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August

- **1** Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer (Romans 12:12).
- **2** Here at JAARS we praise God that all of our partners have cared and prayed for JAARS throughout recent events and the challenges COVID-19 has brought. THANK YOU.
- **3** JAARS leadership still faces complex decisions about the COVID-19 crisis that will continue to challenge them for some time. Pray for wisdom and discernment as they plan courses of action for the months ahead.
- **4** Praise the Lord for providing the Netsuite/Harvest project team with technical knowledge and perseverance as they implement this management system across all JAARS departments.
- **5** JAARS Health Services asks for prayer for grace and wisdom in conducting reopening protocols.
- **6** May staff attending the Global Leadership Conference August 6–7 come away refreshed, with new ideas and practical information to become even more effective in their work.
- **7** Pray for <u>CrossVenture</u> leaders as they collaborate with the Maritime Services staff to conduct a pilot CrossVenture Coastal event at Fort Caswell later this month. Ask God to provide the resources needed for the event.
- **8** Pray for the leadership of the <u>Fellows</u> program as their current coordinator leaves and Jodi Bunn acts as Interim Coordinator. Ask God to provide just the right person to fill this important leadership role.
- **9** With EAA AirVenture cancelled due to COVID-19, JAARS will not attend for the first time in 45 years. Pray we can still connect with those who have interest in serving with us.
- **10** Ask God to provide wisdom and encouragement for Dave Compson, JAARS Infrastructure Manager. He has many responsibilities in purchasing, integrating and maintaining JAARS technology hardware.
- 11 A ten-day Learning That Lasts online course begins today. Pray participants will glean and effectively apply helpful learner-centered concepts.
- **12** Our Partnership Ministries Team needs an RV to use for visits to partners, prospective partners, and churches across the U.S. Ask that God might provide for the donation of a suitable vehicle.
- **13** Ask for discernment and wise planning for knowing when to reopen the <u>museums</u> for work and to the public.
- 14 Staff members will be exhibiting at the Thrive Over 55 Senior Event in Matthews, North Carolina. Pray attendees will be encouraged to learn more about JAARS and even partner with us.
- **15** Ownership of the Kwadima II vessel has now been transferred from SIL PNG to JAARS. Pray for those planning revitalized maritime service for Bible translation teams and other ministries in the Milne Bay area of Papua New Guinea in partnership with Living Water Mission.

- **16** Pray for creative opportunities for our advocates to share about the JAARS mission and vision with churches, neighbors, friends and families.
- **17** Praise God for the five JAARS Fellows who started in the program in July. Ask God to guide them as they develop spiritually, professionally, and personally.
- **18** Pray for the Multigeneration Engagement team who staff <u>Mission Teams</u>, CrossVenture, <u>Race for Possible</u>, and <u>Brigade Air</u> events. With many events and programs canceled due to COVID-19, they must deal with disappointment and regroup to figure out how best to serve JAARS.
- **19** The Africa IT team conducted an online Africa IT Connect Conference in late May. Pray for the IT specialists who attended as they use their new skills to further God's Kingdom work.
- **20** The Health Services team needs another volunteer provider. Ask God to send just the right person to add to their team.
- **21** Ask for guidance as JAARS participates in ongoing discussions with a number of mission aviation organizations regarding response to the global COVID-19 crisis and its impact.
- **22** Pray for the health and safety of translators and language workers impacted by COVID-19 worldwide as they strive to continue or resume their Bible translation efforts.
- **23** Pray for staffing needs in the Land Transportation Department. Pray especially for an <u>automotive mechanic</u> to work on Center vehicles.
- **24** Many overseas training courses have been postponed due to COVID-19 travel restrictions. Pray that international travel will open so that much needed training overseas can resume.
- **25** The JAARS Center provides opportunities to awaken church members to the Great Commission through volunteer service. Pray about becoming involved.
- **26** Many Bible translation teams in Democratic Republic of Congo need <u>motorbikes</u> or <u>4WD vehicles</u> so they can work in remote villages. Ask the Lord to help IAARS supply the funds for these vehicles.
- **27** Work has resumed on the <u>Cessna 206</u> being upgraded for service in Cameroon. Pray this work can be completed despite COVID-19 disruptions.
- **28** Praise God that a recent JAARS grant enabled the installation of solar panels, Wi-Fi service, and a new generator at <u>ACATBA</u>, our partner in Central African Republic. Pray these solutions will greatly enhance the work of Bible translation there.
- **29** Pray for the <u>Passport to Christmas</u> team as they plan how best to prepare for the event at JAARS this year.
- **30** Pray for the pilots and mechanics and their families who recently completed <u>Pre-Field Orientation</u> at JAARS as they wait patiently to take the next steps in their journey to overseas service.
- **31** Pray God will impart wisdom and grace to JAARS Chaplain John Williams as he counsels, comforts, and shares prayer needs with the JAARS community.

