



The WAM Report

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How is Wendy involved in the JAARS Fellows Program?

JAARS Fellows is an 11-month, merit-based, full-time, professional opportunity for recent graduates that provides entry into a first career position, builds leadership, and opens up to the participants the world of missions. Fellows join JAARS staff in key positions to help in our mission to deliver God's Word to those still waiting.

FELLOWS POSITIONS available in several departments at JAARS include:

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- Aviation Maintenance Technician
- Aviation Training
- Cross-Cultural Youth and Kid's Ministries
- Global Operations
- Human Resources
- Land Operations
- Training
- Sea Operations
- Marketing
- Purchasing & Logistics
- Software Developer
- Information and Digital Technologies



In December, I (Wendy), just completed my 3rd year as a spiritual coach for the JAARS Fellows Program. During this past year I met weekly with Holly. She was serving 40 hours/week in the JAARS purchasing and shipping department. At the age of 21 this was her first full time career job and she quickly rose to the challenges of learning new software and the ins and outs of the department.

During our time together over the year, we focused on several different spiritual topics and different methods of studying God's Word, I'll just touch on a few of them.

Something that is so foundational in a Christian's life is to know who we are in Christ and to understand what has happened to us in the spiritual realm because of our faith in Christ. I gave Holly a list of verses that touched on our identity in Christ and encouraged her to read and meditate on those truths that spoke most to her. I saw God replace her fears with peace and joy as she received and believed what God's word said about her and as she received more and more of God's love for her personally.

We also read together several chapters in Proverbs, and Holly's eyes were opened to see the value of the wisdom of God which helped her better understand the world around her. It also brought more peace and security to her life as she understood how God's principles for living serve as a safety net to us and so that we might be blessed.

Holly also grew much in prayer. We used the practice of praying the scriptures back to God to expand her prayer language. It's one of my favorite ways to pray and she really enjoyed learning this way of praying.

I also saw Holly face some very challenging personal situations and saw her grow and change through her obedience to love through the difficulties and not run from them. Several situations were transformed as she chose to love, forgive, or repent.

Getting to be a spiritual coach is just such a blessing, to witness the miracle of growth by the power of the Holy Spirit! To God be the glory, great things he has done!

Upon completion of the 11-month Fellows Program in December, JAARS extended to Holly an invitation to continue working in the same job. She was thrilled! Now she is raising her financial support so that she can continue working here at JAARS.

In February I will begin my fourth year as a spiritual coach for the Fellows Program. I have yet to meet the young woman beginning her Fellows Program here at JAARS this month. For the first month, the fellows attend Wycliffe's Missionary Orientation, which trains missionaries not just with Wycliffe, but many other missions also. They learn about different joys and challenges that come with long-term overseas missions, including how to navigate relationships, spiritual growth and cross-cultural living.

The Fellows Program has been a wonderful blessing to the people and work of JAARS, and God is using it also to help us recruit for missions from the younger generation. If you know of a recent college graduate who would like to investigate missions or you would like more information you can go to the website JAARS.org/Fellows

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We praise God:

- For the progress in Bible translation around the world.
- For all of you, our partners in ministry who give and pray for us in this work.
- Rejoice with us, as we welcomed a new financial partner in December!

Please pray:

- For additional financial partners to join with us in this ministry. We are lacking approximately \$300 per month.
- For Holly as she raises her financial support for working here at JAARS.

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