

PartnerEXPRESS

OUTCOMES FROM YOUR GENEROSITY. **OPPORTUNITIES** TO MAKE BIBLE TRANSLATION POSSIBLE.

You help them reach the finish line

The goal for the Kaakye Bible translation team in Ghana—a completed New Testament by 2021—is in sight!

The team has already reached their first milestone: a draft of the entire Kaakye New Testament translation.

Their drive to the finish requires traveling long distances, more than 150 miles from Tamale to the Kaakye communities near Lake Volta in the Kete Krachi region. There they are conducting literacy workshops and checking their drafts with local Kaakye speakers to fine-tune the translations and ensure that they will be clearly understood.

To reach these villages, the team depends on their sturdy 4WD vehicle, a vital resource provided by JAARS and **generous partners like you**. They can access every land-based Kaakye community with the vehicle, and travel within the project area is timely, reliable, and safe.

The vehicle's high clearance makes it ideal for driving on the rocky and sometimes muddy terrain of the Kaakye area. The



The Kaakye used their new vehicle to transport staff and equipment to this village for a Scripture-testing session.

Solution:
Land Transportation

Opportunity:
Provide much-needed vehicles for Bible transportation teams in Africa

team uses its spacious cargo area to easily transport the equipment and supplies needed for village workshops and meetings.

Mark Dundaa, manager of the team, writes, "Visiting and distributing Scripture portions to the village churches is bringing much joy and happiness to the Kaakye people as they wait eagerly to have the

complete New Testament in their language."

The Kaakye team is nearing the finish line. Many translation teams in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Central African Republic are just beginning the race. They face the same critical need for reliable, timely transportation—both 4WD vehicles and motorbikes. The villages where they work are remote and hard to reach. Other transportation options are unreliable, prohibitively expensive, or nonexistent.

You can provide vital transportation resources by giving to Land Transportation Solutions.



About Partner Express

This bimonthly publication highlights specific opportunities we're working on—or have worked on—to support Bible translation partners and their work around the world. Everything we do is made possible by God's provision through your gifts and prayers. **Thank you!**

How to Give

To support the opportunities featured here, we invite you to pray and to give as follows:

- Give online at jaars.org/give.
- Mail the enclosed response card to the address below.
- Call the number below for credit card or non-cash giving, or to include JAARS in your estate plans.

The JAARS Promise

100% of giving to a *Solution* goes directly to support the range of opportunities *within that specific fund*. This gives us the speed and flexibility our global Bible translation partners need, and it's only possible because our operating expenses are funded by internal operations and gifts to our *CORE Mission Operations* and *Where Needed Most* funds.

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You gave them power

The hydroelectric dam that supplies electricity to Bangui, Central African Republic (CAR), has limited capacity. It can't provide power to everyone twenty-four hours a day. Typically, each neighborhood receives power about eight hours a week.

At ACATBA, the local translation center, whenever the power cut out, the primary router and IT equipment used for backup and file-sharing would power off abruptly. According to Nate, an IT specialist who works next door, those power cuts were causing serious risk to the equipment, especially the hard drives. One drive had to be replaced recently due to irrecoverable damage.

The power cuts also hindered translators because they lost access to the local network and internet and sometimes unexpectedly lost their work.

To solve these destructive power problems, Bill Mayes, the IT project manager for Africa, approved the installation of a solar panel for the server room. **And partners like you made it possible.**

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"With this system in place," Nate says, "the equipment sees much fewer power cuts, which will help tremendously in extending the life of the equipment." Having reliable power for backup equipment also ensures that translators have uninterrupted access to the network.



Elie, Nate, and Jacques hooked up a new solar panel to the equipment in this server room so translators could work without frequent power cuts.

Options in Bangui for quality IT equipment and support are limited, so Nate and his coworkers feel like they have to work twice as hard. "Any efforts by SIL Africa and JAARS to support the efforts of [translation work here in CAR] are tremendously appreciated."

Solution: Technology
Opportunity: Provide technical support including remote power resources.

You can support the translation efforts of our brothers and sisters in Africa by giving to our Technology Solutions.

Opportunities for Serving

Use your skills, experience, and training to help make Bible translation possible! We need everyday, hands-on, technical, logistical and professional skills. Please consider these high-priority positions at the beautiful



"I've learned that every job is important for Bible translation. If we don't do our jobs, then the Bible translators can't do theirs."

—Natalie Hall

JAARS campus located in Waxhaw, North Carolina. Short-term housing and an RV park are available.

- **Advocacy Program Manager:** Develop and maintain the program as well as manage staff and volunteers.
- **Aviation Mechanic:** Ensure aircraft are maintained in an airworthy condition and available for dispatch, meeting the demands of busy mission flight schedules.
- **Product Manager of Technology:** Manage the product strategy for a family of transportation applications.
- **Community Outreach Coordinator:** Respond to and coordinate requests from the community for JAARS presentations and involvement.

