



DENNIS AND PATTI GARRETSON
Biographical Sketch

The Garretsons became members of Wycliffe Bible Translators and JAARS in July 1976. Dennis, born in Dallas, Texas, served four years in the U.S. Navy and received his aviation maintenance training in San Diego, CA. Patti, born in San Diego, CA, graduated from San Diego State University with a BA in social sciences and her teaching credential. They were married in San Diego in July 1969 and have three children. Becki and her husband, Jerry, live in Leland, NC. Sara and her husband, Marty, and their four daughters are missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators serving in Papua New Guinea. Joshua and his wife, Anna, and son Max live in Canberra, Australia.

Dennis and Patti served in Ecuador, South America, until 1981; at that time the flight program was phased out along with the closure and turnover of the Limoncocha Center to the government of Ecuador. They were reassigned to the Wycliffe Bible Translators/JAARS Center, Waxhaw, North Carolina. The Garretson family joined Wycliffe's Maluku, Indonesia, team in June, 1987. June, 1997, Dennis and Patti were again invited to serve at the JAARS Center. Dennis' position on the JAARS aviation training staff is Aviation Maintenance Training Coordinator and Patti serves as JAARS Educational Coordinator and SIL Child Safeguarding Training Manager.

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