September

- 1 Pray for wisdom and discernment for all staff who serve at the JAARS Center as they respond to the many needs of our mission partners.
- **2** Praise God for the videos recently completed by VM Productions (IMS): Yukpa LUKE (Colombia) and Yuracaré GENESIS (Bolivia). Pray for God to use these videos to change lives for his glory.
- **3** Pray for wisdom and good communication as JAARS implements new ways of managing our financial systems.
- **4** Ask God to protect the JAARS Health Services staff from COVID-19 and for hearts that are willing to serve others by following the JAARS and state protocols.
- **5** Pray God will mightily use <u>JAARS instructors</u> to provide effective, useful training for those preparing for missions work.
- **6** Numerous JAARS partners work with animist groups who believe that objects, places, and creatures possess spirits. Pray many will receive the good news and put their trust in the God of Scripture.
- **7** Pray for the decisions regarding the critical need to repair the runway at JAARS: the best process, the right contractors, and God's provision for the necessary funding.
- **8** Pray for efforts to engage people, churches, and organizations in nearby Charlotte to become involved in the mission of JAARS.
- **9** A two-day Coaching Workshop starts today. Ask God to prepare the attendees to learn the concepts and to help them apply what they learn.
- **10** Praise God for the purchase and delivery of a new 4WD vehicle for ACATBA, our translation partner in Central African Republic. Nine translation teams will use the vehicle.
- 11 Last year, the JAARS-funded audio recording of the Bigou* New Testament was released in South Asia. Pray the life-changing power of God's Word will break the bonds of religious discrimination.
- **12** Pray for an Android programmer for the Story Producer App. The app helps local citizens orally translate and record stories to create simple Bible Story videos.
- 13 Pray that the Audio Recording and New Testament dedications planned for this summer in South Asia will be able to take place soon and for the people to have patience.
- **14** Our technology partner in South Asia has new team members. Pray for wisdom and grace as they learn their new responsibilities and to work well as a team.
- **15** A Cessna 210 that JAARS maintenance specialists worked on recently delivered New Testaments to a people group in Brazil. Pray that God uses his Word to draw these people to him.
- **16** JAARS <u>Learning and Development</u> is holding a Manager Lunch and Learn today. Pray for significant interactions between attendees and for their knowledge and skill development to increase through what they learn.

- 17 Let us ask for increasingly sacrificial love to be expressed by the Church to meet the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of its neighbors.
- **18** Pray for wisdom and discernment for those researching and developing transportation solutions for our Bible translation partners overseas.
- **19** Persevering <u>prayer</u> is essential for JAARS—for the people we are striving to reach and for the effectiveness of our own work. Pray your heart will be strengthened to persevere with us in prayer.
- **20** Praise God that, despite hard economic and social times, families on the recruitment list are moving forward in their desire to eventually work with JAARS Aviation.
- **21** Praise God! The <u>Nali</u> people on Manus Island, Papua New Guinea, have 50 percent of their New Testament, and the rest of the New Testament and portions of the Old Testament are already drafted. Pray for safety for the JAARS-trained pilots who ferry the translators back and forth.
- **22** Pray that new JAARS staff attending the Compass orientation today will feel welcomed, form community and be better prepared for their roles.
- **23** Praise God for technology that has allowed staff to continue working, hold meetings online, and other important tasks that are helping make Bible translation possible.
- **24** Pray JAARS <u>Core Values</u> will be evident in all serving at JAARS: seek God above all, serve in love, act with integrity, pursue excellence, and create a culture of innovation.
- **25** God has been faithful to send talented, committed people to <u>do his work here</u> at JAARS. But the task is great, and we need more. Will you pray with us?
- **26** Pray with us for the Lord to bless the <u>Ayri</u> translators' work by showing them and their community his vast love and mercy.
- **27** Pray for leadership, staff, and members as we continue to work together through change, new software and new processes in moving forward with the vision of JAARS.
- **28** Pray for the <u>Intercultural Communications Course</u> Staff Gathering and Prep from September 28 through October 7. Pray that COVID-19 will not restrict us from going forward with ICC.
- **29** Bible Translation Day is tomorrow! On September 30, 1966, the U.S. Congress instituted this day to honor the work of Bible translation around the world.
- **30** Tomorrow is the Scripture Celebration at JAARS. Rejoice with us for translations completed the past year. Praise God as he continues to draw more people groups to himself through his Word.
- *Name changed for security reasons

