

December

1 There are many different languages in the world, and every language has meaning.

— 1 Corinthians 14:10 (NLT)

2 JAARS Housing serves those who come for training, home assignment, or health reasons. They need God's wisdom daily to provide just the right spot for each person/family.

3 Pray for JAARS pilot/mechanic technical evaluations December 5–24—for flying safety and effective evaluation of the knowledge, skills, and attributes of these potential mission field pilots.

4 Pray for [CrossVenture](#), the new JAARS engagement/training program. Planned programs target church, multi-age, and college groups wanting to explore what cross-cultural missions is and what a next step to involvement might be.

5 Praise God for a revival going on among the Shapra people of Peru.

6 Pray for the Old Testament translation project for the Matigsalug of Philippines. Only 14 books to go!

7 The SIL Language Software Development conference in September included representatives from seven potential partner organizations. Thank God for many encouraging and productive interactions.

8 Pray for flying safety, effective training, and checkout for an AIM AIR field pilot undergoing recurrency training and instructor pilot checkout.

9 As JAARS housing buildings age, repairs increase. Pray that they will remain strong and usable for those in need.

10 Although translation work began in 1943 in the San Marin community of Mexico, their New Testament still isn't published. Pray that by early next year, hundreds of people can be using Scripture in their own language.

11 Pray for [Maritime Services'](#) recruitment of new staff for office assistance, marine, engineering, and water safety instruction.

12 JAARS Housekeeping needs additional staff. Pray for quick response to this need so that availability of housing won't be hindered.

13 Pray for [Barbara Hoefle](#) as she prepares to return to volunteer for Maritime Services: for the preparation of her house for rental and for a place to live in the JAARS area.

14 Pray for a translation project to begin for Guatemalan sign language so that the Deaf in Guatemala can learn about the gospel and God's love for them in a way that speaks directly to their hearts.

15 Pray for Béliyan church members of Guinea and Senegal, who are planning to record the *JESUS* film. May the showing of the film open many doors for the community's churches.

16 [Vernacular Media Productions](#) is working together with the *JESUS* Film Project (a division of CRU) to make some revisions to the LUKE and GENESIS videos. Pray for wisdom in decision-making regarding needed edits, and good communication and teamwork.

17 Praise God for enabling JAARS to initiate an [ALEM*](#) project in Brazil—the construction of two aluminum river boats. Pray for protection and clarity for language workers as they place these boats into service for jungle-camp training and for travel to villages along the Xingu and Iriri rivers.

18 Pray for safety, encouragement, and wisdom as the Maritime staff nears completion of the JAARS [transport boat](#). Pray for funds to complete the project and effective plans for deployment.

19 Praise God for the work completed by Maritime Services on the Global Outreach Uganda boat. Pray as they prepare to ship the boat in early 2017 for use by a Christian medical mission on Lake Victoria.

20 Thank the Lord for Dr. Lee Thomas, medical doctor, who serves our community at JAARS Health Services, providing health care for furloughing missionaries and trainees.

21 Praise God for Dale and Debbie Newby as they begin serving in the [IT Network](#) department and directing the [JAARS museums](#).

22 Translation for the Papua New Guinea (PNG) Middle Watut people began last year. Pray that God will call young Watut men or women to translation work, and also that the people will hunger for a deeper knowledge of God.

23 Pray for wisdom and resources for a larger turbine-powered helicopter to replace Cameroon's R-44 helicopter as it goes out of service for a mandated overhaul in 2017–2018.

24 Pray for more national trained translators to come forward to serve translation needs in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

25 Help us, O God, on this Christmas day to see your love in a world filled with human failure.

26 Pray for unity among churches, Bible societies, and translation organizations in Central Africa as they move forward with translation projects among the Yansi people and others.

27 Praise God for the videos recently completed by Vernacular Media Productions: Ivatan *JESUS* (Philippines); Adzera *JESUS* (PNG); Borôro *JESUS* (Brazil). Pray for God to use these videos for his glory.

28 The New Testament translation in the Middle Eastern Suryoyo language, considered to be the modern dialect closest to the ancient language of Jesus, is being prepared for publication by Aramaic Bible Translation. Praise God!

29 The [Chaldean New Testament](#) in Arabic and Syriac scripts has been published by Aramaic Bible Translation. With translation of selected Old Testament books also completed, they are now reviewing the translation of Genesis. Give praise!

30 Pray for Kris Russel, new offsite graphic designer with JAARS Creative Services, as he learns and grows into his new job.

