

# Partner EXPRESS



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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

## Announcing the Africa Initiative

*“If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”*

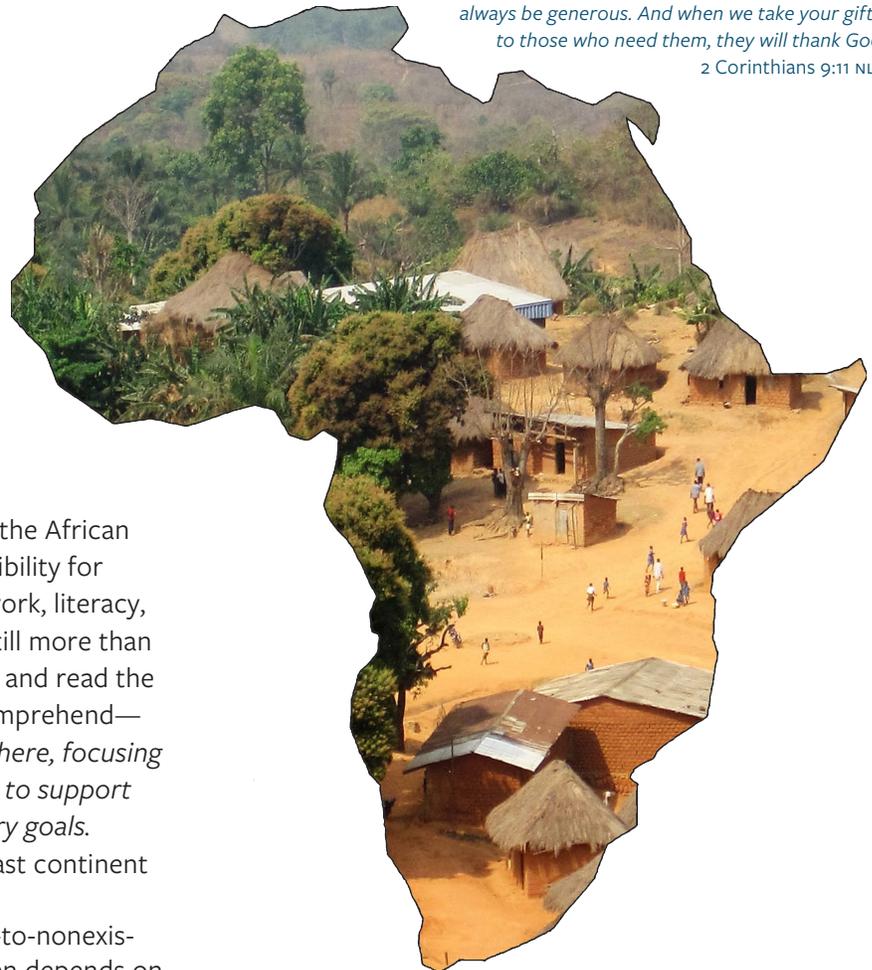
– African Proverb

In partnership with various Bible agencies, the African church is taking on a high level of responsibility for Bible translation, language development work, literacy, discipleship and evangelism. But there are still more than 1,500 distinct people groups waiting to hear and read the full Gospel in the language they can best comprehend—their *heart language*. That is why JAARS is there, focusing our resources and solutions more than ever to support our partners’ specific translation and ministry goals.

The interconnected needs across this vast continent include:

- **Transportation:** In areas with poor-to-nonexistent roads, translation progress often depends on safe, affordable solutions like motorbikes, 4WD vehicles, boats, and aviation.
- **Technology:** Efficient translation now depends on technologies that most of us take for granted but are in short supply in many parts of Africa: laptops, portable power systems, and reliable Internet connectivity.
- **Training:** Any solution put into place requires training for those who will use it to ensure the safety and sustainability of their efforts.
- **Safety:** Along with training for motorbikes, 4WD vehicles, and flight services, JAARS delivers water safety tools and devices that protect the wearer, alert authorities, and pinpoint location in the event of an accident.

There is a continuing spiritual hunger across Africa. Echoing the Ethiopian eunuch of Acts 8, many ask, “How can I understand unless someone explains it to me?”



We are committed to supporting the African church in their efforts to explain God’s Word in the languages that people can understand: their own. To learn more about it and partner with us—and our brothers and sisters in Africa—go to [jaars.org/Africa](http://jaars.org/Africa).

Since 1965, the number of those claiming the Christian faith in Africa has grown from about 25 percent to about 46 percent of the total population.

—Wycliffe Global Alliance at [wycliffe.net/Africa](http://wycliffe.net/Africa), accessed Nov. 17, 2016.

# Giving Wings To God's Word

A400 AFRICA AVIATION INITIATIVE  
\$2,060,500 NEEDED

Our new Africa Aviation Initiative is designed to focus less on individual aircraft and more on providing locally appropriate, sustainable and timely aviation solutions across a broad and volatile region.

With this approach, we can be more flexible, more responsive, and more focused on the best/right solution. We'll work with translation partners to identify a range of solutions. Then we'll collaborate with multiple regional translation partners to identify and deploy the most important, practical and timely solutions possible, with the goal of supporting the greatest translation impact possible. Depending upon rapidly changing conditions, funding may go to new aircraft; or it may go to upgrades, maintenance, equipment leases, or re-deployment of existing aircraft. It may even go to charters and airfare subsidies where existing aviation arrangements exist.

