



JAARS

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Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

FEBRUARY

- 1 Give God praise as Check-IT-Out celebrates its 10th year. With 31 conferences held so far, 223 people have served as volunteers or career staff and 77 donors give regularly to support staff or IT projects.
- 2 We praise the Lord for the provision of a part-time volunteer doctor for the JAARS Health Services.
- 3 Praise God for the Doromu-Koki JESUS video (Papua New Guinea) recently completed by VM Productions (IMS). Pray that God will use this video for his glory.
- 4 JAARS Aviation training announces that the two pilot/mechanic technical evaluations conducted in December were safe and successful. Two families completed their first major step toward membership and service in mission aviation.
- 5 The demands of JAARS Aviation training, which is fully committed to training events throughout 2017, puts a strain on staff and resources. Pray for safety and the ability for staff to prioritize.
- 6 Pray for the seven pilots enrolled in JAARS Aviation's supervisor pilot course—leadership training for field line check pilots, supervisors, and chief pilots. This course encompasses ground, classroom, and flight training.
- 7 Pray for Kevin Warfel as he leads Rapid Word Collection training February 7–9 in Senegal, and then a workshop for a language group interested in developing their dictionary February 13–25.
- 8 Pray for the 10 February and March training events for field pilots to maintain currency and compliance with the International Standard for JAARS Aviation Operations policy manual.
- 9 JAARS Purchasing and Shipping needs more long-term volunteers to assist in receiving and shipping goods for the JAARS Center and our overseas partners.
- 10 Pray for Dominique Henchoz (Wycliffe France) and Richard Young (Wycliffe UK) who will join the Africa IT Services group this year as consultants. Ask God to bless them as they begin their work.
- 11 Praise God that the [Seed Company](#) completed 1,000 Scripture projects in its first 11 years! Pray for the provision of finances and local translators needed to help complete over 500 active projects in six continents.
- 12 The Philippine Koronadal and Sarangani Blaan Old Testament translation teams are currently translating the book of Joshua. Pray for unity and perseverance.
- 13 French-speaking African IT specialists are preparing for an IT Connect conference February 13–21 in Burkina Faso, West Africa. Pray that the conference will help advance skill levels.
- 14 Early registration for the March 17–18 Check-IT-Out conference ends today. If you know any computer and software

personnel, direct them to www.checkitout.org to learn more.

- 15 Pray for Susan Williams who heads up JAARS Transitions Ministries as she reaches out to furloughing missionaries, those beginning new assignments at JAARS, and widowed men and women.
- 16 We praise the Lord for the 65 advocates who act as a voice for JAARS in 20 states.
- 17 Please pray for wisdom, clear vision, and unity for the [JAARS Museums](#) staff as they work on a new strategic plan for the museums.
- 18 Please pray for the funds needed to complete the [ALEM*](#) project: another 10-meter boat and a 4WD tow/utility vehicle to serve translation teams in the Altamira region of Brazil.
- 19 Pray for Mike Osborn as he assists staff members who need to increase their financial support levels.
- 20 Pray for safety and wisdom for Maritime Services staff as they complete preparation of a boat to serve in Uganda for [Global Outreach Int'l](#).
- 21 Pray for Leslie Wall and Caryl Mallory as they strive to post JAARS open positions more widely on the web in places like [ExploreNext](#)—and as they respond to inquiries.
- 22 For our efforts to support Bible translation, we need over 120 people to [serve at JAARS](#) to fill full and part-time openings. Pray for laborers for the harvest.
- 23 Praise God Tim and Gina Matthews arrived safely back from Kokopo, Papua New Guinea. Pray as they rest and also assist JAARS to realign the [transport boat project](#). PNG Branch does not have the resources to participate, so now JAARS is considering an independent operation within PNG for the first time ever.
- 24 JAARS advocates are attending a two-day training at JAARS. Pray for them to have a good time of encouragement and fellowship.
- 25 JAARS needs [advocates](#) in northeast and north central United States. We are praying for at least one advocate in each state. Advocates represent JAARS in their home churches and communities using materials we supply.
- 26 Pray for peace, stability and reconciliation in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and for the Word of God to be spread throughout the country.
- 27 Praise God for new staff helping Maritime Services prepare boats for service overseas.
- 28 Pray for Ron Ziegelbaur, construction engineer at [Rain Forest International School](#) in Yaoundé, Cameroon, as he prepares for a shipment of construction supplies for their new gym.

MARCH

1 Pray for peace and stability in Ethiopia in the midst of civil unrest, for the gospel to advance over animism, false religions, and nominal Christianity.

