

"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

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Denton, the Dinosaur Space Man!

Please Pray for Denton

We came to Bucharest on Sunday. We had an appointment with the Embassy on Monday to begin Denton's citizenship paperwork, and Derek's parents were scheduled to fly home Tuesday morning. It worked out perfectly for us to all come to this city three hours away from home to enjoy some time in a hotel together while accomplishing our tasks.

Denton has had a cough for a few days and on Monday night he was struggling to breathe. Thankful for grandparents still here to watch the older two, Derek and I took Denton to the Children's Hospital, and he was admitted for bronchiolitis. At just 23 days old, this is potentially a very serious viral infection.

Although I was terribly sad to miss saying a proper goodbye to Mike and Char, we are grateful to have found the care we need. Denton and I have now been in the hospital for 3 days, and although his oxygen saturation has been great, he still struggles to breathe and therefore cannot go home. He is not in the ICU ... yet. We're grateful for that! But he's close to needing it. The doctor warned me that they don't have an ICU at this private hospital and he would have to be transferred to the public hospital to get the care he would need. The doctor herself told me she wants badly to avoid this because the conditions at the public hospital are bad. I've heard nothing good about the public hospitals, from both Romanians and foreigners alike. It is hard to stare something like this in the face and remember what I just wrote in our Christmas letter - that we want Jesus to use us to show His love and willingness to live incarnationally by joining those whom He loves where they are just like He did for us. I need more faith and trust in His goodness, because when it comes to the health of my 4-week-old little boy, living incarnationally by going to the public hospital is, quite honestly, the last thing I want to do. It's so much easier to write about it than live it. And I want the faith in Jesus to be able to live it without fear or hesitation. But I'm not there yet. So I've been praying for God to help me be faithful, because I know He always is.

Derek has kept the other two kids in the hotel for the last few days, but he plans to take them home to Brasov tomorrow. Derek will come back to Bucharest to get Denton and me whenever we're discharged.

Please join us in praying for our family:

Denton - to recover quickly (preferably quickly enough to avoid the public hospital ICU)

Catalina - endurance while in the hospital with a sick, fussy baby who isn't sleeping much, and also for supernatural language ability to understand the doctors and nurses, and for the ability to say "Thy will be done" - and mean it!

Derek - patience and endurance with the other two kids and an increased Maternal instinct :-)

Elin - for joy as she has really struggled since Mike and Char left, coinciding with mama and Denton being gone and being away from home.

Atticus - thankfully he's just rolling with the punches!! But pray for his little heart, too, which may be struggling in ways we don't know while mama is gone

Elin and Atticus - both are on antibiotics and nebulizers for bronchitis, as well. We're praying that they can recover soon and completely (after literally several months of coughing) so that it will be safe for us to bring Denton home.

Thank you so much for your love and care. We know God is sovereign and kind in all circumstances, and He is our Rock right now. We believe the Enemy is

continuing his attempt to discourage us, but we're grateful for the Lord's continued patience and mercy with us. The victory is already secure. He is teaching us to lean on Him and let go of the idea that we are in control.

With love,
Catalina and the crew



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