For a more complete list of service opportunities, please visit jaars.org/serve or contact us at outreach@jaars.org or 877.313.0139.

You are teaching them about Bible translation

"I have to make sure no one is coming," Ben Clary whispers. He peeks out the door, then shuts it. Dressed in a long, flowing shirt and sandals, he strides to the center of the room and teaches the children how God's Word is coming to the closed/limited countries in the world.

This is just one snapshot of the *Passport to Christmas* event held every year at JAARS, where children "visit" several countries to learn about their culture and how JAARS supports the work of Bible translation.

This year, children will travel to Indonesia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Thailand as they learn how technology helps Bible translators with their work.

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After a recent *Passport to Christmas* event, one parent remarked, "Our daughter was so excited that she went to work later that day putting together a list of countries to pray for each week."

The adults also enjoy the event. One guest shared, "This was our first time at the JAARS Center, and we absolutely loved it. I could feel the Holy Spirit through the stories that were shared. I was convicted and must repent for being so



Kids helped build a bridge so the 4WD vehicle could cross over the river at the JAARS Passport to Christmas event.

lax and not valuing the Word as much as those who have waited almost half their lives to get the Word written in their own tongue."

Your gifts to CORE Mission Operations enable both children and adults to learn about the needs of our brothers and sisters around the world and how they can help.

Solution: CORE Mission Operations
Opportunity: Teach the next generation and their parents about the need for Bible translation.

You gave them the Gospel of Mark

Twelve Siane people of Papua New Guinea crammed into a public van with a dozen other passengers. For five sweaty hours they traveled the rugged roads to Ukarumpa, where they recorded the Gospel of Mark—in the recording studio that **YOU** helped expand.

For 12 days, David Lamb and his team of media specialists recorded their voices as they spoke the lines of

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Siane-translated text. The narrator had over 600 lines to read, and he told David that he had read through the book of Mark 20 times just to practice!

On the last day of recording, one man cried as he prayed in his Siane language, thanking God for this recording project. He told David they were tears of joy. As a reward of their work, the voice actors took the recording of Mark home to their people.

Solution: Media
Opportunity: Provide oral communities with recorded Scripture.



David working with a language team to record the New Testament in the recording studio in Ukarumpa, Papua New Guinea.

Your gift to Media Solutions provides oral Scripture for language groups in the Pacific and throughout the world.

You give them opportunities to hear God’s Word

With YOUR help, JAARS provides Asas de Socorro—our Brazilian aviation partner organization—with aircraft, technical support, and training.

A Brazilian mission organization depends on Asas to fly teams to remote villages to run Bible-storytelling conferences.

One man, impacted by a conference, longed to have one in his village—which had no runway. He decided to build that runway after the conference leader explained, “We can’t go to your village. It’s too far. The plane can’t land there.”

Hearing Scripture in his own language, he cried, “How do I know if I have this Holy Spirit?”

Later, he spotted an Asas plane overhead and followed it, determined to reach another conference. Once there, he listened hungrily to Scripture about the Holy Spirit. Hearing Scripture in his own language, he cried, “How do I know if I have this Holy Spirit?”

After the team explained, he implored them, “When our airstrip is ready, [please] come and do these courses for my village.”

While he waits, he still follows Asas’ aircraft, hungry to hear about God’s love.

Solution: Aviation
Opportunity: Provide equipment and training for our aviation partners so remote communities can hear God’s life-changing Word.



An Asas aircraft rests after a long day’s work in Brazil.

Your gift to Aviation Solutions gives remote communities opportunities to hear God’s Word.

Opportunities for Giving

How can YOU help? This chart lists the current needs within our various *Solutions* around the world. Gifts made to these *Solutions* will fund opportunities like those highlighted in this publication, in the adjacent chart, and at jaars.org.



The arrival of an airplane in a village is always a big deal!

SOLUTION AREA	CURRENT NEED
Media	\$187,750
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Asia Recording Studio • Audio Players for Vanuatu • Equipment & Training for Solomon Island Recording Teams 	
Technology	\$254,882
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Asia Information Systems • IT Training and Support in Africa • Internet for Translation Teams 	
Transportation—Aviation	\$955,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aviation Training • Aviation Fleet Renewal • Purchase of a Cessna 206 for Cameroon 	
Transportation—Maritime and Land	\$145,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4WD vehicle • Motorcycles • Bicycles • Canoes • Travel subsidies for translators <p style="text-align: center;"><i>These opportunities are all located in Africa.</i></p>	
CORE Mission Operations	\$2,476,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Planning and Solution Design • Communications • Research and Development for Innovative Solutions 	