



JAARS

Prayerline April – May 2017

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Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

APRIL

- 1 Pray for the JAARS Missions at the Airport team at the [Uwharrie OHV Jamboree](#) in El Dorado, NC, as they provide helicopter rides, 4WD rides on a private off-road course, and children's activities.
- 2 Personnel working from JAARS will attend the Eurasia Media & Distribution Consultation in the Netherlands, April 3–6. Attendees from more than 150 mission agencies will share media challenges and solutions.
- 3 Pray for Bret Taylor's seminar in Oaxaca, Mexico, for high school juniors and seniors who are preparing for transition to college life.
- 4 The [Missions at the Airport](#) team at the Sun 'n Fun International Fly-In and Expo will display a Helio Courier, a 4WD vehicle, and a port-a-boat, highlighting transportation solutions that JAARS provides to support Bible translation work.
- 5 Pray for health and flexibility for the [Refuge 139](#) team in Cameroon through April 14 as they provide a VBS-type program for the children of parents attending important regional meetings.
- 6 Pray for the [Wycliffe Equip](#) course April 1–15, as new members work to quickly and effectively develop prayer and financial partnership teams.
- 7 Pray the Compassion Christian Church high school group from Savannah, GA, will have open hearts and listening ears during their weekend at JAARS [CrossVenture Explore](#).
- 8 Of an estimated 18,000 people who speak Dido, only one speaker is known to be a Christian. Instead most practice the primary religion of this Russian region. Ask God to provide a translation team to begin work so that Dido speakers can learn of God in their own language.
- 9 After many years of ministry among Cree First Nations people, the local push for heart-language translations of God's Word is increasing. Praise God!
- 10 Pray for safe flying at the [Aviation recurrent training](#) for JAARS Waxhaw and Cameroon pilots this month.
- 11 As the JAARS youth group prepares for a summer mission trip to Brazil, pray students will open their hearts to God's calling for career missions. Get prayer updates at www.JAARSyouth.org.
- 12 Pray that those who plan to import and distribute the newly printed copies of a complete Bible for a large language group in Asia can obtain the required government approval.
- 13 Joanne Shetler and Amy West ask for your prayers as they prepare for [Culture meets Scripture](#) training seminars in Malaysia and Balanga, Philippines.
- 14 Siberian Yakut is spoken by approximately 450,000 people. The Yakut New Testament is completed, but this people group also need the Old Testament so they can understand the entire gospel narrative in their own language.
- 15 Ask God to provide the funding needed to cover the costs of new financial and administrative requirements that affect many translation programs in Southeast Asia, so that Bible translation can continue unhindered.
- 16 Pray for adequate staff and funds needed by recording studios in Asia and the Pacific.
- 17 Pray for God's guidance for the Philippine Mayoyao team as they translate the Old Testament. Their recent translation of Genesis was the basis for a summer VBS for 4,000 children.
- 18 Pray for the six families who are participating in [Aviation Pre-Field Orientation's](#) 16-week course. Their assignments include Brazil, YAJASI, Papua New Guinea (PNG), Cameroon, and partnership work for the training of mechanics and pilots to serve in Kenya and Alaska.
- 19 Pray for the translator and church representatives who are developing a writing system for a particular Asian language. They also plan to develop a primer for use in teaching the system.
- 20 Pray for the teleconference meetings the JAARS board is holding today—for good Internet connections and interaction. Pray for the selection of a new corporation secretary.
- 21 Pray for peace and security in the [Central African Republic](#) as simmering tensions threaten to break out into armed violence and civil unrest. Pray that Bible translation in this suffering nation may prosper to the glory of God.
- 22 The Missions at the Airport team serving at the Cleveland County-Shelby Regional Airport in Shelby, NC, will offer airplane and helicopter rides and share the work of JAARS with visitors.
- 23 Pray for Allan Courtright and his campus facilities team as they work on JAARS campus renovation projects. Also pray for someone to fill Allan's previous position of JAARS Facilities Director.
- 24 Pray for a good learning experience for students at Aviation's turbine-engine course this week.
- 25 Pray for the new director for Bible translation in the Solomon Islands, Rev. Andrew Fanasia and his wife, Unity.
- 26 Ribeka Tago, team leader of the Rennell-Bellona project in the Solomon Islands, is a recent widow with four children. Pray for God's presence and peace as she faces additional challenges and responsibilities in her work.
- 27 Volunteer Coordinator Del Archer asks for wisdom as staff seeks to match Wycliffe USA intern-applicants with opportunities at JAARS, Dallas, Orlando, and Washington, DC.
- 28 Pray for provision and wisdom for those planning for [motorcycle training](#) in the Central African Republic this spring.
- 29 Pray for the Missions at the Airport team at the Norwood, NC, Arbor Day Festival, offering helicopter rides and presenting JAARS to festival attendees.

