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You will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.
2 Corinthians 9:11 NLT



Plotting a Course in The Pacific Islands

W201

PACIFIC ISLANDS TRANSPORT BOATS

\$283,567 NEEDED

In January the Pacific islands recording team went to Lavege village, on the island of New Britain, Papua New Guinea (PNG), to complete the recording of the Mangseng New Testament. Reaching Lavege village required travel on a ship for 15 hours, then two hours on a truck, followed by a ride on a narrow, heavily packed canoe (above) to cross a river infested with crocodiles.

Translation and recording teams in that region often risk their lives to deliver Scripture to people in remote locations who eagerly wait to hear God's Word in the languages they understand best. Rough water, sudden storms, inadequate vessels, and deadly reptiles are part of the dangers they face to fulfill their mission: to see lives transformed by experiencing God's love.

The transport boat we have been re-purposing at JAARS will help. But a boat can't operate itself. Safe navigation on the open waters of the Pacific Ocean requires a capable captain and well-trained crew. And to support and maintain such a vessel, we need dry-dock storage, towing, shop/office space, and other land-based infrastructure.

We have successfully completed the acquisition, upfit and initial testing of our first vessel. We are currently making a few improvements, based on that testing, in preparation for sea trials to confirm open-water capabilities. We have also acquired a truck and trailer, and completed the primary specifications for the necessary land-based infrastructure.

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But more such boats—and the people and infrastructure to support them—are needed. A large percentage of remaining Bible translation projects exist in areas where direct access to language communities, church leaders and translators is possible only via water. Please pray that God will raise up the funds to sustain operations over the next few years and, in doing so, provide the clarity that JAARS, SIL-PNG, and our intended captain and crew need to move forward.

Please help us grow in our ability to provide safe transportation to the island people of the South Pacific by going to jaars.org/W201.



Opening a Way Where There is No Way

L102
4WD VEHICLE
\$35,336 NEEDED

Getting to the rural areas where much of today’s Bible translation takes place isn’t easy. But tough as it is, translation can’t happen without travel. One language might be spoken across hundreds of miles, and visiting the community is the best way to get input, test drafts, help churches, and start literacy classes. In the mountainous regions of Papua New Guinea (PNG), narrow, twisting, rutted roads make travel hazardous. And sometimes the “road” is nothing more than a stony

track—bone-rattling in the dry season, and a muddy trap during the rainy season.

BTA, our translation partner there, needs a 4WD vehicle to deliver the people and supplies necessary to make Scripture translation happen in the most inaccessible regions of PNG.

Please help us help them by going to jaars.org/L102.

Making Water Travel a Little Safer

5645 WATER SAFETY KITS AND TRAINING - \$12,627 NEEDED

Water travel is a part of life in many areas where translation teams are at work. But that mode of transportation is often unsafe due to swift currents, unpredictable weather, and overcrowded vessels that lack safety gear.

JAARS provides water safety kits, along with the training in how to use them. This makes it possible for translators and recording teams to work together, ferry

supplies and equipment, and to stay alive in the water, if they’re in an accident, until help arrives. This assistance is what they need to keep translation moving forward. Each kit includes equipment totaling nearly \$1000—but the lives it can save are priceless.

Please help us protect those who carry God’s Word over the waters by donating at jaars.org/5645.



Motorbikes Keep Translation Moving

L100 MOTORBIKES - \$17,334 NEEDED

Translation can’t happen without travel to work in teams, seek guidance from consultants, and more. Motorbikes make it possible, even in remote areas. They are versatile, rugged, easy to maintain, and inexpensive to operate. Best of all, a motorbike can turn *days* of travel into *hours* of travel—which keeps the translation work moving.

A JAARS team plans to complete motorbike operation and maintenance training later this year in the Central African Republic, where recent civil unrest had forced postponement of the course.

Please help us provide translation teams in Africa and Asia with motorbikes and training at jaars.org/L100.

A sturdy motorbike can take its operator from a remote village to a regional center for help from a language consultant or technology specialist.

Overcoming Barriers with Technology

4538 INTERNET UPGRADES - \$24,645 NEEDED
5640 IT TRAINING IN AFRICA - \$19,236 NEEDED
1102 INTERNET FOR TEAMS - FULLY FUNDED

Frans Barah, IT and Language Technology Support Specialist, addresses his colleagues in an IT Connect class in Kenya.



