June

1 Pray that even when we don’t see the way through a life circumstance, we can trust in God and wait patiently on him rather than trying to fix it on our own.

2 Pray for training attendees to gain experience in team development and growth as coaches in JAARS Fellows Staff Development.

3 The Aviation computer software development team is implementing new business and financial software. Pray for the team as they decide and assess their readiness to ‘go live’ this month with the new software.

4 During the COVID-19 restrictions the JTCM (JAARS Tuesday Center Meeting) Core Team recorded songs and inspirational messages by JAARS-based colleagues and various participants for JAARS staff. Pray for Coordinator John Strawser and the team as they plan to ‘restart’ live meetings.

5 Pray for CrossVenture leaders as they prepare for summer programs, creating ways to fine-tune and expand the program. Ask God to provide staff needed for the programs.

6 JAARS provided funds for a new stabilizer for the backup battery system at the SIL Congo headquarters. Pray this upgrade will enable translators to progress in their work even during power outages.

7 Praise God that more people are using Christian media and online church services than ever before.

8 Praise for those (medical, law enforcement, and many others) who continued working during COVID-19, demonstrating a servant attitude.

9 Thanks that God continues to bring people to know him personally during challenging times.

10 With JAARS support, our media partner in South Asia conducted a song-writing workshop for representatives of three language groups. Pray that the praise and worship songs they composed will open hearts to a deeper knowledge of God.

11 Thank God for guiding us individually and as an organization here at JAARS, as we seek to serve him despite the circumstances.

12 Praise: The first four weeks of Pre-Field Orientation (PFO) were completed before having to pause. Pray for patience and peace as pilots and mechanics wait to resume the hands-on maintenance and flying portion of PFO.

13 Give thanks for leadership and those with expertise for their support of staff and keeping staff aware of current needs, ensuring that the work of JAARS continues despite COVID-19 restrictions.

14 Pray for discernment for leadership as they make plans for maintaining the work the Lord has given JAARS in the post-COVID-19 era.

15 Praise God for the videos recently completed by International Media Services at JAARS: Alyawarr LUKE Easter Story (Australia) and GENESIS in “Language 14” (northern Africa). Pray for God to use these videos to change lives for His glory.

16 Ask for discernment and wisdom to know when to reopen the museums for work and to the public.

17 Pray for the 50+ JAARS managers who attend the Manager Development training that will help them encourage and develop the people they lead.

18 Ask for guidance and peace as people reconnect with family and friends and deal with losses of the past few months.

19 May JAARS staff be a light in the Waxhaw community as they serve with a Fixing It for Christ project, helping to make repairs, clean, and paint.

20 The Missions at the Airport team will participate in the Shelby-Cleveland County Airport Open House in Shelby, NC. The team will offer airplane and helicopter rides while they engage visitors on behalf of JAARS.

21 Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word; and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him” (John 14:23 NKJV). (Happy Father’s Day)

22 Pray for the health and safety of translators and language workers impacted by COVID-19 worldwide as they strive to continue/resume their Bible translation efforts.

23 The staff at JAARS give thanks for all of our partners who have cared and prayed for JAARS and the changes we will experience due to recent events.

24 As the world strives to return to “normal” and we want to just get on with it, God wants us to stop, remember who he is and remember whose we are, before we proceed to action. Let us be like Joshua and ask “What message does my Lord have for his servant?”

25 The JAARS Center provides opportunities to awaken church members to the Great Commission through volunteer service. Pray about becoming involved.

26 Pray God will use the Bible story videos completed by International Media Services at JAARS to change lives for his glory.

27 Ask for guidance as JAARS participates in discussions with other mission aviation organizations about responding to the COVID-19 crisis.

28 The JAARS leadership team asks for you to pray with them as they discern courses of action for the days and months ahead as the situation around us continues to develop and change.

29 Pray people will be led by the Holy Spirit to support the mission of JAARS and will experience the joy of the Lord as they invest in his work.

30 Pray for God’s provision and guidance in sourcing the best Help Desk System to meet the requirements of all JAARS departments.
July

1 Praise: God provided a buyer for our surplus Helio Courier parts and the three containers containing these parts arrived safely in Alaska.

