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2 Corinthians 9:11 NLT

A New Lifeline for Cameroon

A400 AFRICA AVIATION INITIATIVE NEEDED: \$734,692

The red helicopter landed at the Mbingo Hospital in Cameroon with a very sick mother aboard. She had developed a severe infection and needed emergency surgery. Her surgeon stated matter-of-factly: “Had she not arrived by helicopter that day, she most likely would have died.”

Our partner, SIL Cameroon Aviation, operated the life-saving helicopter, which your generous gifts made possible. Aircraft are a lifeline in Cameroon, where rugged terrain makes overland travel difficult. The helicopter primarily transports mission workers to remote villages but also responds to medical emergencies and ferries personnel to outlying health clinics. At best, losing the helicopter would turn travel time from hours into days. At worst, people would die.

This lifeline was recently threatened. The red helicopter is scheduled for a required overhaul in the USA that will take it out of service for over a year. Without a replacement, critical missions performed by SIL Aviation would be jeopardized. Many prayers went out to solve this problem—and the Lord graciously responded. On March 31, JAARS purchased an almost-new Robinson R66 turbine helicopter for Cameroon. The helicopter was not on the market when JAARS learned about it. The broker said it was a “fluke” that he located it—but we know it was an answer to prayer. Then another miracle occurred: a new financial partner committed to cover half the cost.

Now Cameroon aviation services can continue without disruption! The new machine meets all the specs that Cameroon needs, plus it carries a

bigger payload and uses more-readily available jet fuel.

Woody McLendon, president of JAARS, summed it up. “You prayed with many partners and friends for God to provide a helicopter to support Bible translation and language development in Cameroon. And he answered just at the right time and just in the right way. Thank you, thank you, for praying faithfully and joyfully for God’s provision. And don’t stop now. Our engagement in Cameroon isn’t about a helicopter. It is about leveraging aviation and other solutions to make a significant impact on Bible translation.”

Even with the purchase of the helicopter, funding needs for operating costs continue. Please go to jaars.org/A400, to learn how to support and intercede for this work in Cameroon.



Roads? Who Needs Roads?

L102 VEHICLES FOR FIELD PARTNERS

NEEDED: \$36,525

In the areas of Papua New Guinea where land transportation is possible, roads are often rutted during the dry season and flooded during the wet season, making many roads unpassable for most vehicles. The result—long travel times for Bible translation workers.

What a joy it is, then, to share some good news: A new Toyota Hilux 4WD vehicle was delivered in early April to the Bible Translation Association (BTA), our partner in PNG! With this new vehicle, translation workers and language consultants working out of BTA's Alotau office will have safe, more reliable transportation to reach their colleagues located in isolated villages. Better transportation means teams will have more time to spend working in the communities rather than traveling to them.

We praise God for the provision of this vehicle!



Your prayers and gifts made this 4WD purchase possible. *Thank you!*

More vehicles will be needed in the future for our translation partners around the globe. Your sustained praying and giving will keep the tires rolling! To continue your support for this project, go to www.jaars.org/L102.

“What Will Happen to Me After Death?”

8419 AUDIO VISUAL PRODUCTION, SCRIPTURE ENGAGEMENT

NEEDED: \$28,854

Kuttan, a worshipper of ancestral spirits from the “JK” community, was invited to help with the consultant check during the dubbing of the *JESUS* film into his mother tongue. As he worked, he carefully followed all the issues discussed in the different scenes of the video.

During the process, God began to work in Kuttan's life. On the last day of consultant checking, he openly expressed his fear about—*what would happen to him after his death?*

Kuttan received and committed his life to Christ—the first fruit of the *JESUS* film in the JK language.

Your generous gifts allow audio-visual production studios in South Asia to record Scripture, traditional and folk worship songs, Bible stories, and oral stories in many different languages. Then, these recordings are distributed through cell phones and audio devices specifically made

for listening groups in villages where many residents cannot read and write. The *JESUS* film, which changed Kuttan's life, continues to be dubbed into many previously unwritten languages.