Bible translators in regional centers and remote villages all across Africa urgently need technology solutions for some of the challenges they face. They need the ability to connect online to communicate with consultants and back up their work. But internet access there is costly, and power sources are often unreliable. Some lack adequate equipment. Plus, regional centers need skilled IT specialists to troubleshoot software and to manage and maintain computer equipment.

Thanks to your generous partnership with JAARS, we are helping them meet these challenges. In recent months seven regional partners received assistance with fees, backup servers, or network service upgrades. Personnel

from 11 regional centers updated their skills at the annual IT Connect Conference in English held in Nairobi, Kenya, in April. And this year, a Francophone IT consultant will visit each French-speaking center to provide review and training based on individual needs.

Translation teams from 14 languages in Burkina Faso, Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mali, and several language clusters in Ethiopia are working more effectively using power sources and satellite or cellular access equipment provided by JAARS.

Please help us continue supplying the technology solutions that help make Bible translation possible by going to jaars.org/donate.



Hearing the Word Grows Faith

8419
AUDIO VISUAL PRODUCTION
FULLY FUNDED

The “B” language recordings of Scripture are blessing a south Asia community.

Non-believers, too, are hearing the Gospel message of salvation.

Jarendi adds, “This has been a blessing to us and all the B community.”

Thank you for your generous gifts, which will continue to bless the people of South Asia with recordings of Scripture in their own languages.

The audio recording of 10 New Testament books in the “B” language has blessed the people of a south Asian community.

“We had the written Scripture but it was hard for some of them to read,” says “Jarendi.” “But the audio form is so helpful to hear and understand.”

Jarendi is part of a team that is producing recordings in a studio funded by your gifts. In that region, many believers do not read, but are learning more about God by hearing His Word in their own mother tongue.

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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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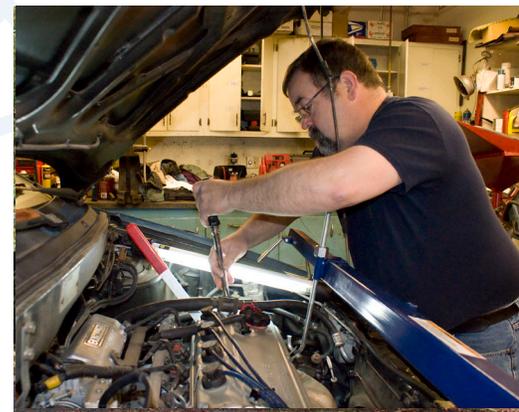
NO.	NAME	TOTAL NEED	REMAINING NEED
AVIATION			
5358	PC-6 #5 for Indonesia	1,990,000	1,404,675
A200	Aviation Training	211,300	FUNDED
LAND TRANSPORTATION			
L100	Motorbikes	32,000	17,334
L102	4WD Vehicles for Papua New Guinea	50,142	35,336
WATER TRANSPORTATION			
5645	Water Safety Kits and Training	35,000	12,627
W201	Pacific Islands Transport Boats	526,328	283,567
MEDIA			
4913	Scripture Websites	37,500	FUNDED
8419	Audio-Visual Production	27,350	FUNDED
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY			
4538	Internet Upgrades	30,600	24,645
5640	IT Training in Africa	28,000	19,236
T102	Internet for Translation Teams	18,523	FUNDED
GENERAL			
CORE	CORE Mission Fund	915,000	249,055
JWN	Where Needed Most	Ongoing	
TOTALS			
Totals as of August 8, 2016		3,901,743	2,046,475

Discovering Where You Fit In

Have you ever wondered how your skills, training, or life experience could possibly be used to support translation work?

A quick look at our website shows that JAARS needs all kinds of people with all kinds of skills to work with us in supporting Bible translation—for example: project managers, aviation mechanics, fundraisers, and graphic designers.

Or you may be surprised to find that your training can be transitioned into something you'd never thought of trying, but would enjoy. Some of the responsibilities can be fulfilled through short-term commitments, by spending an extended vacation at our headquarters in North Carolina. Then again, you just might discover a life-changing career at JAARS.



We'd love to help you find your perfect fit. Check us out at jaars.org/serve.