



**DENNIS AND PATTI
GARRETSON**
Biographical Sketch

The Garretson's 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, are missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Joshua and his wife, Anna, live in Canberra, Australia. They are also the proud grandparents of four granddaughters and two grandsons.

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. After twenty years as the maintenance training coordinator, in October 2018 Dennis became the JAARS-Wycliffe Aviation Recruiting Manager. Patti serves as JAARS Director of Third Culture Kids Care and Education and with SIL (Summer Institute of Linguistics) as the HR Strategic Leader for Child Safeguarding Training.

JAARS, a part of Wycliffe Bible Translators, is a multidisciplinary team of problem-solvers committed to the belief—and the vision—that people's lives and communities are transformed as they experience God's Word in their own language. Our mission is to make Bible translation and language development possible, especially in the most remote and difficult places on earth. We do that by enabling locally appropriate and sustainable solutions in transportation, technology, media, and training.