October

1 At our recent Scripture Celebration, we gave thanks for the 20 new translations of God's Word completed during the past year. Join us in asking God to bless those who now have his Good News in their own language for the very first time.

2 The Inakeanon (Philippines) translation team is working via the internet to revise the last few books of the New Testament. Pray for strong and stable internet connections.

3 Pray for the JAARS Clinic staff retreat October 3–5, a time of encouragement and deepening unity for clinic staff.

4 Today staff members will represent JAARS at a large Senior Expo in Charlotte. Pray, as a result, many seniors will visit JAARS, begin praying for us, and become involved in our worldwide ministry.

5 With their manual-transmission training vehicle taken out of service because of mechanical issues, JAARS Land Transportation needs another training vehicle. Pray for God’s provision.

6 Pray God will use the audio Bible stories being recorded in sensitive languages* of Eurasia to transform hearts through his Word.

7 JAARS Learning and Development (L&D) team members will attend meetings in Dallas and UK this month. Pray for safe travel and fruitful interaction with colleagues in partner organizations.

8 The team conducting an ongoing storying project in West Asia* is traveling among villages seeking to connect with receptive individuals. Ask God to grant favor, protection, and wisdom in all they do.

9 Pray God’s Spirit will energize volunteers at the JAARS Center as they consider the potential global impact of their contributions at JAARS.

10 Ask God to strengthen and keep healthy the Ngiva (Mexico) team whose members are frequently sick. Pray their resolve to translate the Word of God will not diminish as a result of recurring illnesses.

11 Pray for the JAARS Day event tomorrow. Pray that creative new activities will enhance our guests’ experience and provide lasting memories of their time at JAARS.

12 Pray for God’s provision and direction as JAARS Center staff seeks to strengthen our relationships with area communities.

13 Praise God for the impact of the ñomnda Amuzgo (Mexico) New Testament translation. The inhabitants of the region are understanding God’s message and families are being transformed. To God be the glory!

14 With no known believers in the community, the Lotari* (Eurasia) translation team faces significant challenges and risks. Pray for God’s protection as translation moves forward.

15 Preparations for the annual Passport to Christmas event at JAARS are underway. Pray God will bless the team with creative ideas as they plan this special time for area children to learn how God is working in countries all over the world.

16 Pray God will open a way for the Ngbugu team in the Central African Republic to start Scripture engagement activities, presently impossible due to militia in the area.

17 Pray for the Lord’s provision of an outreach assistant to support the work of Partnership Ministries at JAARS.

18 Recently a team gathered to record the first-ever Tina Sambal (Philippines) spiritual music album. Pray God would be glorified through these recordings.

19 Pray JAARS partners will be received warmly in new translation areas and will form trusting relationships in the language communities.

20 Cuicateco (Mexico) children are learning to read in their language while listening to the stories of the Gospel of John. Pray they, as well as their parents, will come to know Christ.

21 The Palaka (Côte d’Ivoire) New Testament is nearing completion. Thank the Lord for providing a new member to the translation team after the unexpected death of a former member.

22 Wycliffe Japan staff are coordinating a discovery trip to Papua New Guinea (PNG) October 22–November 4. Pray God will open hearts and minds to serve in missions as participants experience cross-cultural ministry.

23 Pray for the educational ministry of the Museum of the Alphabet at JAARS. Visitors see firsthand the importance of language development, a critical step in the Bible translation process.

24 In this time of turmoil in Cameroon, pray many will seek the Lord and come to know the God who is a refuge in troubled times.

25 Pray for effective communication tomorrow as JAARS Aviation presents our unique services to staff, students, and families of Nashville Flight Training School.

26 Pray for wisdom as JAARS Aviation researches new software solutions to replace older systems and update current systems, a major undertaking.

27 JAARS will host an Explore Bible Translation-Extreme workshop October 28–November 2. Pray participants will grasp how God might use their unique skills to support Bible translation.

28 Five Old Testament books have been recorded in the Gadsup (PNG) language. Pray Gadsup speakers will hunger for God’s Word and grow in their walk with the Lord.

29 Pray God will powerfully use the four new videos produced by JAARS Aviation Recruitment to lead many to serve in mission aviation.
30 Pray for Korean partners who plan to distribute vernacular Scriptures to refugees in a Southeast Asian country.* Pray that many will read these Scriptures and find hope in Christ.

