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2 Corinthians 9:11 NLT

Training to Serve the Lord

A200 AVIATION TRAINING

NEEDED: \$166,055

Bryan Jones will soon face challenges flying with our partner SIL in Papua New Guinea (PNG). Bryan's role—one he has sought for years—will be to fly mission workers safely to remote areas of PNG. But there is a problem.

Many airfields Bryan will be flying into are primitive and hazardous. Only with thorough and specialized training can pilots like Bryan learn to fly and maintain aircraft so they can operate safely out of basic airstrips. This kind of training is not common—nor is it cheap.

Fortunately, Bryan is one of six pilots/mechanics who started Pre-Field Orientation March 7 at JAARS. This 16-week advanced training course will prepare them to operate safely in their new countries. JAARS is uniquely qualified to provide this training because their instructors have “been there and done that.” But this training is expensive. Quite simply, the program wouldn't be possible without your prayers and support for the A200 Aviation Training fund. Dan Osborn, Aviation Training manager, explains why.

“Aviation is expensive, but the most expensive training is cheaper than an accident. The A200 fund takes aviation

training out of the normal JAARS budget and uses its dollars exclusively for training people to maintain and fly airplanes.”

Thanks to the A200 fund, Bryan will be able to train in turbine-powered aircraft similar to those he will fly in PNG. At \$600 an hour, there is no way Bryan could afford this training. Similarly, Grant Sahl, a mechanic in the class from Cameroon, will be able to receive supplemental training at commercial turbine-engine schools and will be able to attend the Robinson R66 helicopter maintenance course.



You can help make Bible translation possible by investing in Bryan and Grant and all those who fly and maintain aircraft in the most remote parts of the world.

Visit jaars.org/A200.

Motorbike Training a Go!

L100 MOTORBIKES NEEDED: TO BE DETERMINED

Instructors will soon be traveling to the Central African Republic to conduct training on the motorbikes provided by your generosity. This training, delayed by civil unrest, will enable translation teams to take full advantage of their new motorbikes.

These vehicles are the ideal solution to transportation challenges resulting from poorly maintained or even non-existent roads, but quality training is a must if the bikes are going to realize their full potential. JAARS instructors will provide safety and maintenance training classes that will improve driving skills, minimize the risk of injury, and ensure that equipment is kept in good condition.

Help us provide translation teams with motorbikes and training at jaars.org/L100.

Training for the Unexpected

L102 VEHICLES FOR FIELD PARTNERS NEEDED: \$37,415

If you have car trouble in the States, rescue is simply a phone call away. If you have trouble on a backroad in Papua New Guinea, you will be the only road service available, so you'd better know what to do.

That's where Daryl Beltz, Director of Land Transportation at JAARS, and his team come in. They have developed a new 4WD (four-wheel drive) training program that is designed to equip mission workers with basic skills to cope with the many challenges they will face driving on unimproved roads.

The two-day course covers topics such as understanding the vehicle operations, being aware of weather, reading the road, and recovery techniques. Classroom instruction will be combined with actual 4WD operation. The ultimate goal of this training will be that the Word of God will be made available in the heart language of those located in hard-to-reach areas.

To support 4WD training, go to jaars.org/L102.

From Zero to Hero

5640 IT TRAINING FOR AFRICA
NEEDED: \$27,340

My story in IT Connect is summed up like this—that I, Frédéric, have gone from zero to hero.” Frédéric Keudjitoloum came for IT training in Burkina Faso from Chad, where he serves our translation partner ATALTRAB as an IT support technician. “I say ‘thank you’ because, thanks to IT Connect, I can administer our Linux servers,” Frédéric continued. “I can also do backups, and some things that I did not understand before.”

Annual IT Connect conferences in Burkina Faso and Kenya draw IT personnel from African countries where they support Scripture translation in many language communities. They rely on our gifts and prayers to sustain them as they travel, learn, and work together to find solutions that will make translation easier, faster, and more accurate.