A pressing need just now is in Cameroon, where one helicopter serves 14 language projects as well as several



regional hospitals and medical centers—and that aircraft is scheduled for months of mandated overhaul work in late 2017. A larger turbine-powered helicopter with more space for people and cargo, plus greater lift in the thin mountain air, would enable them to expand their mission substantially. At minimum, though, we are committed to protecting their current level of aviation support when their existing helicopter goes out of service.

*To learn more, and to partner with us in providing aviation solutions for Africa, go to [jaars.org/A400](http://jaars.org/A400).*

# Getting The Word Out Across Africa: Powering Up IT Services

4538 INTERNET UPGRADES FOR REGIONAL CENTERS - \$31,815 NEEDED  
5640 IT TRAINING IN AFRICA - \$37,870 NEEDED  
T102 INTERNET FOR TRANSLATION TEAMS - \$22,650 NEEDED

We have dozens of translation partners working in Africa. The fastest, easiest, safest, most effective way for them to work together to translate Scripture is by using technology. With the help of computers and software, translation is faster and more accurate. Internet service connects translators with linguistic consultants to help every step of the way. Drafts are backed up regularly so hours, days, and months of precious work is not lost.

But equipment, internet service, and training in their use is not readily available in many parts of Africa. So with your help, we are providing solutions that make it possible for translators, consultants, church leaders, and support staff across the continent to work together more powerfully to bring Scripture to people's hearts in the languages their hearts understand best.

Regional centers throughout Africa are staffed and equipped to help, but IT specialists need regular training to upgrade their skills and extend their abilities. Equipment, too, must be replaced or improved. And we continue to seek and implement solutions to provide better, faster, more affordable Internet service.



*Please join your heart with ours—and believers across Africa—by going to [jaars.org/donate](http://jaars.org/donate) and choosing an Africa IT project to support.*

# Keeping Communications Flowing In South Asia

5851.1 SOUTH ASIA INFORMATION SYSTEMS - \$38,659 NEEDED



Our Bible translation partner in South Asia is currently overseeing more than 70 language projects, scattered across a broad region with some of the greatest need for Scripture in the world today.

More than ever, these translation teams rely on the assistance—on-site and online—of a skilled IT staff. The organization’s five-person IT team keeps their centralized computer system running smoothly, trains new translators in the use of translation software, mentors mother-tongue translators, develops Scripture/cultural websites, and helps with typesetting Scripture for publication.

Funding for upgraded equipment, salaries, and travel expenses represent crucial needs as our partner strives to ensure that these translation projects are completed and published without delay.

*Please help us ensure that God’s Word will have lasting, transforming impact among these communities by using the response card enclosed with this issue of Partner Express.*

## Making A Way In Papua New Guinea

L102 4WD VEHICLE FOR PNG - \$55,845 NEEDED

Rain—up to 400 inches a year in some areas—that turns dry, dusty roads into sticky mud holes. Narrow, twisting mountain tracks that climb steep ridges and skirt sheer drop-offs. Public transportation that runs intermittently, or doesn’t extend to the remote locations where translation work is going on.

These are some of the obstacles our partner BTA faces every day in Papua New Guinea (PNG), where translation workers, language consultants, and supplies need to reach their colleagues working in isolated villages to bring God’s Word to those who have not yet heard it in the languages of their hearts.

We are committed to providing BTA with a 4WD vehicle that will help them overcome transportation obstacles and speed up translation efforts in PNG.

*To partner with us in this effort, go to [jaars.org/L102](http://jaars.org/L102).*

## Specialized Training Keeps Translation Flying

A200 AVIATION TRAINING - \$262,343 NEEDED

Everything that has to do with aviation training is horrendously expensive,” Aviation Training Manager Dan Osborn said recently. “But we can’t stop training. The most expensive training is cheaper than an accident.”

In the next few months, our aviation department will conduct technical evaluations for prospective pilot-mechanics, provide flight recurrency and instructor pilot checkouts, host ground classes on standard training terms and procedures, and conduct intense flight reviews for staff instructor pilot standardization. As always, our goal is getting Scripture into the hands of those still waiting, many of whom live in areas that are inaccessible without air transportation.



*To support vital training for those who give wings to Scripture, go to [jaars.org/A200](http://jaars.org/A200).*

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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
<b>AVIATION</b>			
A400	Africa Aviation Initiative	2,078,380	2,060,500
A200	Aviation Training	279,508	262,343
<b>LAND TRANSPORTATION</b>			
L100	Motorbikes	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
L102	4WD Vehicles for Field Partners	60,000	55,845
<b>WATER TRANSPORTATION</b>			
5645	Water Safety Kits and Training	30,000	17,030
W201	Pacific Islands Transport Boats	279,268	272,413
<b>MEDIA</b>			
4913	Scripture Websites	40,000	39,386
8419	Audio-Visual Production	34,442	33,977
<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>			
4538	Internet Upgrades	32,000	31,815
5640	IT Training in Africa	39,000	37,870
5851.1	South Asia Information Systems	40,000	38,659
T102	Internet for Translation Teams	25,000	22,650
<b>GENERAL</b>			
CORE	CORE Mission Fund	1,057,000	924,368
JWN	Where Needed Most	Ongoing	
<b>TOTALS</b>			
Totals as of November 30, 2016		<b>3,994,598</b>	<b>3,796,856</b>

**NOTE:** For IRS credit for deductible charitable contributions, all donations by check must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2016 and all online credit card donations must be completed on or before Dec. 31, 2016.



*We celebrate the coming of God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.*

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace, now and in the year to come.*

Psalm 65:5