



UPDATE

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Celebrating Progress in Bible Translation

Each autumn many of us here at JAARS come together for a day of celebration. We celebrate what God has been able to accomplish through His people throughout the world in completing Scripture translations for various language communities. It can take up to thirty or forty years to complete a New Testament or a whole Bible, depending on the complexity of the language, the availability of helpers, and many other variables.

Fortunately, access to computers and programs especially designed to aid translators makes the tasks so much easier. When we gather each year, we recognize those who have labored for many years in a particular field of service as well as dedicating the collection of completed projects for the year. The day of celebration is also Wycliffe's World Day of Prayer. In groups we pray for as many nations and people groups as possible and also lift our voices in praise to our Lord for all that He has accomplished, and for allowing us to be part of His global cause. It is truly a day of celebration and we all leave spiritually refreshed and encouraged to continue our work. This year we celebrated 27 completed New Testaments.



Jon tells about the need for Scripture in Africa during the 2011 Celebration of Bibles.
(The costume he is wearing is from Liberia, West Africa.)



Family Matters

Several moms and daughters recently gathered at a friend's home to help make cloth parachutes for Voice of the Martyrs. These parachutes will be used to distribute Christian material and radios into jungle areas from a plane to groups of men known for their violent treatment of Christians. We learned through a video that many of these men and their families have responded by help of the Holy Spirit to Christ's invitation as a result of reading the material and listening to the programs on the radio. This is just a small way in which we can contribute to spreading the gospel in otherwise dangerous and forbidding areas of the world. God is at work!

Stephanie Sews Ribbons onto One of the Parachutes

PRAISE God for...

- ...open doors to share our work at new churches
- ...a power systems test site that has been approved and is under construction here at the JAARS center, which will be useful for testing things like solar panels before they go to the field.

PRAY...

- ...that clear and accurate information, from three centers and their Internet Service Providers in Africa, can be conveyed so that those translation centers can have their electrical power systems automatically monitored.
- ...that an automated system providing email notification of Bible translation center power system conditions around the world will prove to be useful.

2012 Jaars Day Schedule

March 10, June 9, August 11, October 13
JAARS Days are always on Saturdays

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