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OUTCOMES FROM YOUR GENEROSITY OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE BIBLE TRANSLATION POSSIBLE

You can provide important upgrades to our training fleet

Imagine taking a 4WD course using a manual transmission vehicle—which you’ve never driven—to prepare you for driving an automatic vehicle overseas because that’s your only option. The training is still valuable, but not nearly as beneficial as it could be.

The JAARS Aviation Training department has the same challenge. For years, we have trained orientees in an R44 piston-engine helicopter before they head overseas. This helicopter was both economical to operate and represented aircraft operated by our partners. However, over the last few years, this has slowly been changing.

Today, all of our overseas partners operate turbine-powered aircraft. So JAARS has decided, with **your** help, to replace our piston-powered R44 with a turbine-powered R66. Offering practical R66 experience at JAARS will better equip orientees for service with our overseas partners who operate turbine-powered aircraft. It will be less stressful and very strategic.

The more R66 training and prep pilots and mechanics receive at JAARS, the less “extra flying” our field partners have to squeeze in between flights for Bible translators and other mission workers.

Jeff and Rob in the JAARS R44 training helicopter



An R66 will position us to better serve the larger aviation community.



The JAARS R44 training helicopter in the mountains of North Carolina

The training prior to arriving also relieves some of the stress of transition for pilot-mechanics. Rob Peterson, a helicopter pilot at JAARS, explains, “That’s why orientation exists at its root—to build a certain amount of that training in place before they arrive so that it is not all new at every level when they arrive.”

Besides providing more relevant training for pilot-mechanics going to field assignments with our partners, God will use an R66 at JAARS to open doors we haven’t thought possible. Pilot-mechanics with smaller organizations who will be flying turbine-engine helicopters overseas could see the value of training at JAARS. As Rob says, “An R66 [will] position us to better serve the larger aviation community.”

OPPORTUNITY

\$600,000

You can provide more efficient training at JAARS for future mission pilots by giving to **Aviation Solutions**.

You provide IT technicians with the skills to support Bible translation

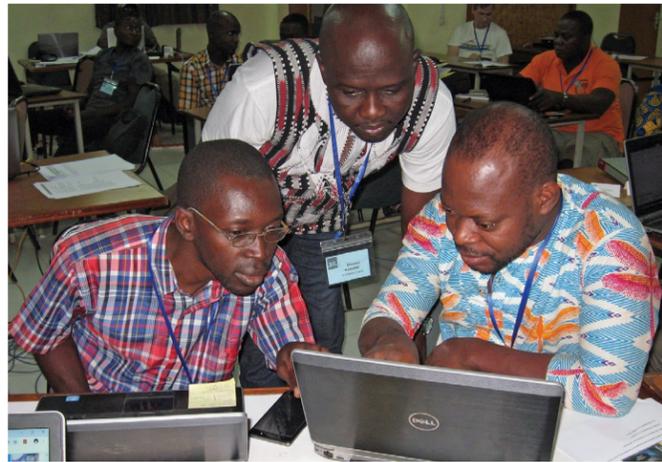
Every year, JAARS partners with the SIL* Africa IT team in providing two conferences in Africa that bring IT technicians who support Bible translation together to develop their skills.

When the conferences were canceled this year, the leadership team decided to hold live webinars. The technicians are already putting into practice what they've learned.

After webinar Zoom training, Frédéric Keudjitoloum Djetar, an IT technician at a Bible translation organization in Chad, facilitated remote consultations for two Bible translation teams. The consultant and translators greatly appreciated the technology, saying that it's in difficult times that God shows his power through a miraculous opening.

Thaliane Zaou-Goma, an IT technician working in the Republic of the Congo, said, "[At] the first webinar, [I felt] surrounded by friends from around the world in this time of health crisis. It warmed my heart and brought back good memories."

*A JAARS partner



IT technicians practicing new skills at the Burkina Faso 2019 IT Connect Conference

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OPPORTUNITY \$46,000

Your gifts to **Technology Solutions** provide the skills and support these IT technicians need to aid Bible translators in Africa and elsewhere.

You keep our mission pilots and workers safe



A construction team repairs the runway at JAARS.

