



# JAARS

Prayerline December 2019 – January 2020

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## Prayerline

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

### December

- 1** Scriptures in Fonyi (Senegal) have been recorded for use by local churches. Pray God's spoken Word will transform Fonyi lives.
- 2** Pray for guidance of the SIL font development teams as they work to develop [digital fonts](#) that enable languages that have never been written on computers to be typed and read on screens.
- 3** JAARS Human Resources staff remind us that many missionary kids (MKs) begin college while their parents remain in ministry overseas. Ask God to provide encouragers who can reach out to these MKs over the holidays and break times.
- 4** JAARS Purchasing and Shipping is packing a sea-cargo container for Papua New Guinea (PNG). Pray for the safe arrival of its cargo, including a 4WD vehicle, motorbike, and personal effects for many missionary families.
- 5** Pray for JAARS partners nearing completion of translations; spiritual warfare often becomes more intense when translation work nears the [finish line](#).
- 6** *Taste and see that the Lord is good* (Psalm 34:8). Pray the new Taste & See Scripture app will be helpful to language communities just beginning to use and apply Scripture.
- 7** Pray as JAARS helps with logistics in support of Bible translation taking place in remote areas around the world.
- 8** War, persecution, and natural disasters can create deep emotional scars. Pray as JAARS partners train church leaders to use God's Word to help people dealing with [emotional trauma](#).
- 9** Pray for the nurture and growth of seeds planted in young lives through [CrossVenture](#), [Race for Possible](#), and other JAARS multigenerational programs.
- 10** Praise God for opportunities to provide Bible videos on Facebook. Videos prepared in one language\* had more than 10 million views and 41,000 shares.
- 11** Pray people will be led by the Holy Spirit to support the mission of JAARS, and that they will experience the joy of the Lord as they invest in his work.
- 12** Pray for [Passport to Christmas](#) at JAARS December 13 and 14. About 180 children will hear the message of the Savior, experience the culture of three faraway countries, and learn how the work of JAARS helps Bible translation.
- 13** Pray God will grant unwavering discipline to [International Media Services](#) staff at JAARS as they work to ensure recordings always meet their professional standards.
- 14** At the Romblomanon (Philippines) New Testament dedication a large group of people joyfully paraded the town's streets celebrating with worship music. Give him glory!

- 15** Pray God will use videos recently completed by Vernacular Media at JAARS to change lives for his glory: *JESUS* (Siar-Lak and Wambon), *JOSEPH* (Dan East), and *GENESIS* (Spanish).
- 16** JAARS Purchasing and Shipping will install new shipping software in April. Ask God to grant wisdom to the IT specialist guiding this project.
- 17** Pray for wisdom and discernment for JAARS staff as they develop transportation solutions for our Bible translation partners overseas who work in challenging environments.
- 18** A Bible translation project\* is starting in West Asia with the goal of publishing Scripture in several dialects. Ask God to provide guidance and protection for the staff.
- 19** For people living in countries where having a Bible is prohibited, online access to Scripture is a godsend. Pray as International Media Services at JAARS works to make this happen.
- 20** JAARS Widowed Network requests prayer for recently widowed members who are missing their loved ones during the holidays.
- 21** Praise God for the 72 JAARS Advocates who represent 23 different states and ask for his encouragement as they share the global ministry of JAARS.
- 22** JAARS is seeking an [Advocacy Program Manager](#) to maintain the advocacy program and build and manage staff and volunteers. Ask the Lord to provide.
- 23** Pray for God's wisdom and direction as the JAARS Outreach team develops material for a webinar focusing on opportunities to serve with JAARS.
- 24** Ask God to give direction for teams who are developing literacy materials and training teachers for languages in West Africa that have low literacy rates.
- 25** Exalt Christ this Christmas! For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations (Luke 2:30-31).
- 26** SIL International is examining its role in serving alongside urban, refugee, and diaspora communities. Pray for clarity as God opens doors.
- 27** JAARS needs people with many different skills to help make Bible translation possible. Investigate where you might fit at [jaars.org](#) and pray about becoming part of the JAARS team.
- 28** Pray for God to call the right person to continue translation of the Leafa\* New Testament, targeted for completion by 2022.
- 29** The JAARS Center provides [opportunities](#) to awaken your church members to the Great Commission through volunteer service. Pray about becoming involved.
- 30** Ask God to open doors for translation of his Word into the Xiki\* language of West Asia, producing the fruit of spiritual transformation among the Xiki people.

