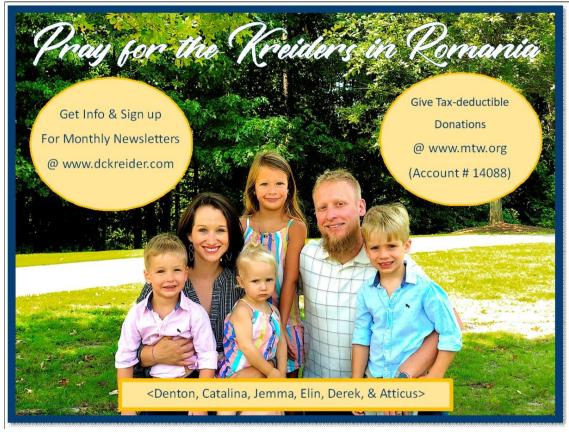
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"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf:

Be reconciled to God." – 2 Corinthians 5:20



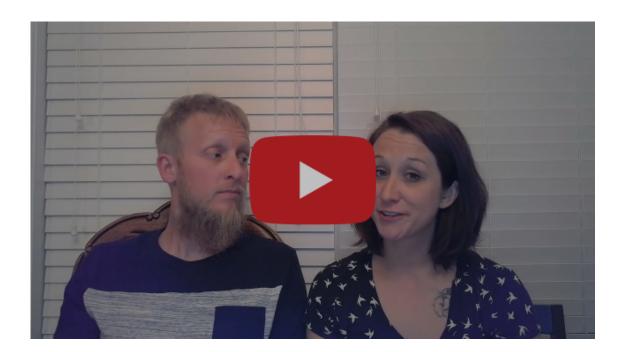


## We're leaving soon!

Watch the video for more details and a personal message, but here are the

#### need-to-know highlights:

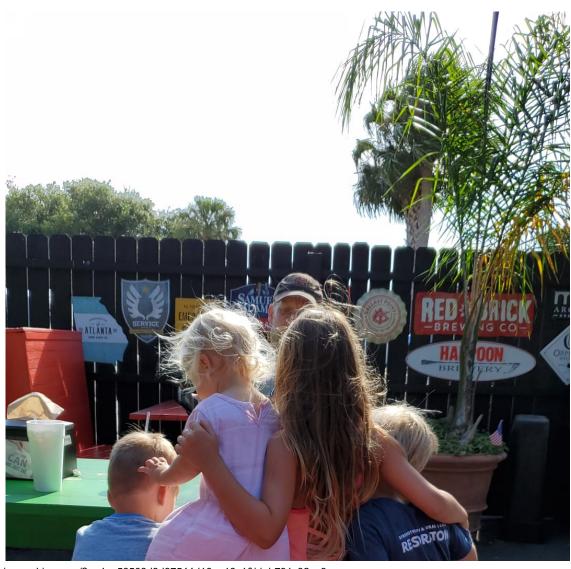
- We're at 100% support!
- Our church hosted a yard sale for us, and we raised just over \$2100 for our support account! Also, the VBS kids collected \$1000 for us! THANK YOU!!
- We have an apartment secured in Romania!
- We have 11 out of 12 suitcases packed!
- Our house in Jefferson, GA is almost packed up and ready for renters!
- We leave Monday, August 30 from Atlanta at 5:50 pm, with a four-hour layover in Paris, and then arriving in Bucharest at 3:30 pm on Tuesday, August 31st.



### **Prayer Requests:**

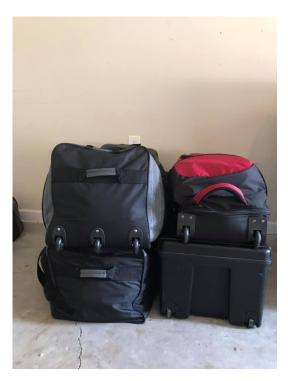
- The United States recently went to "red level alert" for Romania, which is why we moved up our departure date since historically regulations have changed on the 1st and 15th of each month. We wanted to get back before September 1st. At the moment, because we are vaccinated, we are still able to get into the country. At the moment we don't have to get tested ahead of time, and at the moment, Elin is the only one who has to quarantine for two weeks (those who are vaccinated and anyone 6 and under don't have to quarantine), so please pray for her. But any of those things could change anytime, so please pray that the borders remain open and that we stay healthy and don't contract COVID before Monday!

- Pray for this emotional time. These last few weeks are especially hard on the children: they watch their "treasures" get packed, sold, or given away; they say goodbye lots of times; they get bored since most of their things are gone; they struggle to communicate their anxieties and grief, so it often comes out in hyperactivity and misbehavior; they need a lot of extra attention and emotional support at a time when Derek and I have ten million last-minute things to accomplish, so it's a very hard balance to strike. We've done this enough times to expect it, but it's still difficult for everyone. Pray for grace, communication, patience, peace, and so much love!
- Pray that our kids would adjust well, as they are older and recognize more the friends and family they are leaving. Pray that Romania feels like another home for them and that the Lord blesses them with friends.
- Pray against the Enemy which stands against us. "He who is in me is greater," yet the Enemy will do all he can to hinder, discourage, or cause discord. Please pray against these things!













- (TOP) These kiddos share a special bond because of all that life has thrown at them so far. They still fight like siblings, but they are a sweet bunch to watch. Please pray for this continued growth in their relationship, and that the Lord would cover them in His mercy to grow up knowing that they are a treasure to each other.
- (Middle left) We have to wear face masks for our entire trip. Derek and I are more used to this because of substitute teaching and wearing masks all day long, but our children haven't had to wear one for this long before. Thankfully Jemma likes being like her big siblings and asks to wear her mask, so we're practicing a lot!
- (Middle Right) What does a family take in 12 suitcases? Well each family member gets a bag for their clothes and whatever toys/personal items they want to bring. Then one bag for all of our shoes; 3 bags for homeschool curriculum, books, and supplies; and two bags for miscellaneous items we like to bring with us.
- (Bottom Left) My parents took us to St. Simon's Island for four days last week, and it was such a nice time to relax a little in the midst of chaos. The kids especially enjoyed seeing a shark (eek!) and burying mama in the sand!
- (Bottom Right) In anticipation of one of our bags getting lost, we have numbered our bag tags and will have a Google doc generally categorizing what is in each bag. I guess we've learned a thing or two after traveling back and forth so much. :-)

#### IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Check us out on Facebook! We post on Catalina's <u>"From Dacula to Transylvania"</u> album so that you can stay up to date with us. You can also follow <u>our photos on</u>

<u>instagram</u> or check out our <u>video archive</u>. But best, of all, you should let us know if you want to join our secret Facebook Group to get more updates!

#### Support Account Reminders:

If you're interested in one-time giving and would rather support projects, we
have a project account for the Romanian church which goes towards things
like the youth program, elder trainings, etc. The account is #94978 for the
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