2 Pray for our graduating high school MKs as they prepare for college. Many are accepted into great schools, but need scholarships.

3 Praise for opportunities in Latin America to teach Scripture App Builder workshops. This will help many people groups have access to the Bible in their language on smartphones.

4 Bible translation is ongoing in dozens of languages throughout Russia, and 10 languages have completed Bibles. But with 97 languages in use throughout the country, much work remains to be done. Pray for the many people groups who need the gospel in the language that they understand best.

5 Pray for presenters and recruiters at [Total-It-Up! Extreme](#) hosted at the JAARS CrossVenture site March 6–11. May participants hear clearly from God and have faith and courage to obey all he leads them to do!

6 Ask God to give wisdom and encouragement to Bible translation coordinators from various Asian countries as they meet March 6–10 in Bangkok.

7 Six participants/families are enrolled for JAARS Aviation's pre-field orientation training March 7–June 23. This course encompasses ground, classroom, and flight training.

8 JAARS maintenance instructors are finalizing an extensive turbine training course to be presented in conjunction with the pre-field orientation.

9 Praise God for small Nepalese local churches among minority groups where there were none just 10–15 years ago!

10 Keith Franklin will lead a [Refuge 139](#) team to PNG March 10–28. Pray as the team hosts the program for over 150 MKs living there.

11 Pray for the Scripture website team using new software tools to build Apps for 700 minority languages by the end of the year. Pray for additional software developers needed to accomplish this.

12 Praise God and pray for the following groups registered for the JAARS [CrossVenture](#) program: Heirborn Christian Church, KS; Barrington Christian, NH; Glenside Bible, PA.

13 CrossVenture is getting bookings for this summer. Pray for program staff as they develop teaching components.

14 Last May the Paama and Southeast Ambrym Bibles, dedicated in four locations across Vanuatu, gave 10,000 speakers from these two neighboring people groups access to the life-changing message of the gospel in their own language. Praise God!

15 The estimated 1,100 speakers of Navut, one of 115 languages spoken in Vanuatu, need access to Scripture in their own language so they can learn about God's love. Ask God to provide a translation team to begin work for the Navut.

16 Pray for God's protection, provision, and courage for translation teams working in sensitive areas and places of conflict.

17 Pray for attendees at the Spring Check-IT-Out March 17–18. Several are seriously considering how they can serve.

18 Pray for English-speaking African IT specialists who will attend an IT Connect workshop March 18–25 in Kenya, East Africa.

19 Pray for God's provision and guidance as the [Mayoyao](#) team of the Philippines nears the halfway mark in translating the Old Testament. The recently translated book of Genesis was the basis for a summer Vacation Bible School held for about 4,000 primary-age children.

20 Pray for ongoing plans for JAARS to have a greater role in Bible translation for DRC, especially in the area of transportation.

21 Praise for the completion of the printing and recording of the Buhutu MiniBible of PNG. Pray that God's Word will bear fruit in the lives of these people.

22 Praise God that the Iyasa language community in Cameroon recently celebrated their new alphabet chart—one of the steps to produce a translation that is accurate, clear, and natural to the language community.

23 Pray for Wycliffe leadership as they serve current members and endeavor to recruit new servants for the field.

24 Pray for Rev. Daniel Yoon, Director of Korean Diaspora Church Connections, Wycliffe Canada, as he encourages Korean churches in the US to become more missional in their focus and lifestyle.

25 Praise God for many Korean brothers and sisters who are missionaries involved in Bible translation.

26 Praise God for the wonderful results of using the “storying” method—teaching the gospel message through stories from Scripture. Stories are easy to remember, and they are a powerful way to get people's attention.

27 Ask God to direct Bret Taylor as he prepares for the youth group's [summer mission trip](#). Pray logistics will come together and that God will direct the right students to participate.

28 Pray that people's lives and eternities will be changed as the Lord uses Scripture videos (*JESUS*, *LUKE*, *GENESIS*, *ACTS*) that have been dubbed into their languages.

29 Please pray for the plans to dub three [JESUS films](#) in the languages of a sensitive region. Funding, personnel coordination, and other vital preparation issues need prayer to come together.

30 Pray for Tai Yari, shipping coordinator in Ukarumpa, PNG, as he receives a sea cargo container loaded in Waxhaw with computers, household goods and a vehicle. Pray for good communication with PNG customs in Lae.

31 Praise God. The [Wycliffe Hong Kong](#) staff commits each workday to the Lord through a one-hour devotion and prayer time. Pray that the team will depend on him as they transition to the leadership of Rence Law, the new executive director.

* Evangelical Missionary Linguistics Association

