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December

- **1** Pray for safety and acquisition of skills for the students taking the <u>4WD</u> and <u>motorcycle</u> training courses this week at the JAARS Center.
- **2** Learning and Development is conducting a five-day virtual Coaching Workshop. Pray participants will grow in their listening and questioning skills. Pray supporting technology will work well.
- **3** Praise God! Since COVID-19 canceled the Passport to Christmas event at JAARS this year, the Passport team created a special video, "The Best Gift," for churches and families—a reminder that God's gift of his Son is our greatest blessing at Christmas.
- **4** Pray that the orientation conducted for new staff at JAARS, some coming as new employees and others from overseas assignments, will provide helpful information and guidance.
- **5** Praise God! Three candidates recently completed their Technical Evaluation by the JAARS Aviation Training staff and received field assignment recommendations.
- **6** The Pilatus PC-6 from the JAARS training fleet is in Texas for the installation and testing of an S-TEC autopilot, with a member of our aviation training staff serving as test pilot. Pray for safety and successful completion of all tests to obtain FAA STC certification.
- **7** Pray for the JAARS managers who attended the Manager Recurrency Training program in November. Ask God to support them with wisdom and discernment throughout the coming year.
- **8** Praise the Lord for his answer to prayer in providing the JAARS Clinic with two health care providers who will serve until June 2021.
- **9** Praise God for a recent meeting with aviation students at Liberty University and for a <u>Missions at the Airport</u> event in Fredericksburg, VA. Pray that the seeds of awareness and challenge that were planted will bear much fruit for God's kingdom work.
- **10** IT Connect Online Training, launched in May, has conducted 14 webinars in English and French for IT Specialists all over Africa. Pray IT staff in Africa will continue to make effective use of this training.
- **11** Ask God to provide wisdom and discernment for the JAARS senior leadership team as they continue to guide our organization amidst the worldwide challenges presented by COVID-19.
- **12** Pray for the Communications team as they prepare to mentor a Journalism <u>Fellow</u> who arrives in January.
- **13** Praise God for the videos recently completed by VM Productions (IMS) at JAARS: Krumen Pye *JESUS* (Côte d'Ivoire) and Ut-Hun *ACTS* (Nigeria). Pray for God to use these videos to change lives for his glory.
- 14 Recently, the aviation staff in Papua New Guinea attended a virtual course in turbine engine maintenance, conducted by

the maintenance training staff at JAARS. Praise the Lord for the technology that makes this possible.

- **15** The Africa ICT Services team recently held annual reviews with each country office to check progress and receive feedback. Pray this process will strengthen their relationships with directors and their IT specialists.
- **16** Pray for stamina for the Technology and Business Solutions team as they pursue improvement in the JAARS campus technology infrastructure.
- 17 Praise God for two new Communications team members: a volunteer part-time videographer and a full-time photographer. Pray their skills will enhance communication of the JAARS vision and mission.
- **18** Pray for the new JAARS Mission Transportation Software (MTSW) team. MTSW is developing and supporting FlightSpan and FlightServe, transportation software applications that will make mission aviation operations more effective and efficient.
- **19** Praise God for answered prayers! Critically repairs to our paved runway, a vital component of our aviation training mission, were completed in October.
- **20** TRABIBO's <u>Bobangi</u> Bible Translation team* faces difficult, exhausting conditions when traveling to outlying villages for community outreach and translation testing. Pray for God's provision of the transportation solutions they need.
- **21** The JAARS Aviation maintenance team has made good progress upgrading/refurbishing the replacement <u>Cessna 206</u> for Cameroon. Pray they can complete the work without COVID-19 hindrance.
- **22** This year, many translation teams had to postpone New Testament dedications due to COVID-19 restrictions. Pray for God's guidance as they wait patiently, hoping to conduct their dedications in the new year.
- **23** Thank the Lord for helping all JAARS staff to persevere in learning to use NetSuite and other cloud-based software. Pray for good communication and discernment.
- **24** Praise God with joy and gratitude that tomorrow we will once again celebrate the best Christmas gift of all—Jesus!
- **25** "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14a). As we celebrate the birthday of our Savior, pray for all who have not yet heard the Good News.
- **26** The <u>CrossVenture Coastal</u> team continues to develop this maritime program, hoping to conduct several events next summer. Ask God to guide their plans to enlarge the program.
- **27** We invite you to try our new virtual tour of the <u>Museum of the Alphabet!</u> The tour highlights alphabets, alphabet makers, and writing systems from ancient times to modern times. Enjoy!
- **28** Pray for God's provision of a sturdy 4WD vehicle and four motorcycles for the <u>Kiyaka</u> translation team. They travel difficult roads to conduct literacy workshops and test Scripture in Kiyaka villages.

