

meet the **RUSSELLS**



JAARS HEADQUARTERS **NORTH CAROLINA**



their story

Craig and Shannon Russell serve with Jungle Aviation And Radio Services (JAARS). JAARS is a transportation ministry that supports Bible translation work in hard-to-reach areas all around the world. The Russells worked in Brazil for more than 13 years.

While in Brazil, Craig was a pilot and flew global workers and supplies in and out of remote Indian villages. The reason this ministry is necessary is because there are usually very few, if any, roads leading into these villages. The reason global worker pilots fly is because they have a sense of urgency to make Revelation 7:9 a reality, to see "people from every tribe, people and language" come to the Lord.

In the summer of 2014, the Russell family came home from Brazil and are now living in Waxsaw, NC. Presently, Craig is Vice President of Global Transportation at JAARS. He oversees the aviation, land transportation, and maritime services departments for the ministry. He is responsible for identifying and meeting transportation needs for Bible translation work all over the world. He also has worldwide responsibility for assuring flight and maintenance standards, and providing aircraft, boats and vehicles as needed.

Shannon is a teaching assistant at Waxsaw elementary and also works with children with special needs.

Craig and Shannon have four children: Daniel, a sophomore in college; Emily, a freshman in college; Madison, a high school junior; and Abigail, in sixth grade.

prayer requests

Please pray for a five-year-old boy named Ardyn that Shannon teaches. He gets off the bus cussing, hitting the teachers and his peers, climbs on things, spits, says things that no five-year-old should be saying. All day long is a LOT of work. This past week he watched his mom get beat up badly along with so many other things going on in his little life. Please pray for him and for guidance and patience for Shannon. Shannon sometimes feels defeated but then remembers that she is doing what God has called her to do. Please pray for his home life and his eternal soul.

The Russells have experienced some significant doctor bills with Maddy's recent eye. She had a cornea abrasion that kept her out of school, no driving and no work for two weeks. Craig and Shannon are so thankful she is fully recovered. The surgery has resulted in many unpaid medical bills which have added up very quickly. Pray that God would move in people's hearts to help out with these bills.