31 God has faithfully provided staff and volunteers for JAARS Refuge 139 mission trips around the world. Pray the Lord will bless each missionary kid (MK) they serve.

November

1 Ask God to give wisdom as the JAARS Learning and Development staff prepare manager training sessions for November 6 and 14. Pray participants will learn new management skills.

2 In Ethiopia eleven remaining languages, some still without an alphabet, need Bible translation. Pray God will provide for every need and draw people to complete the task.

3 Pray for wisdom for SIL's Africa Information Communications Technology Services based at JAARS as they respond to Africa IT infrastructure project requests from Central Africa and other locations.

4 Pray for the development of the Palawano-English Student Dictionary, a great help for Palawano high school and college students.

5 Pray as JAARS partners promote multilingual education. When children master basic school subjects in their own local language first, they can then more easily learn the official language of their region.

6 Pray God will work in the hearts of children attending Chatino (Mexico) literacy classes. They learn to read in their own language by memorizing Bible verses.

7 Pray new JAARS staff who are raising support will grow in faith, strength, and endurance as they rely on God’s faithfulness.

8 Pray for God’s protection over the ongoing work of the Lenthomi* audio Bible project, especially the health and cooperation of narrators, technicians, and reviewers.

9 Pray for the continued worldwide impact of Core Operations at the JAARS Center—more than 500 people, 552 acres, 49 buildings, and 4 airstrips—prayerfully committed to provide the practical solutions our translation partners need.

10 A team in the Mediterranean region* is producing ABRAHAM in a five-video series for Facebook. Pray people who watch the videos will be eager to know more about the Bible.

11 JAARS Fellows, an 11-month professional opportunity for young people with a post-secondary degree, provides entry into a first career missions position. Ask God to direct gifted young people with servant-hearts to the program.

12 Pray for the reopening of the airstrip on Loaua Island in PNG which will facilitate travel to their planned New Testament dedication and celebration.

13 Two mechanics have recently passed their JAARS Aviation technical evaluations. Pray for God’s encouragement and direction as they begin building partnership teams.

14 The Nobonob Bible (PNG) is in its final translation stage. Ask the Lord to provide strength, stamina, and unity for the team during checking and final corrections.

15 Praise the Lord for two new volunteer nurses, working part-time in the JAARS Clinic; ask God to send additional volunteer healthcare providers.

16 Mysticism and animism have created fear in the hearts of the Gabri Maja (Chad). Ask God to shine the light of his gospel into this darkness.

17 The JAARS MK Station provides preschool childcare. Pray God will move in hearts and continue to provide staff who love teaching children.

18 Due to regional unrest, the Komo (Central Africa) translation team must work far from their language area. Pray as they continue to look to the Lord for security and guidance.

19 Pray for the Partnership Development team as they work with many JAARS staff members who need additional financial partners in order to continue to serve at JAARS.

20 As translators visit tribal leaders in the Gbeya, Kabba, and Ngbugu languages, pray God will move in these leaders’ hearts to enthusiastically promote reading God’s Word in their languages.

21 Pray God will enable JAARS partners to begin translation work soon in communities of the Pacific region which still need God’s Word in their own language.

22 Ask God to enable adept language and culture learning for JAARS partners as they start new translation projects.

23 Pray for the safety of JAARS Aviation flight operations; flying approximately 7,500 hours per year, pilots and staff are exposed to some very challenging flying conditions.

24 In West Africa a team is producing audio recordings of Bible portions for a people group who do not read. Pray many minds are opened to the gospel as they listen to the recordings.

25 Skill, knowledge, and experience are key elements for training those preparing to work in Bible translation. Pray for the trainers who provide vital, specialized preparation.

26 Pray the printed and electronic Mussau-Emira (PNG) New Testament will enable people to grow in faith as they engage with Scripture in their own language.

27 Media teams from a JAARS partner have helped create 630 Scripture-centered, local-language websites in 57 countries. Pray lives will be changed for God’s glory through this technology.

28 This Thanksgiving Day let us always be giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 5:20).

29 Pray for wisdom and discernment as JAARS develops transportation solutions for our Bible translation partners overseas where travel is an extreme challenge.

30 Praise God! The Mango (Chad) New Testament will be available this year! Pray the light of Jesus will transform Mango lives and deliver them from darkness.

*Name changed or omitted for security purposes.