April - May 2019

Prayerline

Your guide to praying for JAARS and the global Bible translation movement we support.



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April

- 1 Pray for the JAARS <u>CrossVenture</u> 2019 summer program: encouragement for the staff and creativity in recruitment of participants.
- **2** JAARS <u>Missions at the Airport</u> April events: April 2–7 at Lakeland, FL; April 13 at Cheraw, SC. Pray for God to open minds and hearts as staff share the vital role aviation serves in Bible translation.
- 3 Pray for a full slate of students for the May session of Explore Bible Translation Extreme (BT-X) being held at JAARS. Ask that they will be open to explore what God would have them do as part of the Bible translation movement.
- **4** In the Waata and Chonyi languages of Kenya, translation has begun on the Gospel of Luke for the *JESUS* film. Pray the film will be an effective tool for evangelism.
- **5** Seven different mission teams will be serving at JAARS during April–June. Pray for safe travel, good health and safety while serving, and openness to consider how they might support the process of Bible translation.
- 6 Lift up the Umbangala (Angola) translation team as they proofread the New Testament manuscript. It takes concentration, good health, and alert eyes. Pray they will find any errors before it is sent for printing.
- 7 In South Asia more than 25 New Testaments are in the final stages of preparation for publication. Pray for clarity and diligence for staff as they complete final checks and read-throughs.
- 8 Ask God to raise up more people to participate in the ongoing work of Bible translation in Uganda. Pray the Holy Spirit will illuminate God's Word for those who have recently received it and lead them to embrace his truth.
- 9 The International Media Services (IMS) staff is field testing the Story Producer app in Papua New Guinea (PNG). Pray this tool will enable God's story of salvation to reach and touch many ethnic peoples.
- 10 Pray the Lord will provide the funding needed for the Koma (West Africa) team to forge ahead with translation over the next year.
- 11 Pray participants will be engaged, encouraged, and challenged during the JAARS <u>CrossVenture Explore</u> April 12–14.
- 12 Pray the Night at the Alphabet Museum program (tonight and May 17) will have adequate staff, continue to improve, and bring new people to JAARS.
- 13 During April and May IMS staff will be in PNG to mentor the islands media team as they complete the final editing of the Mandara Gospel of John video and begin dubbing the Mengen *JESUS* video.

- 14 Pray for God's protection over the Guerguiko New Testament as it goes for typesetting in Yaoundé, Cameroon. Ask God to prepare the hearts of all who will receive it.
- 15 JAARS Food Services has aging equipment that will soon need replacing. Pray for sound judgement as they select new equipment and for God's provision of funding.
- 16 A series of Old Testament stories is being produced in a sensitive language in West Asia. Pray these stories become fixed upon the hearts and minds of those who read them.
- 17 Pray staff will effectively impart God's heart for unreached peoples during the JAARS CrossVenture Explore program April 18–20.
- 18 Pray Lhomi villagers in Nepal will value early childhood education in their mother tongue so Lhomi children will grow up able to read the Bible in their language.
- 19 Pray for discernment and vision as the JAARS Development team works to establish a fellowship/internship program for JAARS.
- 20 Pray for Communications and IT staff at JAARS as they seek a secure and affordable solution for photo and video storage accessible via the cloud.
- **21** Magnify our Lord! He is risen. He is risen indeed. On this day we give thanks for his sacrifice and his resurrection.
- 22 Evan Smith has received the FAA Master Pilot Award, celebrating 50 years of safe flying. JAARS now has three FAA Master Pilots: Gerry Gardner, Doug Deming, and Evan Smith. Praise God for their perseverance in ministry.
- 23 Praise the Lord! To date, a regional recording studio in Asia—designed, built, and equipped by JAARS—has impacted 23 language communities through audio recordings and video products.
- 24 In a number of West Asian language groups persecution makes community testing of Bible translations difficult. Pray for wisdom as teams experiment using social media to test translations.
- 25 Several field personnel of JAARS partners are preparing for furlough this summer. Pray for provision of vehicles, housing, schooling, finances, and good communication with ministry partners.
- 26 Pray that providing regional IT workshops will result in more effective IT support for Bible translation teams.
- 27 Pray for staff and instructors who are preparing for the Explore BT-X program—that they will present material clearly and God will prepare the hearts of students to receive and apply the teaching.
- 28 Entering and remaining in West Asian countries is a challenge. Pray for goodwill with government officials; several visas were granted recently and several more are urgently needed.

- **29** Pray for the audio engineering support needed for the JAARS daily radio program *Speeding the Word*. Pray also for more Christian radio stations to carry the program.
- **30** Pray for God's guidance as the Gbeya, Kabba and Ngbugu teams decide what illustrations they need to help readers understand the New Testament clearly.

