

"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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## Oh My Gosh, ROMANIA!!!!

It's so surreal that this day is finally here. We are about to board a flight to go to Romania. The Lord placed a desire in our hearts for full-time mission work 9 years ago when we were just dating. He called us to move forward with this calling in November 2014. He led us to the Romania team in April 2015. We were approved in September 2015, and we've spent a year and a half support-raising. Now, on July 28, 2017 we are "going home" to a home we've never really known.

### Looking Back...

We said our final goodbyes on Monday, June 26th and flew to Brussels, Belgium for our Cross Cultural Ministry Internship. We've spent the past month in classroom training and field experience, gaining knowledge on how to live overseas, overcome culture shock, work through team conflict, learn a new language, evangelize through contextualized relationships, and practice self-care (just to name a few). Plus we had several opportunities for "field experience," where we were given chances to fail and learn in the Brussels context. It was a fabulous month of training and community-building with the other missionaries there.

### What's Ahead...

Today our team leader, Derek Ebbers, will pick us up from the airport in Bucharest and drive us the three hours to Brasov, Romania, our new home. We are SO GRATEFUL that we already have a house to move into. The Ebbers are WONDERFUL and already got us a rental house under contract which is fully furnished. Most new missionaries spend the first month or so staying in a hotel and looking for a place to live, furniture to buy, etc. We are so grateful that we are spared all of these extra steps and can sleep in our beds tonight. Shannon Ebbers was even kind and thoughtful enough to ask me ahead of time what we liked for breakfast so she could have a few groceries ready for us before we are able to make a grocery-run on Saturday.

We will take some time to get things set up. We are praying that our pallet of personal belongings gets to us soon, and we will begin the visa process. We will begin language school as soon as possible, which will be our main focus for the first six months or so. I'm specifically praying that the Lord would give us plenty of rest and allow our brains to be sponges for the language so that we can learn as much as possible before our baby arrives in December since we know that things will have to slow down (at least for Catalina) for a little while as we adjust to having a newborn again.

*We are looking forward to sending our next newsletter to you from Romania!  
Thank you for your constant prayers and support!*

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#### PLEASE PRAY...

- For all the logistical details... getting the house contract put in our name, learning a new community, finding a language tutor, figuring out the grocery store, getting our phones and internet set up, for the pallet of our belongings to arrive speedily, for our visa process to go as smoothly as possible.
- For Catalina's health... I'm getting bigger (now 19 weeks), which for me means more back and hip pain. And we're doing significantly more walking without a car. Pray also that I will be able to find a doctor quickly and get things settled on that front.
- For our children... that they will adjust quickly. Elin is especially aware of her sadness of having to say goodbye so often already. We are praying for many new wonderful HELLOS. We are also specifically praying for the Lord to provide grandparent figures for our children.
- For our team... it will be an adjustment for both us AND the Ebbers family to expand the team for us now. Plus, it's not just us... the team includes our

Romanian and Brazilian partners. Pray for cultural awareness and understanding and love for everyone involved.

- For the Romanians... while we won't be doing any specific ministry for the first six months while we're in language school, we are still praying for those ordained relationships that God has planned for us. We pray that we will be mindful of the needs for the Gospel of all those with whom we come into contact.

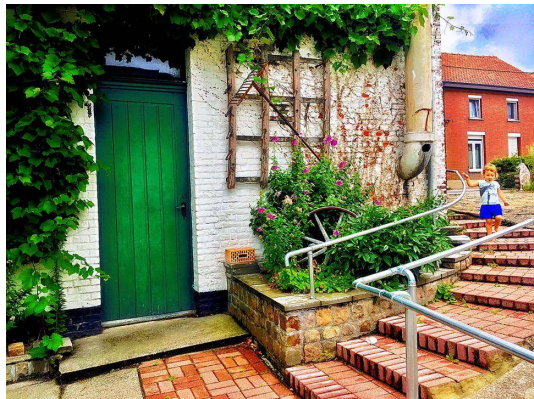
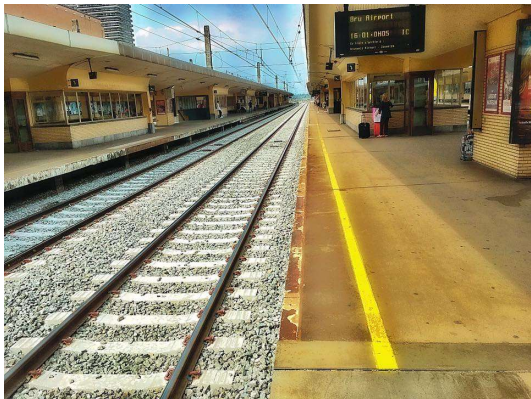
**Don't forget to sign up for our 1,000 / 40 for 40 Prayer Group, which will start tomorrow, July 29th. For 40 days we need you to join your family together (no family member is too young!) to pray for our requests and for the seeds being planted as we make community with Romanians. Our first email will go out tomorrow, and after 40 days your commitment will be over.**

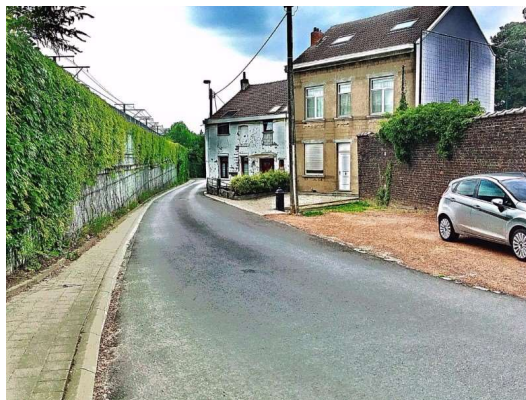
**Join the 1000 / 40 for 40 Prayer Group!**

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We have really enjoyed our training time in Brussels, Belgium. Derek has really on his photo editing skills, so we get to go away with some extraordinarily beautiful pictures of where we've been!

Check out our [latest blog post](#) for more pictures and information about our time at Cross Cultural Ministry Internship (CCMI) in Belgium.





IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

6/30/17 - [Cultural Measuring Tools](#) by Catalina

7/08/17 - [My White Stone](#) by Catalina

7/17/17 - [My Darling, Elin](#) by Catalina

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