Many more people like Kuttan are longing to hear the Word of God in their own heart language.

To keep these recording studios in operation go to www.jaars.org/8419.

The Word of God Speaks in the Solomon Islands

M100 AUDIO SCRIPTURE PLAYERS

NEEDED: TO BE DETERMINED

In 1902, the Roviana people were the first to accept Christianity in the Solomon Islands, a nation of hundreds of islands in the South Pacific. Years later, with assistance from Wycliffe personnel, a translation of the New Testament was completed and just recently the Roviana Old Testament was published!

In March, our partner in the Solomon Islands asked JAARS to provide MegaVoice audio players for the Roviana. These solar-powered devices contain Scriptures recorded in the Roviana language for playback by those who don't yet—and may never—read, allowing them to *hear* God's Word in their heart language.

Using funds from the M100 project, JAARS enabled our partner to purchase 200 MegaVoices. *THANK YOU* for your generous gifts making this purchase possible!



Help us spread the gospel through Audio Scripture Players by going to www.jaars.org/M100.

Providing IT Solutions

CORE MISSION FUND NEEDED: \$450,849

From the JAARS campus in North Carolina, technology specialists respond to translation teams all over the globe to provide answers to software questions, untangle hardware issues, manage email systems, and other tasks that make translation easier, faster, and more accurate. Classrooms house training programs for new translators and missionaries on furlough who want to upgrade their skills.

The CORE fund makes it possible for us to support technology and training that makes translation easier, faster, and more accurate.

To add your support for our support services, go to www.jaars.org/CORE.

Mountain Experience Gives Wings to God's Word

A200 AVIATION TRAINING

NEEDED: \$137,684

High atop Strawberry Ridge, near Little Switzerland in the mountains of North Carolina, is a short, steep, and grassy runway. Takeoffs are downhill; landings are always done uphill—tricky maneuvers for even experienced pilots.

"I've never landed on anything like that before!" exclaimed Josh Eicholtz, who trained there three years ago to prepare for a pilot-mechanic assignment. Since then, as he flies a Quest Kodiak into the challenging

mountain airstrips of Papua New Guinea, he has had reason to be thankful for the rigorous instruction and demanding practice of our 16-week Pre-Field Orientation course.

A new class of mechanics, pilot-mechanics, and aviation program managers will arrive in August to be introduced to the intricacies of Strawberry Ridge.

Please support them by going to www.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
AVIATION			
A400	Africa Aviation Initiative	2,078,380	734,692
A200	Aviation Training	279,508	137,684
LAND TRANSPORTATION			
L100	Motorbikes	30,000	3,786
L102	4WD Vehicles for Field Partners	60,000	36,525
WATER TRANSPORTATION			
5645	Water Safety Kits and Training	30,000	8,245
W201	Pacific Islands Transport Boats	279,268	254,307
MEDIA			
4913	Scripture Websites	40,000	24,174
8419	Audio-Visual Production	34,442	28,854
M100	Audio Scripture Players	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY			
4538	Internet Upgrades	32,000	20,104
5640	IT Training in Africa	39,000	27,105
5851.1	South Asia Information Systems	40,000	16,018
T102	Internet for Translation Teams	25,000	FUNDED
GENERAL			
CORE	CORE Mission Fund	1,057,000	450,849
JWN	Where Needed Most	Ongoing	
TOTALS			
Totals as of June 2, 2017		4,024,598	1,742,343

The Campaign for Possible Needs You!

You have an amazing opportunity to partner with JAARS and help us make Scripture translation possible.

- Pray. Like every mission, we are completely dependent upon God.
- Give. We're asking God for partners who can invest any amount of resources faithfully, significantly, and eternally in this mission.
- Serve. There are scores of opportunities for godly people doing everyday things to support Bible translation.
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