africa.*

## Transportation Solutions



Training with a Toyota Land Cruiser to recover from an off-road incident.

### 4WD Training for PNG

JAARS supports Bible translators' transportation needs in a variety of ways, but "land vehicles are by far the predominant travel method," asserts John Pepper, a JAARS internationally certified 4WD instructor. With poor roads common in remote areas where translators work, reliable, versatile vehicles are essential. Recommending appropriate vehicles and providing training to operate those vehicles is what JAARS does.

The Aitape West Cluster Project in Papua New Guinea (PNG) is a Scripture translation initiative that includes 11 neighboring language groups. Translators working in this remote area on the northern coast of PNG have long needed a replacement vehicle to facilitate mission travel. They asked the JAARS Land Transportation Department to help them determine what type of vehicle would be best for their needs. Working together over months, the team evaluated multiple possibilities. "We looked at large vehicles such as ex-military-style trucks but determined that they could not recover on their own if they got stuck in the poor roads of this area," says Pepper. "But a smaller vehicle such as a Toyota Land Cruiser could recover itself from an off-road incident with the addition of winches, recovery ropes, and proper training."

Based on this analysis plus the better availability of Toyota parts, the team selected the Land Cruiser for the Aitape project. JAARS procured the vehicle and shipped it overseas. JAARS provides training for all the vehicles it supports, so Pepper and Jim McCabe, a 4WD instructor with SIL, traveled to PNG to conduct a two-week training course. They expect to train both translators and local workers, emphasizing driving safety, preventive maintenance, and recovery techniques.

Pepper has learned from the many overseas courses he has taught how important training is. "Many people have been injured due to poorly maintained vehicles or a lack of driving skills," says Pepper. "Once we do the training, accidents go down and driver proficiency and confidence go up."

*Your help is needed for the purchase and deployment of additional land vehicles in Africa and the Pacific to provide safe travel for our Bible translators. Use the enclosed reply form or log on to [jaars.org/transportation](http://jaars.org/transportation).*



*Working together with fellow mission organizations to solve their transportation problems is an important way JAARS supports Bible translation.*

## Media Solutions

### Recording With Roosters

Imagine recording a story, and not just any story but God's eternal story—the gospel, with roosters crowing and chainsaws buzzing in the background. Not much truth will be heard.

When Jerry Walker and his team record Scripture in the villages of Papua New Guinea, there is always noise in the background. A rooster has even crowed under their feet, causing them to re-record.

With help from JAARS, SIL—a partner organization—built a larger recording studio and two smaller self-recording rooms in the Ukarumpa Center. Now Papua New Guineans regularly use these facilities for their recordings. Since the studio was built two years ago, "they have been so busy," Jerry tells us. "Most every day we have at least one recording going on in them."

When Jerry did his first recording in one of the studios, he says, "It was so quiet that I didn't know what to do with myself." According to him, the studio also "has good power



Soundproof studios like this one provide an ideal environment for producing audio and video recordings.

supply and network connections so I can easily back up to our network" and save their work. The new studio has quadrupled the number of people who can access God's story.

*Add your support to the ongoing work of recording God's Word in Papua New Guinea by using the enclosed reply form or go to [jaars.org/media](http://jaars.org/media).*

## Outcomes and Opportunities

### THE CORE FUND

In early October, the Learning and Development Department of JAARS sponsored a Millennial Conference for the community. Speakers demonstrated how to effectively engage, equip, and empower this next generation for kingdom service. *THANK YOU* for your gifts to the CORE Mission Fund, which makes conferences like this possible.

### PACIFIC INITIATIVE

Northeast Epi, an island in Shefa Province, Vanuatu, recently celebrated the publication of the New Testament in Lewo, a local dialect. Vanuatu is a South Pacific Ocean nation of roughly 80 islands. Other South Pacific languages wait for God's Word and you can make this possible by using the enclosed reply form or visiting [jaars.org/pacific](http://jaars.org/pacific) to be part of this initiative.

### TRAINING SOLUTIONS

During 2017–18, Africa Area IT Services conducted annual IT Connect Conferences for French- and English-speaking specialists. Conference workshops covered much needed topics such as Firewall Management, End User Security, Encryption, Network Management, and Disaster Recovery. They also discussed spiritual issues like prayer and encouragement. To ensure similar conferences continue, use the enclosed reply form or log on to [jaars.org/training](http://jaars.org/training).

### AMERICAS INITIATIVE

The Satere people of Brazil can now listen to recorded portions of the New Testament on MegaVoice audio players. Hearing God's Word in their language will result in changed hearts. You can enable more hearts to be changed by God's Word in South America by using the enclosed reply form or linking to [jaars.org/americas](http://jaars.org/americas).

### MEDIA SOLUTIONS

Recently, local recordists at a studio managed by our South Asian partner dubbed the *JESUS* film in three different local languages. Later, as people viewed the films, they were revived and touched by seeing and hearing the gospel presented in this format. Many other language groups wait to hear the gospel, and your support makes this happen. Use the enclosed reply form or visit [jaars.org/media](http://jaars.org/media).



# 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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## Technology Solutions

### Greater Things to Come

The website-building workshop in Togo, Africa, had a wrinkly start. Most of the participants had little education, no media in their language, and no computer experience—not even a computer. They hadn’t the slightest idea of what they were going to do in this workshop. The instructors discussed whether they should cancel the workshop. Instead, they decided to teach them some basic skills: how to work with websites, create pages, and basic design principles.

Many of the participants had no experience in typing, especially not in typing in their language. So, the teams called for help. Mama Brigitte, a member of the Ana translation committee, called her son. He came in every day, all day long, and helped the team type their Scripture texts. The Ana team had brought along some translated passages of the book of Mark. One of the instructors asked if they would like to put these verses on their website, and they enthusiastically agreed.

At the suggestion of the instructors, the team recorded these passages and put them on pages along with the text. According to Werner, one of the instructors, “Two more teams followed their example. They got started on their Bible translations right away, typing their translations into the website and adding audio recordings to it.”

Werner confessed that “the six websites we produced are certainly not the best, richest and most interesting. But they are a great encouragement for the translation teams. They are a starting point for greater things to come.”

In the end, the instructors thanked God for leading them *not* to send the students home, but to make the best of the unusual situation. And now six websites are ready and waiting to offer the Scriptures to people in a language they know best!

*Partner with us to help make possible “greater things to come” for Scripture websites in Africa. Use the enclosed reply form or learn more by connecting to [jaars.org/media](http://jaars.org/media).*



Mama Brigitte, her son, and a pastor from the Ana translation team upload Scripture texts to their website.

## 42 Reasons to Say Thank You!

Recently, at the 2018 JAARS Scripture Celebration, we honored the completion of 42 Scripture translations. With your support, JAARS facilitated many of these projects. In the Americas: provided seven pilot-mechanics and equipment for eleven language projects. In Africa: helped dub the *JESUS* film in 56 languages. In Asia: helped provide and maintain a recording studio. In the Pacific: supplied about 50 aviation personnel, two helicopters, multiple planes, an all-terrain vehicle, and water-safety training. *Thank you for partnering with us and making this celebration possible.*

