

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are-- yet was without sin. Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the Throne of Grace, that we may find mercy and grace to help in time of need. *Heb. 4:15-16 (NIV)*



WINTER JAARS REPORT



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A Season of Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving is something we who name the Name of Christ do naturally. It's sort of like breathing. Living and working at JAARS brings a unique quality to Thanksgiving. Throughout any given year, there are projects completed that benefit the Bible Translation effort to speed bringing God's saving Word to those who are waiting.

Aviation is a big part of the focus at our JAARS Center. This month saw a dedication service—pictured above—for a project begun in November 2007 with the donation of a PC-6. JAARS President Jim Akovenko said, "... [this] aircraft is a perfect match for the very short runways that are common in [our] field of operations. ... The turbo-prop PC-6, or "Pilatus Porter," is well suited for medical evacuations and in assisting local people in literacy and other forms of community development through the efforts of JAARS partner, SIL International."



The same day we dedicated the PC-6, we also dedicated this shallow-water craft for use by translators in rivers with barely enough water to float boats. Thus allowing language work to continue where otherwise it would be hindered.

Sally is back in the classroom

Yes, Sally is very happy to report that she is happy as a clam with three 5th grade classes with about 20 students in

each class. Getting to know the new students and the staff at the Christian school has been a joy for her.



No student is ever left without needed help in a class run by Sally. Each child has his or her own set of needs, and Sally strives to meet them all with caring professionalism.

The frost is not on the pumpkin yet, but we are already seeing leaves changing color with some beginning to fall, and the morning temps are in the 50s. B-r-r-r after the warm summer. Leon has been riding his bike most days, but is now beginning to think that it's a might chilly and has started to walk—takes longer, but is not as cold or wet, if raining.



And in the IT Wireless Dept...

Preparations are being made for a shipment to a tiny country in West Africa. At right is a small pile that will be added to a much larger shipment that will hopefully be on its



PRAISE 'N PRAYER

- Answered Prayer**
 Pastor Cuma Saya, the Blaan pastor who is in charge of distribution for the Koronadal Blaan New Testament and other books, was in a motorcycle accident in June. Sally phoned him to check on how he's doing. **Praise God**, he is much improved. His youngest son has been driving him around so he can continue to visit churches and promote the use of Blaan Scripture. Pastor Cuma's hand is much improved, and he is exercising it to relieve some of the stiffness that followed the surgery.
- Praise God** for the PC-6 gift. **Pray** this aircraft will speed the Bible translation effort. Pray for safety for all who use it.
- Pray** that the shipment to West Africa will arrive in good condition and in a timely manner.
- Praise God** for each child Sally is teaching. **Pray** that Sally is able to impart more than "book learning". That the things of Christ which are of eternal value, will also be learned and taken to heart.

way to Africa by the first week in October. Some of the other things in this shipment include sixteen 200 watt solar panels, 600 feet of fiber optic cable, and a satellite communications disk. Many pounds of hardware and tools will be included too. The shipment needs to go soon so all these items will be there in time for two members of our team to go between Thanksgiving and Christmas to install everything.



There's a communications system to get up and running, a small office network to set-up, and installing solar power so there's the needed electricity. Also, installing power for a water well. This job will facilitate the Bible translation work on-going in the building above, in Guinea-Bissau, West Africa.

For another place, Indonesia, we are testing and preparing for shipment three satellite data terminals that can be used for telephone, data transfers and internet access. These are amazing little units.



One just orients them to face a particular satellite and presto, there is a link to the outside world. When a translation team is working far away from all normal communication, satellite links become justifiable. Actually you would be surprised at how little the service costs. The big expense is the satellite terminal itself, which is almost \$3,000.

One very special opportunity was getting to learn how fiber optic cable is terminated so it can be connected to the rest of a communication network. Here the two men who will be going to Africa and I are studying how to work the specialized tools for fiber termination. My boss, Bill, is seated in the middle working on one of the six fibers found in the cable going to Africa. I've known Galen, on the right, since joining Wycliffe in the mid 70s.



Visitors and meetings

When Sally and I married, we very soon bought a guest book. As we've moved from place to place, we've taken this little book with us to each new



place. Our guest book has the names of most everyone who has graced our home since we married in June, 1997. We enjoy having guests. So if you are in our neighborhood, we'd love to have a fellowship time and a meal with you.

Twice each month, we get together for lunch and prayer with folks who have related to the Philippine Branch. They may be on furlough or folks now assigned to the JAARS Center, as are we. You can see that



our group may be anywhere from a handful to where we are dragging in more chairs. Visitors are encouraged to share a little of what's happening and any prayer requests. A good time is had by all.

Dear family and friends,

Since our July letter, the Lord has brought many people and experiences into our lives. We are His and rejoice in what He is doing.

May our Lord richly bless you,

Leon Sally

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