

# Partner EXPRESS

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

## You can help them finish their New Testament translation!

Bible translation began among the Yaka people in the Panzi region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) in 2005.

Today, the Yaka continue translating the New Testament into Kiyaka. One of the main struggles they've faced has been transportation.

In order to have the infrastructure they needed to translate, the language team settled in Kinshasa. But the linguistic base, where the Yaka people live and where the testing and other training occurs, is 621 miles away from Kinshasa.

The path to these villages is no weekend picnic! The roads and bridges have degraded so much that a trip which once would have taken one day now takes many.

If the Kiyaka translation team wishes to conduct a literacy workshop or testing at a village, they face a long, complicated journey. They must first travel on paved roads from Kinshasa to one of the big cities in the area.

Sometimes the team must then wait several days at one of these cities until they can find a vehicle for the next step of their journey. Public transportation on unreliable buses can take about 18 hours roundtrip. Renting, if it's even available, can be expensive.

*As the team travels farther from major cities, road conditions deteriorate, becoming bumpy, yellow-earth roads.*



Motorcycles like this one will help the Yaka language team travel to their linguistic base located over 600 miles away.



Traveling the roads in the Democratic Republic of Congo requires courage AND the right equipment!

From the main site of the Kiyaka language, the team travels deeper into the language area on narrow trails for 62–93 miles to conduct literacy workshops and test Scripture at villages. Often only rented or borrowed motorcycles can access these rough paths. Possessing their own vehicle and motorcycles would eliminate rental costs and save the team's time for actual translating and trainings.

The Kiyaka translation team has now completed 40 percent of the New Testament translation and hopes to have it completed in 2023—just three years away! To do so, the translation team needs a sturdy four-wheel drive vehicle and four motorcycles to traverse these difficult roads.

**OPPORTUNITY** **\$94,739**

Your gifts to Land Transportation Solutions will enable the Yaka people and others in Africa to have the Word of God in their own language.

# You help get aircraft to Cameroon

## OUTCOME

COVID-19 can't keep the mechanics at JAARS down. After a few months' break, they have returned to the hangar, with proper safety protocols, to continue refurbishing the Cessna 206 which people like you helped purchase. **Thank you!** This aircraft will replace an aging Cessna in Cameroon that our aviation partner there uses to transport Scripture and ministry workers.

The lead inspector on the project, Jon Thomas, and his team have taken the aircraft apart to look for corrosion and to do a detailed inspection of the aircraft. Now they're starting to put it back together.

At the request of our partner in Cameroon, they will install newer radios, paint the fuselage, and install an autopilot system. The flights flown in Africa can be 2-3 hours long, so the autopilot system will act as a kind of cruise control for these long flights.

*"We're excited about sending [this aircraft] to them, giving them something that's not worn out," Jon says.*



Dan Snow checking out the Cessna 206

## OPPORTUNITY **\$348,000**

Your gifts to Aviation Solutions ensure the Cessna is as well-equipped as possible and safely reaches our partner, as well as providing for similar projects.

# Help people engage with Scripture

## OUTCOME

"Taste and see that the LORD is good!" (Psalm 34:8). The *Taste&See* app and website help language teams recognize what their communities need to engage effectively with Scripture. The teams then use the app to select tools—the *JESUS* film, illustrated Bible stories, literacy apps—and plan strategies that best meet those needs.

A South Asian technology partner, funded by JAARS, managed the development of the website. They also helped the *Taste&See* team present the app at a virtual Scripture engagement workshop. Our partner will continue helping participants use the app and website as they work to develop a greater craving for God's Word in their communities.

## OPPORTUNITY **\$58,000**

By giving to Technology Solutions, you can provide mission workers with apps, websites, and other tools they need to stir people's desire for God and his Word.



Some South Asians reading Scripture in their own language

# Keep our training fleet in top shape

## OUTCOME

Imagine trying to fly an airplane that doesn't have an adjustable seat. The PC-6 originally had non-adjustable pilot seats that made it difficult for some pilots to reach the controls. Thankfully, many of our field partners' aircraft already have adjustable seats.