- **29** Praise God for providing the Maritime Solutions funds needed to support the ongoing *Kwadima II* partnership in Papua New Guinea.
- **30** We praise the Lord that COVID-19 cases on the JAARS campus have been minimal and ask for his continued protection.
- **31** Let us praise God, whose love endures forever, that his providence has sustained us through all the difficult days of the past year.

January

- 1 As we enter a new year, remember to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17). Ask that we would grow spiritually as we place continual dependence on the Lord in all things.
- **2** In this new year, Lord, help us follow you wholeheartedly, with minds renewed, refreshed with praise for the joy of your salvation.
- **3** Pray for wisdom and discernment for those researching and developing <u>transportation</u> solutions for our Bible translation partners overseas.
- **4** Pray for the <u>Museum of the Alphabet</u> staff to work efficiently and creatively as they repair, update, and create new exhibits in preparation for reopening the museum.
- **5** Praise God for our aircraft maintenance team who keep the JAARS training fleet in flying condition, while also working on projects like the Cessna 206 for Cameroon that support missionary aviation partners overseas.
- **6** Pray that God will continue to bring people to know him during challenging times.
- **7** Pray for the eight translation groups in South Asia waiting to record their New Testaments in a new recording studio constructed with help from JAARS.
- **8** The Learning and Development staff is preparing for a Training Intercultural Partners Workshop. Pray for the instructors and participants attending the workshop, January 25 through February 12.
- **9** Pray for wisdom and direction as JAARS implements new processes and methods of engaging the Church.
- **10** Ask God to show you how you can have a part in reaching the 1.5 billion people still waiting for the Bible.
- 11 JAARS Communications provides images for our members and writing staff. A new photo library is under construction on Google. Pray for wisdom on how to best organize the library and make it accessible to our clients.
- **12** Praise God for the *Taste&See* app and website that language teams use to help them discover what their communities need to engage effectively with Scripture.
- 13 Please <u>pray</u> for the many prayer initiatives taking place regularly all over the JAARS campus, trusting God to accomplish more than we can ask or imagine as we approach him in utter dependence on his all-sufficient grace.
- **14** Praise God for how he is using <u>JAARS-trained pilots in Cameroon</u> to transport the H** language team to Yaoundè,

- the capital, to do the necessary checks on their Old Testament translations.
- **15** As JAARS tour ambassadors meet, greet, and escort guests on <u>daily campus tours</u>, may our guests catch a vision of becoming involved in Bible translation.
- **16** Pray for wisdom and perseverance for our Scripture Website partner as they create <u>training videos</u> for minority language workers around the world so they can build websites that provide access to Scripture.
- **17** Ask God for help in identifying and bringing new recruiters on board for JAARS Aviation.
- **18** Pray that the staff who prepare daily <u>Speeding the Word</u> podcasts will have creative, engaging ways to tell how JAARS and its partners are making Bible translation possible worldwide.
- **19** Pray for the JAARS Passport to Easter planning committee as they work on program content, crafts, ethnic foods, and other details for this special March 19 and 20 event.
- **20** It takes many <u>people</u> to make Bible translation possible. Would you pray about becoming part of the team here at JAARS?
- **21** 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.
- **22** Give thanks for Scripture resources in over 1,400 languages, now available at www.ScriptureEarth.org.
- **23** Pray for the Cohort Charlie <u>Fellows</u>, recently arrived at JAARS, as they settle in and get oriented to JAARS.
- **24** Pray that God will mightily use our instructors to provide effective, useful training for those preparing for mission work.
- **25** Pray for the IT staff of our Bible translation partner in South Asia, asking God to provide wisdom in managing their duties as well as family responsibilities.
- **26** "God speaks to the heart through the heart language." Praise God that his Word transforms lives.
- **27** Pray for the JAARS Health Services staff to stay healthy as they serve others.
- **28** Praise God that more people are using Christian media and online church services than ever before.
- **29** 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.
- **30** Pray that those who have audio Scripture players will invite family and friends to hear the Good News in the language they understand.
- **31** 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.
- * a Bible translation partner in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- ** name changed for security purposes

