

From Wycliffe/JAARS missionaries <u>Barry & Suzzanne Nichol</u> (& daughters Kaity & Molly).

Check out our new video on YouTube focusing on our 30 years with Wycliffe/JAARS (4 minutes): <u>https://youtu.be/6ovHaUVYcNs?si=AtkjBv6pHk0kku-x</u>

We appreciate you partnering with us in our ministry with Wycliffe/JAARS over the past 30 years. We praise the Lord for meeting all of our needs and so much more with all of the comforts and pleasures we enjoy living at this time and place!

Highlights for this year 2023:

- o JAARS <u>75</u><sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Our <u>40</u>-year wedding anniversary September 24
- Our <u>30</u>-year anniversary with Wycliffe Bible Translators
- Our <u>15<sup>th</sup></u> year serving at JAARS

As you can see, there are a lot of good things to celebrate this year! We are grateful for each one, especially coming out of the past few difficult years. Personally, we have lost many friends and family, survived the trials of the COVID years, and experienced the challenges of raising two teenage daughters in this day and age, just to mention a few things.

Molly is a junior at Metrolina Christian Academy after completing her sophomore year with an A/B average. Kaity is at Parkwood High School for her senior year. She is currently enjoying being in three different local theatrical productions and is excited about being picked for a main part in another one at her high school. Suzzanne continues to take care of our home and gets the girls to all their appointments while working part time organizing for people.

I continue managing Shipping and Receiving (SAR) at JAARS. Most everything purchased for JAARS or to be shipped overseas passes through SAR. Someone has to be here 9 hours of every workday to receive deliveries, which can be a challenge at times when there are meetings or events for all staff. Often there are urgent shipments needing to go out quickly because of what we call AOG (Aircraft On the Ground). An airplane cannot fly until they get the parts needed for repairs.

Outside of my work at JAARS, I spend most of my "free" time on activities helping us survive financially with the ever increasing cost of living. I moonlight 15-20 hours most weeks, spend several hours a week repairing or maintaining our vehicles, and do all the maintenance and repairs of everything else in our home and on our property.

At JAARS Shipping and Receiving, we have managed to keep working through staff attrition to the point of having to suspend sea freight shipping for a while. Over the past few years we have been struggling with failing and unsupported shipping software. Not long ago, we suffered the sudden loss of a man who came specifically to help us with our software.



Now, we pray, we are coming into a new season of rebuilding at JAARS and the Shipping and Receiving department. We are resuming sea freight shipments after a young man finishing our Fellows program (kind of like internship) joined our small, but hopefully now growing shipping team. The shipping software has been developed to a point of being more usable and stable.

For a year now JAARS has been operating with a new president with fresh ideas and vision. About 70% of the workforce in the United States is under the age of 50. About 70% of the workforce at JAARS is over the age of 50. Our challenge is to engage younger generations for the ministries of JAARS to be able to continue.

Continue to pray for:

- Kaity and Molly as they finish their last years of high school, and that they would seek God's will for their future.
- Encouragement and renewed enthusiasm for life and my work at JAARS, and similar for Suzzanne.
- Provision of resources, people and finances, for JAARS to accomplish what the Lord has for us.
- For continued provision of all we need as we experience a steepening inflation curve.

For more information about JAARS, go to <u>www.jaars.org</u>

There you can watch the recently completed documentary, "Whatever It Takes: The First 75 Years of JAARS" (99 minutes)

Here is our last personal video from several months ago, in case you missed it (6 minutes): <u>https://youtube.com/watch?v=kBGFqYT7Y04&feature=share</u>

To support our ministry, go to the Wycliffe website: <u>https://www.wycliffe.org/partner/34F298</u>

Thank you,



Barry Nichol Logistics Manager

JUNGLE AVIATION AND RELAY SERVICE PO Box 248, Waxhaw, NC 28173 | jaars.org (o) 704.843.6559 | barry nichol@jaars.org