31 The [Nie family](#) was preparing to leave Vanuatu in October when they ran aground on a reef. We praise God that damages are repairable and all aboard were safe. Pray for them as they plan future boat ministry in the South Pacific.

January

1 Father God of all, release the resources of people, funds and open doors, so that every language group will be able to hear, understand, and believe the gospel of salvation. Please also open the hearts and minds of people in your Church around the world this year to the role that they can play in Bible translation—whether to pray, to give, or to go. We ask you especially to send forth more workers, oh Lord of the Harvest! Amen

2 In this new year, Lord, help us follow you wholeheartedly, with minds renewed, refreshed with praise for the joy of your salvation.

3 Pray for those undergoing pilot-administrator technical evaluation. And pray for wisdom for the aviation staff who conduct the evaluation.

4 Pray for our missionaries who have been widowed this year—ask God to encourage them during the loneliness of the holiday season.

5 Of PNG's more than [800 languages](#), nearly 300 still do not have a single verse of Scripture. Pray for a Bible translation program to begin soon for the Yangum Dey.

6 Pray for peace amidst the great political unrest in DRC so that God's work can continue without the threat of violence to translators and the people groups served.

7 Pray for the distribution—via smartphones and Scripture players—of the new oral translations completed in the Asia Pacific area.

8 Praise God for two oral translations of the New Testament recently completed in South Asia. Also for ethno-music Bible story videos in several languages.

9 Pray for responsiveness by South Asian people groups who have the oral New Testament in their mother tongue.

10 Pray for more technical staff and oral story developers/performers for the two recording studios in South Asia.

11 Pray for financial provision to maintain and expand the operation of the two recording studios in South Asia.

12 Pray for coordination among translation groups in Asia Pacific as they work with JAARS to define transportation needs.

13 Pray for a second pilot-mechanic technical evaluation January 13–February 3, for flying safety and effective evaluation.

14 Nearing the finish line: the [Doromu-Koki](#) of PNG. Pray the New Testament will soon be in the people's hands, giving them freedom from spiritual bondage.

15 Pray for God to help missionaries appropriately balance work and family life.

16 Pray for the JAARS instructor pilots during the next two weeks as they sharpen their skills with intensive reviews of training terms and procedures and flight checkouts.

17 Pray the San Marcos** people of Mexico will put their newly revised New Testament to good use as more speakers learn to read. May God capture the hearts of the people and free them from spiritual bondage.

18 Lift up our college-age students here in the US while their families are serving overseas.

19 Pray for additional individuals and churches to help staff Refuge 139 programs in Cameroon and PNG. Volunteers care for kids while parents are in important meetings. See <https://jaars.org/donate/jr-139> for information.

20 The Chajul Ixil people of Guatemala have waited nearly 40 years to receive God's Word in their language. Pray that by next summer their New Testament will be printed, ready to change hearts.

21 The Language Software Development group has worked with United Bible Societies to develop Paratext 8.0—a major upgrade to translation editing software used worldwide. Pray for wisdom to deploy it smoothly.

22 Give praise! No life was lost during the powerful typhoon which struck Batanes, Philippines, in September, although many suffered loss of property, crops, and animals.

23 Pray for the Niufo'ou Bible translation project in the Polynesian Kingdom of Tonga. The Gospel of Luke will be published soon.

24 Pray for provision and wisdom for preliminary plans for motorcycle training in Central African Republic this spring.

25 Tii speakers from the Rote Island, Timor, celebrated their New Testament last month. Pray God's Word will have a major impact on the Tii people.

26 Pray for a flight recurrency and instructor pilot checkout for a JAARS field pilot who will also be qualifying for his inspector authorization in maintenance during his furlough.

27 Praise God for laughter and fun as the JAARS community gathers today for fellowship at the JAARS-youth-sponsored Got Talent variety show.

28 The SIL team in Malaysia reports new project opportunities are opening up to serve additional language communities in the areas of Bible translation, storying, and teacher training for multilingual education.

29 Pray for a task force seeking increased understanding of various issues impacting Scripture engagement. Ask God to help them find new ways of encouraging life-changing encounters with the Word of God among the peoples of the world.

30 The Language Software Development group is working with Faith Comes By Hearing to develop [Glyssen](#)—software that generates a multi-voice audio recording using translated Scripture text. Pray for wisdom to make it reliable and easy to use.

31 Reliable IT support capacity in Africa is scarce. Give praise for upcoming cellular 3g or LTE (4g) service that will mean improved service across Africa.

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** A pseudonym