

TROYER NEWS

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Wycliffe Bible Translators

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No Ordinary Jars



What comes to mind when you hear the word “jars”? Canning jars, pickle jars, jelly jars...? Despite their variety, they have a common purpose: providing support and organization, making our lives easier. Similarly, the JAARS Center, created by Wycliffe founder, Cameron Townsend; used aviation and radio technology to support Bible translation worldwide. Today JAARS includes even more:

Vernacular Media Services (VMS), Construction and Maintenance, Information Technology, and International Purchasing and Shipping. These services enable missionaries to be more effective in translation.

We are excited to live and serve here at JAARS.

We regularly hear how departments accelerate translation work around the globe. Below are just a few sketches of JAARS in action.



Construction and Maintenance

“The house is sinking?” Tom radioed back, certain he had misunderstood. The reply: “When I use the toilet, my feet don’t touch the floor anymore!” Further dialogue revealed that the wooden posts supporting this woman’s house were being eaten by termites and the house was in fact sinking!

Within days, Tom arrived with new steel posts and tools, which when installed, enabled the translator’s feet to once again reach the floor.



Information Technology



In Guinea-Bissau, the translation center was 50 miles from any internet. Precious time and money were being spent on travel, lodging and internet fees. JAARS personnel worked for a year, researching and developing a plan to solve their problems. Finally, a workable, affordable system was bought and installed. Today, translators can download software, find linguistic resources or talk to consultants more easily, increasing the quality of their translation work.



Aviation

Mapquest directions to the nearest road: “Begin walking before first light, and walk hard all day long. Spend the night in a small village in the bush. Wake up early. Spend the second day walking up and down rough trails through the rainforest.”

An Onobasulu man in Papua New Guinea looked at Beverly Mosley, the Bible Translator there, and said, “You would never make it.” She smiled and answered, “That’s right. That is why the JAARS airplane brings me and picks me up.”

Vernacular Media Services



“In Dangla, a man said, “I read the Bible, but I learned more from what I saw in the [Jesus Film] video than from what I read.”

This video has caused renewed interest in the Isnag New Testament. In two villages, the people asked a couple of the team members to stay behind to help them in their Bible study, while people everywhere were asking for Bibles.

“So what are you up to?”

Good question! Our primary assignment is raising financial support to meet our monthly budget for living in the US. Wycliffe requires that we have a complete financial partnership team before we can be assigned to VMS full-time. The graphic to the right gives our current status.

Duane has been able to give a few hours each week to VMS. Currently he is reviewing the Bubi Jesus Film, which is going to be used by the local church for evangelism and discipleship. The Bubi language is spoken by about 5,000 speakers in Equatorial Guinea. Each of the recording's 500 audio clips must be checked for clarity, then positioned in the film soundtrack at precisely the right point matching the video on the screen. He hopes to submit the project for quality control in mid-April.

I, Shirley, volunteer at MCA (Andrew's school), help occasionally with JAARS public relations and training events; and give oversight to Katy's medical recovery.



Andrew is enjoying club soccer and will soon be competing in the North Carolina State tournament. Katy's health is slowly improving as we treat her for adrenal exhaustion. She has enjoyed a variety of work opportunities while at home. Everything from tutoring chemistry and algebra to coaching soccer and editing books.

How about you? What are YOU up to? We'd love to hear from you.

As we seek new partners we want to recognize those of you who have prayed and financially given for so many years. Thank you for faithful partnership and encouragement.

Blessings,

Duane & Shirley

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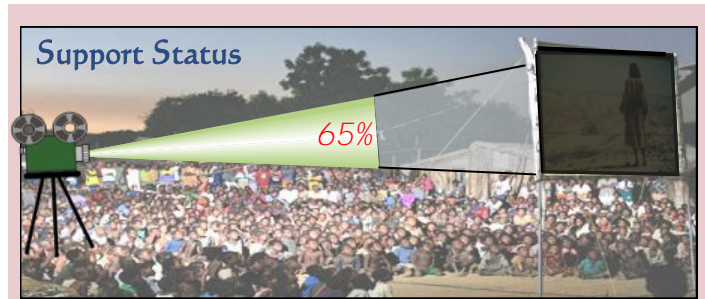


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WRITE ON A SEPARATE NOTE:

For the ministry of
Duane & Shirley Troyer



The projector beam shows our current support level. Our hope is that by August we will welcome enough new partners to increase our support to 80% as we move toward full support.

JAARS DAY

A look inside Wycliffe

Come to JAARS and experience firsthand what its all about.



Ride in an airplane, helicopter, or watercraft. Tour the departments, seeing how they speed the translation process. Dress in traditional outfits or play exotic musical instruments.



This all-day event is family-friendly and admission is free.



Future Dates:

May 7
Aug. 13
Oct. 1



For more information give us a call.