

# PARTNER EXPRESS

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TOGETHER WITH YOUR GIFTS, WE ARE COVERING THE LAST MILE

## SEND AVIATION-TRAINED PERSONNEL OVERSEAS TO FILL IMPORTANT ROLES

Many young professionals called into mission aviation today want to make a difference—to give access to the gospel to people who have never heard it in their language. But after they

have earned pilot licenses and/or aircraft mechanic certifications, they are frustrated by an additional years-long process.

They must either gain more experience or raise their own financial support, or both—delaying their service overseas and the opportunity for people at the ends of the earth to hear the gospel.

With **your** help, JAARS wants to cover the gap between their lack of experience and their readiness to fruitfully serve overseas. Through our new Apprentice

### AIR OPERATIONS

The total needed is about \$55,000 per Apprentice per year, or about \$660,000 per year for the full program. Your gifts to **Air Operations** will enable more people to have access to God’s Word!

program, we will provide on-the-job training that will equip a cohort of six pilots and six maintenance specialists to serve overseas. They will be ready to make a difference only a few years after receiving their certifications.

Each apprentice will receive an individualized training plan so that after two years, they’re ready for deployment to one of our remote hubs.

Because apprentices will be going to the literal ends of the earth, to places that are spiritually

dark, we will also prepare them spiritually and culturally. They will attend our Intercultural Communication Course, receive safety and security training, language acquisition, and one-on-one discipling so they can thrive on the mission field.

With **your** help, we’ll be able to provide each carefully selected apprentice with:

- a family stipend
- housing
- healthcare
- aviation training



## PROVIDE A NEWER AIRCRAFT SO MORE PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS TO GOD’S WORD

For 17 years, YAJASI, our aviation partner in Papua, Indonesia, has utilized a PC-12, donated by JAARS, to reach unreached people with the gospel in their own language. The PC-12 has excelled at serving people on the Moluccas Islands and the Bird’s Head Peninsula of Papua, and performing medivacs to Australia.

But for the past five years the PC-12 has not flown in the Moluccas because of the development of a regional airline service, and flights to Bird’s Head Peninsula

have also been reduced. At the same time, the PC-12 has become difficult to maintain because of its age.

So, after operating a Cessna Caravan for two years on trial, YAJASI leadership informs us that: “The Caravan has proven to be a great fit for us. It can operate into one-half of the runways where we serve, while the PC-12 can only operate at one-quarter of our runways.”

Other benefits of the Caravan:

- The operating cost per hour is half of the PC-12.
- A larger cabin and cargo pod mean that pilots can typically carry more passengers and cargo without reconfiguring the cabin seats.

### AIR OPERATIONS

By giving to **Air Operations**, you can provide our partner in Papua, Indonesia, with a more efficient aircraft so more people can access God’s Word. Need: \$800,000



Pilot Kars Kroneman and some Indonesians pose in front of the leased Cessna Caravan in Papua, Indonesia.

Photo by Kars Kroneman

*"I challenge you to join me in expressing a commitment to taking the gospel in their own language to the [unreached] peoples of the world by writing a check for whatever amount you dare."*  
—Donor from Iowa

## WAYS TO GIVE

We invite you to pray and to give as follows:

- Online at [jaars.org/give](https://jaars.org/give).
- Mail the response card in the enclosed envelope to the address below.
- Call the number below for credit card or non-cash giving, or to include JAARS in your estate plans.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pre-Field Orientation: Pray that these pilots and mechanics would be well-equipped to serve overseas and kept safe and healthy during their training.
- Apprentice program: Ask God to bring certified, passionate people willing to go to hard places to share the gospel.
- Maintenance Specialists: There is an urgent need for them in Papua New Guinea and Indonesia. Pray that God would raise some up!

# YOUR PARTNERSHIP ENABLES THE UNREACHED TO RECEIVE THE GOSPEL

On the southeastern tip of Papua New Guinea (PNG) in Milne Bay Province live the Dimas, an unreached people group who have little-to-no access to Scripture in their language.

In December, John and Kelly Knickerbocker traveled via helicopter to the area to assess the potential for a new Bible project among the Dimas.

Because the Dimas are separated from the mainland by the ocean and there are no open airstrips in this region,

let alone roads, helicopters are the only current way to reach them. At present, even a boat is not an option because pirates have made it unsafe to use the *Kwadima II*, the boat leased by JAARS in the area.

Helicopters require a lot of maintenance to keep them operating optimally and safely. SIL-PNG's aviation maintenance team has an immediate need for three experienced aircraft mechanics with at least three more needed over the next couple of years.

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## GLOBAL OPERATIONS

Give now to **Global Ops** to provide the training and equipment needed to send more maintenance specialists overseas: \$70,000 per year will provide for one maintenance specialist.



The Dima people with a language survey team pose in front of the helicopter at Laramie.

Photo by Robert Handsyde

## EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS FOR TAX-ADVANTAGED GIVING

Your impact for covering the last mile to the unreached can grow and bless more people—all while you pay less in taxes! A number of options are available, including but not limited to:

- ☑ **Qualified Charitable Distributions**, which allow you to give directly from your IRA without paying income tax on the transfer
- ☑ **Gifts of Appreciated Securities**, which generally are exempt from capital gains tax and allow for a tax deduction
- ☑ **Planned Giving** to make a lasting impact that's exempt from estate tax
- ☑ **Donor Advised Funds**, which allow you to take an immediate tax deduction and then support the charities of your choice over time

Learn more at [jaars.org/more-ways](https://jaars.org/more-ways), or call us at 888.773.1178.