“It was here that I was able to understand the procedures,” said Victor Noudjoundima, who serves ACATBA in Central African Republic. “My desire is to move forward in this training to help [ACATBA], because ... no one [else] is there to help us when there are difficulties.”

To support IT training in Africa, go to jaars.org/5640.

Faith Comes from Hearing the Word

8419 AUDIO-VISUAL PRODUCTION FOR SCRIPTURE NEEDED: \$29,234

Since its dedication in 2014, a recording studio in South Asia has been producing video and audio recordings to serve the needs of more than 70 translation projects currently underway in the area. As you read this, studio staff are helping teams complete an audio recording of the New Testament for distribution in the “S” language community. Plans for the near future include recordings of Scripture-based songs in several more languages.

A believer in the “B” community said, “This is marvelous! God loves me and my people. That is why translations, recordings, and Scripture engagement work are going on here.”

The studio staff are providing training and mentoring to local translation teams. Encouraging local pastors to use audio and visual materials in local languages in their worship and teaching is an ongoing focus. Your support will ensure that studio operating costs, including staff salaries, are met; that equipment—like audio Scripture players—is available to distribute recorded materials; and that staff members can attend workshops to sharpen and upgrade their skills.



Singers prepare to record a gospel song to share with their “K” language community.

To add your help and keep this valuable studio operating, go to jaars.org/8419.

Using Technology to Spread God’s Word

5851.1 SOUTH ASIA INFORMATION SYSTEMS NEEDED: \$20,108

Some of the world’s greatest need for Scripture exists in South Asia. That need is being addressed by the Bible translation teams of our mission partner who currently oversees more than 70 language projects with more planned. But these dedicated workers need modern techniques to spread God’s Word throughout this vast and remote area.

Enter the IT specialists at the South Asian regional center. The organization’s five-person team handles many important support services such as leading workshops on translation software and helping develop Scripture/cultural websites. Increasingly, translation teams rely on the support of a skilled IT staff to ensure God’s Word is available throughout South Asia.

Funding for salaries, equipment, and travel expenses is a crucial need to ensure translation projects continue and future plans can go forward.

Your financial support will help us take advantage of the unprecedented capability technology offers to help spread God’s Word throughout South Asia.

To help provide for the South Asia Information Systems, go to jaars.org/5851.1.

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Thank you for considering how you can participate in making Bible translation possible! 100% of your gift goes to the project you choose.

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Current Projects & Priorities

NO.	NAME	TOTAL NEED	REMAINING NEED
AVIATION			
A400	Africa Aviation Initiative	2,078,380	769,751
A200	Aviation Training	279,508	166,055
LAND TRANSPORTATION			
L100	Motorbikes	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
L102	4WD Vehicles for Field Partners	60,000	37,415
WATER TRANSPORTATION			
5645	Water Safety Kits and Training	30,000	11,505
W201	Pacific Islands Transport Boats	279,268	256,295
MEDIA			
4913	Scripture Websites	40,000	33,692
8419	Audio-Visual Production	34,442	29,234
M100	Audio Scripture Players	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY			
4538	Internet Upgrades	32,000	23,429
5640	IT Training in Africa	39,000	27,340
5851.1	South Asia Information Systems	40,000	20,108
T102	Internet for Translation Teams	25,000	FUNDED
GENERAL			
CORE	CORE Mission Fund	1,057,000	591,769
JWN	Where Needed Most	Ongoing	
TOTALS			
Totals as of April 5, 2017		3,994,598	1,966,593

Providing the Needed Help to Get the Job Done

JWN WHERE NEEDED MOST

Mechanical breakdowns, computer failures, and travel challenges are everyday occurrences for translation personnel. The JAARS Where Needed Most fund provides resources for such pressing, strategic needs in Bible translation work.



Recently, your generous gifts to the JWN fund provided for Internet hardware/software upgrades and recording equipment in Asia, IT training in Africa, and a 4WD vehicle in Papua New Guinea.

Many of these projects were small and were funded right away so the work was not slowed down. Others received needed capital for completion.

To support the JWN fund, go to jaars.org/JWN.