**31** Amenities we take for granted are often nonexistent where Bible translation is most needed. Pray the efforts of JAARS will enable translators to work safely and effectively in these conditions.

## January

**1** Join us in prayer at JAARS as we ask God to reveal himself through his translated Word to many new language communities in 2020, resolutely building his global church.

**2** The JAARS [Refuge 139](#) program staff needs volunteers to help with a program scheduled for MKs in Cameroon in late March. Ask God to call people who love to work with children.

**3** Pray for a smooth leadership transition at JAARS Aviation Training as B.J. Diggins assumes managerial responsibilities for the team today.

**4** Pray for increased reading skills for Roma children who are learning to read in their own language in an after-school club in Romania.

**5** Three [new video templates](#) have been produced by International Media Services at JAARS: Creation, Gospel of John, and Ruth. Pray these will be widely used to the praise of God's glory.

**6** As the Gamo people of Ethiopia come face-to-face with the truth of the Bible, pray they will reject idols and embrace Jesus with whole hearts.

**7** Pray for wise judgement as [JAARS Maritime](#) facilitates safe water travel by providing water safety gear for mission workers and training them how to use it in locations where boats are the only way they can reach remote language communities.

**8** The Bydla\* (East Africa) translation team is talking with a local radio station about broadcasting Bydla Scripture. Ask God to open doors for a powerful witness.

**9** Pray volunteer teams will receive warm welcomes and appreciation when they are officially recognized during the JAARS Tuesday Center Meetings.

**10** Praise God that on the YouTube channel of a Mediterranean language,\* viewers watched Bible story videos for more than two million minutes in one month. Pray God will use these videos to change hearts.

**11** Praise God for answering our prayers for an Outreach Assistant at JAARS! Pray for the Lord's encouragement as she develops the vision for her new ministry.

**12** Now underway: the recording of the Lenthomi\* Bible, a complex two-year process. Pray for endurance and guidance for those coordinating the project.

**13** JAARS translation partners work in many politically troubled areas of the world. Pray for peace and God's protection of his servants who minister in those areas.

**14** Old Testament translations are underway in the Enga, Kamano, and Kafe languages in PNG. Pray translators will have wisdom, the joy of the Lord, and his peace when weary.

**15** During this "off season" for multigenerational programs at JAARS, pray for staff who are finalizing new orientation processes and developing creative follow-up plans for next season's visiting groups.

**16** Specialists in West Asia\* are training local workers to use social media to promote Scripture engagement. Pray many will access Scripture in this way and be changed by the living Word.

**17** Praise God for oneness in spirit and purpose among JAARS Medical Clinic staff, seeking to be his servants as they care for patients.

**18** [Aviation Mechanic](#) is one of the top ten staffing needs at JAARS. Pray the Lord will supply his choice for this critical position.

**19** Pray JAARS Transition Seminars will be effective in helping MKs transition back into American culture when they return to the States from overseas.

**20** Ask the Lord to provide staff and steer strategic planning for the 2020 [Brigade Air](#) camp, a one-week aviation camp held annually at JAARS for high schoolers interested in mission aviation.

**21** Pray for JAARS partners experiencing affliction. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair (2 Corinthians 4:8).

**22** Pray the Lord will provide funding so the Deg Bible (Ghana) can be recorded in its entirety.

**23** The goal of JAARS is to reach some of the last remaining language groups on earth who do not have God's Word. Ask God to raise up many ministry partners to join with us and make it possible.

**24** The Ubangi Cluster translation project (Africa) is nearing completion. Ask God to prepare the soil of people's hearts to receive his Word.

**25** Pray for ingenuity and foresight as media staff at JAARS develop solutions that help make Scripture available for the 3.5 billion people worldwide who have internet access.

**26** Pray for wisdom and perseverance for staff who are producing a series of much-needed translators' guides in French.

**27** Ask God to provide more gifted instructors with field experience for the JAARS Aviation training staff. Pray new staff will be joined by faithful prayer and financial partners.

**28** Pray for keen attention to detail as shipping coordinators in PNG prepare customs documents to clear a 40-ft. sea-cargo container arriving from the JAARS Center.

**29** JAARS Housekeeping creates comfortable accommodations for missionaries while they reside at JAARS. Pray for adequate housekeeping staff.

**30** Language mapping teams play a vital role in the process of Bible translation. Pray for wisdom as Africa teams update existing [language maps](#) to ensure maximum accuracy.

**31** Pray that in 2020 the Lord will draw many groups to participate in [CrossVenture](#) and lead many [church mission teams](#) to serve as volunteers at JAARS.

\*Name changed or omitted for security purposes