

"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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Medical Update

This update is for those who are interested in more of the nitty-gritty details of what's going on with our boys.

Since arriving in the States five days ago, we have been to an urgent care, MTW's doctor, a pediatrician, a radiologist, and a pulmonologist. We are absolutely amazed with how quickly we've been going through this process. On Friday the pediatrician said that it usually takes six months to even get an initial consultation with the pulmonologist we needed to see, but she thought that with her office's advocacy we might be able to get in within four weeks. Her assistant called the pulmonologist on Friday, and they had an opening for MONDAY! Praise the Lord!!!! God has been good to us, and we are thankful.

At the moment, we don't have a lot of solid information to give, but we can outline the process and make some conjecture. At the moment, Denton has some symptoms that point towards cystic fibrosis (recurring respiratory illness, significant mucus, the ethnic profile for CF, a lot of spitting up). However, he also has signs which point away from that. The pulmonologist thinks that his weight, his mild digestive issues, and some other things make it likely that Denton doesn't have CF - but it hasn't been ruled out yet. We have to get

tested for that in the next few weeks and are hoping to rule this cause out.

The doctor thinks that Denton has something called Tracheomalacia, which prevents the efficient expulsion of mucus. The mucus piles up in Denton's airways and harbors viruses which then exacerbate the illness and his breathing problems. It's likely that some virus he contracted from Elin or Atticus at three weeks of age kicked this all into gear, giving him bronchiolitis, increasing his mucus secretion, and then just spiraling out of control. Any little virus that comes his way - or even increased mucus secretion during teething - flares up the breathing issues and sends us to the hospital. Denton's predisposition for asthma and eczema increase this severe reaction.

The doctor has decided to put Denton on a daily inhaled steroid in an attempt to open up his airways and give him the help he needs to get rid of the mucus and increase his oxygen. We go back in four weeks to see if this works. If it does, we're home free - at least until the next virus comes along or he teethes some more. However, we would at least know what is going on and have the tools to help Denton combat his flare-ups.

If the steroids don't help enough, then it's likely that Denton is still harboring a virus in his lungs. If that is the case, he would be put on a six week dose of strong antibiotics in order to hopefully wipe his system clean. This isn't the ideal option, as strong, extended antibiotic use isn't great for anyone - especially infants. However, Denton needs to breathe.

Assuming Denton doesn't have CF, or some obscure immune disease, the doctor is hopeful that the steroid and antibiotic treatment should get Denton to where he needs to be. And for most kids with this type of constricted airway, it usually resolves itself by the age of two. We're hopeful that this is the the case, as it would give us some resolution, tools for future illness, and it would mean that we could get back to Romania very soon. Our return plane tickets are set for September 4, and we're hopeful that we can make that flight!

Atticus has begun a daily inhaled steroid, as well, and we have an appointment with an ENT a week from today. So we'll continue to seek answers for them. Thank you so much for your outpouring of encouragement and prayers! We will keep you updated as we know more information and get closer and closer to getting back to Romanina as soon as possible.

PLEASE PRAY...

- We have many doctors to see and a potentially lengthy process to pursue for our kids - particularly Denton. It can take a long time to set up appointments with specialists, implement medicines which may take weeks to verify their efficacy, etc. Our desire is to return to Romania as quickly as possible. Please pray that the medical process here would be both quick and effective. At the moment, our goal to return as a family is September 4. We have medical plane tickets scheduled for that date.
- Derek returns to Romania for the month of July to participate in a Romanian language program. Pray that he would learn well and that our family would do well apart for a month. He also has a number of decisions to make while he's there - whether to move our stuff out and pursue another house, what to do with the dogs, etc. Pray for wisdom in that whole process.
- While we are concerned for the physical health of our kids, we're confident that doctors can provide solutions. Our biggest overall concern is actually our daughter Elin. Right now her world is being thrown into disarray again, and we're worried about how she will deal with everything. The heart is a much more tumultuous thing, and is much harder to problem solve and change. But dealing with our own hearts and the hearts of others is a great way to remind us that we are reliant on God for all things. Please pray that God would be working in Elin's heart - comforting her and helping her feel loved, calming her anxiety, and instilling a desire within her to love and follow Him.





Top Left: Elin participated in her Pre-K "graduation" ceremony by repeating a poem in Romanian and participating in the dances. I was so proud to hear her speaking in Romanian in front of everyone!

Top Right: THANK YOU to everyone who sent birthday cards to Elin for her fourth birthday! She loved it!!

Bottom Left: Denton did great on his first flight to Atlanta!

Bottom Right: Catalina decided she isn't a very good hairstylist and finally paid someone else to cut Atticus's hair.



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