So why bother putting an adjustable pilot seat in the PC-6 used for training at JAARS? According to Rick Nachtigal, Director of Aviation at JAARS, "We want our aircraft in Waxhaw to look and feel as much like the aircraft on the field so that when a pilot trains here, he gets out of this airplane and he goes over there and it looks and feels the same. He doesn't have to relearn anything."

Thanks to people like **you**, the PC-6 has new adjustable seats and is ready to serve the next generation of mission pilots and mechanics.

## OPPORTUNITY **\$151,932**

Your gifts to **CORE Mission Operations** support work done on the JAARS campus, such as equipping and maintaining the aviation hangar.



Putting some finishing touches on the Pilatus Porter, or PC-6

# You provided a recording studio

## OUTCOME

With help from people like **you**, JAARS recently supplied funds to our South Asian partner, who produces audio-visual Scripture materials, to construct an additional recording studio in the country.

This studio will allow our partner to make the translated message of God's love available in the region's various languages through audio recordings, videos, storying, music, drama, and dance in the local styles, ensuring that the materials they produce help the language communities engage with Scripture.

Establishing this regional studio will decrease travel expenses, the length of time to release recorded materials, the time participants spend away from families, and increase safety and efficiency.

As always when building something new, our partner encountered some challenges. They struggled to find a good carpenter, since the first one was unreliable. Fortunately, they found a reliable carpenter who has completed the first-phase structure. God is always faithful!

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These printed New Testaments are now available in audio format, allowing this mostly oral community to understand God's Word.

Eight translation groups in the region are waiting to record their New Testaments, and other groups are waiting to record additional audio Scripture materials in this new studio. As our partner says, "It is essential that the materials allow the language groups to access, understand, and interact meaningfully with the life-changing message of the Scriptures."

## OPPORTUNITY **\$55,150**

Your gifts to Media Solutions enable our South Asian partner to record and produce Scripture and other materials in these recording studios, and also support similar projects in other countries.



The Kwadima II in Milne Bay, PNG

*The refurbished boat is once again ready for work.*

# You help communities have access to God's Word by boat

## OUTCOME

The *Kwadima II*, a JAARS-funded vessel, is no longer sitting idle! After it had transported Scripture workers in Papua New Guinea (PNG) for about 12 years, it needed an overhaul. Now with renovations complete and a new crew, the refurbished boat is once again ready for work in PNG's Milne Bay Province.

Through people like **you**, JAARS funded its renovations. We have leased *Kwadima II* to Living Water Ministry—an organization passionate about discipling young people. They will also use the boat to support Bible translation in the Milne Bay area.

We are excited that God will use this boat and our new Living Water partnership to spread his love throughout this remote region!

## OPPORTUNITY

**\$31,000**

Your gifts to Maritime Solutions will support the ongoing *Kwadima II* partnership in PNG as well as similar projects in other parts of the region.



### About *Partner Express*

This bimonthly publication highlights specific commitments 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!*

### The JAARS Promise

Our operating expenses are funded by internal operations and gifts to our **CORE Mission Operations** and **Where Needed Most** funds.

Therefore, **100%** of giving to a **Solution** goes directly to support the range of commitments within that specific fund.

This enables JAARS to respond with the speed and flexibility our global Bible translation partners need.

## How can YOU help?

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVING:

- **Aviation Mechanic:** Be part of the aviation team by providing safe, reliable, and technically sound aircraft that fly over some of the most inhospitable terrain in the world.
- **Assistant Museum Manager:** Assist the manager by guiding tours, monitoring schedules, supervising and training staff, maintaining the inventory of collections, and coordinating programs and events.
- **4WD and Motorcycle Instructor/Mechanic:** Conduct training courses in accordance with approved curricula at JAARS, overseas branches, and area locations, and possibly assist branch mechanics with repairs.

For a more complete list of service opportunities, please visit [jaars.org/serve](http://jaars.org/serve) or contact us at [outreach@jaars.org](mailto:outreach@jaars.org) or 877.313.0139.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING:

We invite you to pray and to give as follows:

- Give online at [jaars.org/give](http://jaars.org/give). To provide us with the most flexibility to serve our partners in a volatile world, please select **CORE Mission Operations**, any of the **Solution** areas that fund projects like those featured in this issue, or **Where Needed Most**.
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- Call the number below for credit card or non-cash giving, or to include JAARS in your estate plans.
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