



The WAM Report

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Dedication of Three New Testaments in Central African Republic

This past spring, the New Testament for the Gbeya, Kaba and Ngbugu people were dedicated in one big “mega-dedication” in the capital city of Bangui and also in the home area of each language. Each New Testament launch event showcased acting, music and dance in the specific style of that particular language group, which resonated with the communities, helping them feel that this new thing happening among them was truly ‘theirs’.

Please pray that this sense of pride in each community's cultural identity and language will translate into use of these Scriptures in the language areas and among dispersed communities of each language group and that it will lead to increased local language use in families, strengthening the faith of generations to come.

Please pray that God will plant the desire in the hearts of the people to read His words that are alive and active, sharper than a two-edged sword, piercing the heart! Pray that in each area, people will be finding new ways to study God's word and learn from it, hearing Him speak to them. Pray for the formation of weekly small groups, family groups, women's groups, listening groups, and growing Sunday services! The dedication events stimulated interest among other language communities still without the scriptures, so pray that those languages will also be able to get Bible translation projects started.



JAARS Day October 22nd

JAARS periodically hosts a special open house, where we invite the public to visit our campus for a fun day of discovery. Attendance varies from 300-600 people on average. This event includes boat, helicopter and airplane rides, Jesus film dubbing demos, and a variety of presentations about what it takes to do Bible Translation around the world. Other activities include:

- Flight demos: Watch a pilot demonstrate the precision and skill needed to operate a mission airplane or helicopter overseas.
- Displays: Come see how innovations in technology and software are speeding Bible translation. Check out our village solar power units.
- Ride along: Pile into a four-wheel-drive vehicle and enjoy our off-road training course for missionaries and get a taste of how Bible translators reach remote villages.
- Chat: Over 600 people work on our campus. There are pilots, software developers, boat captains, trainers, translators, and more—people who've served all over the world. And they all have stories share.



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We praise God:

- For the Banda-Linda and Bhogoto teams in Central African Republic (CAR) preparing their New Testaments for typesetting.
- For the eight new Bible translation projects getting underway in CAR.
- For the successful migration of several websites which Michael manages.

Please pray:

- For additional financial partners to join with us in this ministry. We are lacking approximately \$500 per month.
- Fiscal year-end closing procedures for Congo and CAR are underway. Pray for Michael as he works with the finance manager to prepare all the data and reports which have to be submitted to SIL International by mid-November.
- That people who visit on JAARS Day will desire to partner with us through volunteering, praying or supporting the work financially.

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