30 To date, [Oral Bible Storytelling](#) workshops conducted in New Caledonia have involved mostly one church denomination. Pray that other denominations will participate in Bible translation.

MAY

1 Pray for the AIM AIR candidate currently undergoing a pilot-mechanic technical evaluation.

2 Pray for [LeTourneau University](#) freshman aviation students as they prepare for summer vision trips to Brazil and PNG. May God guide many to future service with JAARS.

3 Pray for effective outreach for “Bridge from Primer to Bible,” a new PNG initiative featuring materials like life stories, historical anecdotes, personal testimonies, and children’s readings.

4 Pray for the funding needed by Aviation for a runnable turbine-engine stand.

5 Give thanks for Scripture resources in over 1,400 languages, now available at www.ScriptureEarth.org.

6 Pray for wisdom, creative ideas, and strategic thinking for the JAARS [museum](#) staff as they work on strategic planning.

7 More than two million people in two Mediterranean language groups have viewed [Photo stories*](#) of Jonah and Noah on Facebook. Ask God for guidance and help to use this method to test the Genesis translation in a regional language.

8 As [Wycliffe Global Alliance](#) plans its new Leadership Development Initiative for leaders from Alliance organizations worldwide, pray that God will grant wisdom, discernment, and creativity for those planning the programs and selecting participants.

9 JAARS is reorganizing so that we can manage overseas programs, improving our service to translation partners on the field. Pray for Steve Ottaviano, the new Director of Field Transportation Programs, and Mark Sjoblom, the new Field Solutions Manager.

10 Father of all, release the resources of people and of funds, and open doors, so that every language group will have the opportunity to hear, understand, and believe the gospel of salvation.

11 Pray for God’s hand to be on the US Crow Indian New Testament project. The main translator acts as caretaker for his wife, who is in poor health. Pray for them both and for the completion of the translation.

12 In recent workshops in South Africa and Zimbabwe, participants learned how to craft and teach simple, accurate, and memorable Bible stories, along with exploring easy ways to build them into daily conversations. Teachers watched people come alive to the value of telling Bible stories!

13 Pray for the Africa IT specialists who recently attended an [IT Connect](#) course as they catch up on work that accumulated during time away from their jobs.

14 Pray the Kingsway Christian school freshman class from Ohio will have endurance for their week at CrossVenture and be sensitive to God’s working in their lives.

15 The five-day Taste of Translation and Linguistics (TOTAL) course, starting today in Dallas, helps participants learn about Bible translation, linguistics, and cross-cultural ministry. Ask God to speak to hearts.

16 After more than 10 years of hard work, the Malaysian Bau Bidayuh New Testament is nearly complete! Ask God for a successful printing and widespread use by the Bau Bidayuh community.

17 Pray that the Rapa Nui Scriptures of Easter Island, Chile, will soon be available to the Islanders.

18 Pray for the Scripture engagement and audio recording activities underway for the Toolra New Testament, recently dedicated in a large Asian city and village area.

19 Father God, please open the hearts and minds of people in churches throughout the United States to their opportunities to support Bible translation, whether it be to pray, to give, or to go.

20 Pray God will use these videos recently completed by [VM Productions](#) (IMS) for his glory: Uare *JESUS* (PNG), Deg *JESUS* (Ghana), Idaasha *GENESIS* (Benin), Akebu *GENESIS* (Togo), Ncam *GENESIS* (Togo), and Saxwe *GENESIS* (Benin).

21 Pray for wisdom for the Learning and Development team as they design and implement a new JAARS Orientation course, a helpful resource for new staff.

22 Pray for the five-day [TOTAL It Up! Extreme](#) course at JAARS, as real-world translators introduce participants to the ins and outs of Bible translation through fast-paced, stimulating presentations and fun class activities.

23 Pray for the many positions at JAARS that need to be filled. Both part-time and full-time openings are available. Help spread the word!

24 Pray the Hawaiian Pidgin Old Testament will be completed, ready for printing, by mid-2017. Praise God that purchase orders are already coming in.

25 Please ask the Lord to send more applicants to Wycliffe—more workers for his fields.

26 The Missions at the Airport team at America’s Keswick Conference Center in Whiting, NJ, will share the work of JAARS during conference sessions and at the helicopter landing zone.

27 Pray for the final editing, printing, and dedication program of Myanmar’s recently completed Zou Chin Old Testament.

28 Only one percent of the Deaf population in Japan identify themselves as Christian. Pray for the team working on the [Japanese sign language](#) translation.

29 Several JAARS aircraft need FAA-required upgrades to position-reporting equipment. Pray for the skills needed to comply with this mandate.

30 Pray that the Buli speakers of Ghana, who now have the entire Bible in their language, will read and study God’s Word.

31 Pray that Bible translation will multiply across Asia, home to most of the world’s major religions.

**Photo stories are slide shows of relevant pictures or illustrations with story narration and local music background.*