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## **Bible Story App Earns Top IT Award**

**CEDARVILLE, OHIO** – A Bible story app created by Cedarville students won the Award of Excellence at the Technology First Leadership Awards banquet held May 4.

The Cedarville computer science senior design team earned the top honor for a smart phone app meant to transform the work of foreign language translators and missionaries. The Technology First Leadership Awards recognize the contributions of information technology students and professionals in southwest Ohio.

The Cedarville student-led team worked with Jungle Aviation and Radio Services (JAARS), an organization dedicated to spreading the Gospel through transportation and media, and missionary Robin Rempel to develop the Bible Story Producer app.

The app allows minority language speakers to orally translate Bible stories. It first shows a still-picture video of a Bible story with a base language voiceover. Then a native speaker can record a translation to create a new voiceover for the video in their people's language.

"Phones are the device of choice for people in remote areas, and this app will turn the phone into the translation table, recording studio and distribution system for Bible translation," Rempel said.

Seth Hamman, Ph.D., assistant professor of computer science at Cedarville University, is proud of his students for their innovation and focus on the Gospel. "The students are all missions-minded and saw the eternal significance in this project," said Hamman.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,760 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 100 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings, and leading student satisfaction ratings. For more information about the University, visit [www.cedarville.edu](http://www.cedarville.edu).