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Giving Wings to The Good News

Missionaries with
Commission
TO EVERY NATION

Serving at
JAARS

Step By Step, Following His Lead.

About two years ago, the JAARS team felt God leading us to take steps toward opening two new flight bases—one on the Pacific island of Vanuatu and the other in central Africa, likely the Democratic Republic of Congo. Both regions have significant geographic and logistical challenges, so establishing flight bases there would ease the way to bring God's love and Word to people in otherwise inaccessible regions. However, opening these bases is no small task. We know that for it to succeed, God will have to work in extraordinary ways.

We are rejoicing that we already see the Lord at work in the plans. First, as we have previously shared, God has provided people willing to serve at these bases. In the fall, eleven young missionary pilot/mechanic apprentices and their families arrived here at JAARS for two years of intensive training. A second group will begin training in September. We thank God for touching these hearts and giving them the courage to move with their young families to such remote areas!

Next, we were trusting God for another seemingly impossible task—expanding the JAARS fleet by adding aircraft. This would allow us to reposition our fleet and enable us to send aircraft to the new fields when the time comes. Our leadership determined that, along with several additional aircraft, JAARS should acquire a turbine helicopter and a Cessna Caravan. Just these two aircraft alone could cost millions, and JAARS had no idea how God would meet this need. But our God is truly Jehovah Jireh, our provider!



Our new, turbo Bell L4 LongRanger Helicopter



The Caravan freshly painted to match our fleet these dreams to move forward, God must go before us as we simply follow His lead. There are many more steps that must come together over the next years, but it's incredibly exciting to be on this journey with the Lord together with you! Thank you for your partnership, which makes it possible to follow however the Lord directs.

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Hangar Happenings.

In addition to the apprentices here for training, our yearly group of missionary pilots and mechanics have arrived at JAARS for six months of pre-field training (or Pre-Field Orientation as it's known at JAARS). Jeyson has been asked to specifically train and mentor three of them, Kyle Ben, and Nathan. These young men and their families will serve at flight bases in Kenya and Papua New Guinea. Please pray for wisdom and meaningful preparation for each of them.



One of the mechanics in training who is headed to Papua New Guinea

Youtube in the Jungle???



Please continue to pray for approval from the Brazilian government to resume flights to villages. It has now been almost a year since missionary flights have been banned to many of the indigenous villages to which our mission flies. While some in the government are interested in lifting the ban so that missionaries can once again run schools in the villages, others are adamantly against granting permission. Recently the Brazilian attorney general moved the discussion to a higher level in the country's capital.

Meanwhile, missionaries have come up with new ways to reach villagers, including through creating a YouTube channel with Bible teaching in the native languages. Believe it or not, a lot of young people in these villages now have cell phones and can get online using Starlink; so now they can

keep hearing from God's Word even while deep in the jungle. Because of this channel, the Good News of Jesus is now spreading farther than ever, reaching even more remote parts of the Amazon.

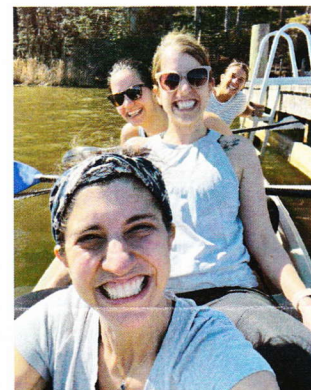
Tidbits from the Homefront.

-This month the water in our house suddenly stopped working. After much trial and error, Jeyson discovered that the problem is with the 250 ft underground wire connecting the well pump to our electric service main. Thankfully we were able to get the water running again with a temporary above-ground wire, and now Jeyson has a new weekend hobby of trench

digging and wiring. ☺ And we all now have a deepened appreciation for the gift of indoor plumbing!

- I recently had a wonderful weekend away with my three sisters— a rare treat since we all live in different parts of the country.

- Elijah has enjoyed having his MK friend Gideon visit JAARS during his furlough. When we first moved here, Gideon was one of Elijah's first friends. His family was at JAARS for his dad's missionary helicopter pilot training, and now they live in Cameroon. It's been great to reconnect and hear how their family of seven has adapted to life in Cameroon and is making a kingdom impact through missionary aviation.



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