May

- 1 JAARS Aviation is conducting recurrent training in the turbine Cessna 207 for mechanics and pilots in Cameroon May 1–13. Pray for safe travel and effective communication.
- 2 Pray for SIL Nigeria staff as they seek ministry partners from within and outside Nigeria to enable them to serve in vital technical and administrative roles.
- **3** Pray for a full slate of participants and a safe and impactful Race for Possible in Oregon on June 15.
- 4 Ask God to guide and direct a translation project beginning for a large people group in South Asia. Pray for open doors and a local contact to help with initial drafts.
- 5 The present assistant manager for <u>JAARS museums</u> will retire in June. Pray for provision of new staff.
- 6 Pray for potential new translation projects in South Asia, that people will respond to the Lord's leading and initiate Bible translation in these communities.
- 7 Pray for the expansion of JAARS advocacy teams into key areas across the country—teams that can organize special events and support engagement opportunities.
- 8 A translation team in West Asia has added several new team members. Pray they make good local connections, grow in unity, and encourage one another.
- 9 JAARS <u>Missions at the Airport</u> May events: Winnsboro, SC, May 11; Whiting, NJ, May 24–27. Pray staff will have many opportunities to present the role of JAARS in Bible translation.
- 10 JAARS Communications staff needs several key personnel: photographer/videographer, project manager, and social media manager. Ask the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers to these positions.
- 11 Pray participants will grow in their understanding of missions during JAARS CrossVenture May 12–18.
- 12 Pray for healthy collaboration among a growing number of organizations in Bible translation in <u>Indonesia</u>.
- 13 In answer to prayer, God brought eight new team members to Global Technology and Information Systems at JAARS and two short-term volunteers. Thank our Lord for his faithful provision.
- 14 Four language teams (Godié, Guéré, Bété of Guiberoua, Bété of Gagnoa) in Côte d'Ivoire are preparing New Testaments for publication. Ask God to give good mental focus so typesetting can begin 2019–2020.
- 15 The Story Producer app, developed by <u>International Media Services</u> at JAARS, uses templates on cell phones to produce Bible story videos. The app has been successfully field-tested with eight language groups in Kenya. Pray for changed lives through this app.

- 16 The Koma team recently upgraded their translation software and now must transfer much data. Pray for a smooth transfer process and for protection over completed translations.
- 17 God has provided protection from storms and pirates to JAARS shipments sent to many mission partners worldwide. Exult with JAARS Logistics that God continues to answer our prayers.
- 18 Praise God for new staff willing to take on leadership roles as they serve translation projects across Eurasia. Ask God to provide the resources and support they need to flourish.
- 19 A vital ministry at JAARS "flies under the radar." Praise God for the devotion of several prayer groups which meet regularly on the JAARS campus to intercede for geographic areas, unreached peoples, and ministries.
- 20 Pray God will use biblical trauma healing workshops worldwide to bring hope and healing to people in the aftermath of conflict, disaster, or abuse.
- 21 Pray for safety and good health for the Explore BT-X staff and students this week. Pray students will focus on hearing from God and respond with obedient hearts.
- 22 Twenty members of a language community in Bangladesh are developing literacy materials. Pray followers of Jesus will grow in their faith and others will come to Christ during the process.
- 23 Pause and lift your heart in praise to our Provider! Ministry partners continue to be moved to contribute gifts and abilities that help JAARS Maritime move forward enabling <u>safer water transportation</u>.
- 24 The Buwal live in a region of Cameroon where insurgent activity occurs. Ask God to protect the Buwal people, translation team, and project staff who live and minister here.
- 25 Pray for JAARS Aviation recruitment efforts. Many skilled pilots and aircraft mechanics are needed to replace current staff as they retire.
- 26 International Media Services at JAARS recently completed videos of *JESUS* in Toura and Paasaal (Africa), and *GENESIS* in a Philippine language. Ask God to use these videos to change lives for his glory.
- 27 JAARS Youth and Young Adult ministries requests prayer for our youth and young adults—that they might grow in their walk with the Lord.
- 28 Give thanks and pray for the six pilot/mechanics who graduate on June 28 from Pre-Field Orientation at JAARS Aviation, a 3.5 month course which is the final training stage for most pilots and mechanics heading to the field.
- 29 Pray for a fruitful JAARS <u>Refuge 139</u> event for missionary kids in India May 29–June 16.
- **30** The Tagakaulo translation team are finishing the remaining seven books of the Tagakaulo New Testament. Pray for their health and their families, for safety in travel, and adequate finances.
- 31 Several team members of the JAARS <u>Facilities and Maintenance</u> department will retire in the next year or two. Ask the Lord to provide skilled personnel to replace them.