

Russell Report

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Friends and Family,

We want to update you on some of the things that are and have happened in our lives. As most of you know, we returned to the US for furlough in June of 2014. We had a busy summer. We were able to see lots of family and many friends.

Aviation – Craig

I am transitioning well into the role of Director of Aviation. As the director of JAARS Aviation, my primary role is to provide overall supervision of aviation department personnel and management of aircraft, equipment, facilities, services and finances of the aviation department. I provide counsel and guidance to the JAARS administration, Branch administrations, and overseas aviation managers in matters relating to aviation in support of Bible translation.

ICC- Shannon

I was able to come on staff with our missions ICC class. ICC is a course JAARS/Wycliffe offers for different missions (it is a prerequisite for our mission). The goal of ICC is that every participant be equipped with growing skills for spiritual vitality, multi-cultural sensitivity, and relational maturity. ICC gives the participants the opportunities listed below:

- Deepen your personal relationship with the Lord.
- Further your interpersonal skills.
- Interact with experienced missionaries.
- Participate in small group discussions and activities.
- Understand differing world views.
- Acquire tools for multi-cultural team ministry, language learning and conflict resolution.

At the end of the course the staff assess the readiness for service in multi-cultural teams at home or abroad. This assessment of readiness is discussed with each one and sent to the appropriate administrator at the mission agency.



Enjoying our first winter in a couple years



Shannon with some of the ICC group this fall

It is such an encouragement to participate in this course. We have 3 different ICC sessions a year. The one coming up in July we have 37 participants registered already. The past ICC course in October one of the things that struck me the most was how much TIME we as staff spent praying for each participant and family. What a privilege it is to be a part of this.

Daniel, Emily, Madison, & Abby

In August of 2014 the kids started school. Each one of them has adjusted so well to yet another new school and new place. We know you have been praying for them and we see the answers to those prayers.

We are all so thankful that **DANIEL** is with us this year! As you might remember he was at boarding school last year. He is enjoying his 10th grade year... and has his drivers permit. He will be going to Brasil this summer for the month of July. He will be helping my mom with a project she is working on with the Piraha. Thank you for praying for his knee surgery! He recovered well and is back to running (no more football at this point and mom is glad).

EMILY is in 9th grade. She is running cross county and track. It was very hard for her to leave friends in Brasil but the Lord has blessed her with new friends here.

MADISON is in 7th grade. It was also hard for her to leave Brasil and all her friends. She has also adjusted so well. She will be 13 this coming week. Her love of life is contagious.

ABIGAIL is in 2nd grade. When we left Brasil she was being homeschooled. It has been so fun to see her thrive in learning. She had a tough transition – being with me all the time... but she also has adjusted well. Her teacher is a sweet, beautiful Christian lady. In fact last week when Abby was baptized, her teacher came to the service.

THANK YOU

I don't think a day goes by that we don't think of each of you – faithful people who have stood by us in prayer and through giving. We thank you so much and pray His blessings for you.

Much love, Russells

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