2 “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (Phil 4:6 NKJV).

3 Ask the Lord to give us enthusiastic hearts and open minds to learn new software tools and processes at JAARS.

4 The Yansi translation team in the Democratic Republic of Congo acquired a 4WD vehicle, funded by JAARS, and trained in its use and maintenance with a JAARS team. Pray this resource will enable the team to work in remote communities more effectively.

5 Ask that the ICC (Intercultural Communications Course) staff will be refreshed through time in God’s Word, prayer, and team development as they spend two days in preparation for the next ICC course.

6 Another group of Fellows arrive at JAARS today. Pray that they will be prepared to serve and learn more about missions.

7 Pray that new JAARS staff attending the Compass orientation program will feel welcomed, form community, and be well prepared for their roles.

8 As participants begin ICC training, which runs until August 7, pray they will feel welcomed, transition well, and have open hearts and minds for what God has to teach them.

9 Praise the Lord for technology advances that have allowed us to maintain our fellowship though being physically apart.

10 Praise God for the many JAARS staff members who completed the initial Enterprise Resource Planning software system testing, working remotely from their homes to keep the project moving forward.

11 Ask God to provide wisdom and encouragement for our new Infrastructure Manager, responsible for integrating and maintaining JAARS technology hardware.

12 JAARS Aviation asks prayer for God’s provision of field-experienced flight and maintenance staff who possess a passion for training.

13 Pray God will use videos recently completed by International Media Services (IMS) at JAARS to change lives for his glory: Jorai GOSPEL OF JOHN (Vietnam) and the Ayoreo GENESIS (Bolivia).

14 Join us in giving thanks for the new staff who have begun to serve with JAARS in the last two months.

15 JAARS is partnering with Faith Comes by Hearing and an African Bible translation organization to help the Ayri* people translate God’s Word in their language. Pray for effective training as they learn to use laptops, headsets, speakers and software provided by JAARS.

16 Pray for mission groups receiving negative attention from activist groups capitalizing on the COVID-19 crisis. Ask that they will know when they can safely return to those areas and not take a chance of illness to these peoples.

17 Ask that the Church will express increasingly sacrificial love by meeting the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of its neighbors.

18 Pray that the IMS team can continue to dub videos though they have been unable to meet together in a studio setting, which makes their task more difficult.

19 Our media partner in the Solomon Islands used recording equipment provided by JAARS to dub the Creation Story video in five local languages. Pray God will use these videos for his glory.

20 The overhaul of the Cessna 206 for Cameroon is in progress. Pray for safe delivery to Cameroon when work is completed.

21 Ask God to meet the critical staffing needs at JAARS, including younger people to continue the work at JAARS and around the world.

22 Pray for creative insight as JAARS staff plans logistical solutions for translators to help lighten their load and remove barriers that hinder and delay ministry progress.

23 Join JAARS Aviation in giving thanks for the successful sale of an older Cessna 206 in Tanzania. The funds were used to purchase a newer 206 aircraft for translation work in Cameroon.

24 Pray for leadership and staff as they continue to move forward with the vision of JAARS, working together with love and respect through change, new software and new processes.

25 The Communications team is transitioning their photo library to a new system. Pray for a thorough understanding of the new platform and wisdom in its adoption.

26 Pray for creative insight as JAARS Transportation helps translation teams overcome barriers that keep them from reaching communities hungry for God’s Word.

27 Pray for a new initiative led by John Strawser, working with SIL International’s global leadership development team, focusing on ‘External Relations.’ Ask that he have God’s wisdom as he accomplishes research, develops various training elements, and implements this crucial discipline.

28 Pray that completed video and audio recordings of Scripture stories arrive where they are needed for his glory. Pray that completed video and audio recordings of Scripture stories arrive where they are needed since many avenues of distribution may remain closed indefinitely.

29 Ask for wisdom and courage among leaders at every level and in every domain in every nation to make appropriate decisions that benefit the entire population.

30 Pray for additional technical support staff to respond to Service Desk requests, as they move to offer full support to the entire JAARS organization.

31 Pray for International Media Services’ Summit 2020 to be held at JAARS August 19–21. Plans are underway and they hope to convene with about 50 participants.

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