Ants may be tiny, but they caused large devastation. They had tunneled under the paved runway at JAARS, undermining certain sections of the runway. Water then slipped into the tunnels and froze in the winter, causing cracks. Some of these cracks had grown to sizes—up to four inches wide and three inches deep—that could tip aircraft. Recently, JAARS had a company come and fill in the fissures. According to Kerry Opper, Director of Facilities, "It was top priority to get that done because of the safety aspect." War against the ants continues, but our pilots now train on a smooth, fissure-free runway.

OPPORTUNITY \$2.8 MILLION

You can keep JAARS staff, operations, and airfield fully functioning by giving to **CORE Mission Operations**.

You can enable safe and reliable transport for translation teams

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Africa, armored crocodiles slide through the Congo River, river otters wrestle along its banks, and manatees coast through its tributaries. These animals share the water with several different language groups, many of whom thirst for God's life-giving Word.

Many of these people speak the Bobangi language. A team of dedicated millennials who long to see their people have complete access to God's Word, known as the Bobangi Bible Translation Committee, is translating the Bible into Bobangi. They have completed the Gospel of Luke, and Genesis is in the final checking stage.

To raise community awareness and test the translations, they must regularly consult churches, the first users of the Bobangi Bible. But reaching Bobangi language communities spread out over a wide expanse is difficult.

The translation team currently travels first by boat via the Congo River. The trip often lasts several days under an open sky, exposing the translators to beating sun or battling winds and waves under battering rain. The team then rents motorcycles or bikes to travel to the outlying villages.

Besides being dangerous, the river and roadways leave the translators exhausted, in no condition to throw themselves into testing Scripture.

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The translation team attempting to get across a river



Members of a local church who came out to listen to the portion of Bobangi Scripture

Hiring boats or motorcycles, a large expense, subjects the translators to the whims of drivers, sometimes delaying the team for several days. Possessing their own vehicles and boats would save precious time and enable them to be much more effective in giving the language communities a voice in the Bible translation process.

Due to these considerations, JAARS hopes to provide the Bobangi Bible translation team with two motorcycles, four bicycles, and two boats so this team can safely and efficiently reach those who crave the Word of Life.

According to Pastor Stanislas Nzita Nsafu, "These vehicles will have a major impact on the translation. [They] will facilitate river transport from one territory to another for translation teams during the testing."

OPPORTUNITY \$50,000

You can provide the transportation the Bobangi people and others need to complete their Bible translations by giving to **Land Transportation**.

You remind them of God's love



OPPORTUNITY \$11,900

You can show people God's love via the **JESUS** film and other forms of God's Word by giving to **Media Solutions**.

A Tigak man reads the JESUS film script while Bennis records it.

In March, Papua New Guinea's lockdown order closed the New Ireland regional translation center, and its manager evacuated to the United States. The Tigak translation team had just translated the *JESUS* film script and hoped to print it at the center in preparation for recording.

The frustrated team implored God to help them. Then, hearing the disappointing news, Scripture workers Matt and Liz Gentry decided to manage the center temporarily. With no way to contact the Tigak team, whose villages lack internet and cell service, they undertook the long drive through overgrown jungle paths to the translators' village. The translators welcomed them with tears and gratitude: "When the center closed, we all feared translation work had stopped forever. Thank you for remembering us and coming to find us."

How can YOU help?

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVING:

- **Aviation Airport Manager:** Provide oversight of the runway and helipad environment, ensuring proper ground maintenance of clearways and overruns.
- **Regional Partner Relations Representative:** Build relationships with JAARS financial partners through regular personal contacts with an emphasis on major donors. Call, write, and visit donors to express appreciation for their financial gifts.
- **Water Safety Instructor:** Equip and instruct in which water safety gear to carry and instruct how to perform safe water operations in remote and difficult places.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING:

We invite you to pray and to give as follows:

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- Call the number below for credit card or non-cash giving, or to include JAARS in your estate plans.
- **Support Bible translation while you shop [amazon](https://www.amazon.com)smile!** Go to smile.amazon.com and select JAARS as the charity you'd like to support.

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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.