

"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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PRAISE THE LORD WITH US!!! Not only did we finally receive our visas, we also made "MTW Romanian team history" - the Lord provided us a TWO YEAR VISA APPROVAL instead of the normal one-year approval. This means that we don't have to worry about this process for another 21 months!! We are so very, very grateful for this provision and our ability to now move forward with this big milestone.

La Multi Ani, Romania!

"La Multi Ani" is roughly translated as "More Years" and is the Romanian way of saying Happy Birthday or wishing someone many years ahead. Today, December 1, is the national Romania Day when Romanians celebrate their country. Though the traditions and celebrations are vastly different, it's basically akin to our Fourth of July. Romanian was much smaller until they incorporated the Transylvania province in 1918 to include all peoples of Romanian lineage.

The picture below shows Romania prior to 1918 on the left and then after 1918 on the right.



Today there are lots of celebrations going on throughout the country, and even some protests! In the capital city of Bucharest there is a big military parade every year. Most people have the day off from work, and our language school is closed so that we have the day off as well. We had been asked to join our friends from church for lunch at their house today, but unfortunately the kids have gotten sick again (surprise, surprise), so we had to postpone the lunch to another day.

But our town's streets are lined with Romanian flags, and all the kids at Elin and Atticus's preK participated in fun celebratory activities. The grocery store lines were a zoo last night, signaling a lot of good food being cooked today. And people seem to really just take the day to be with family and enjoy themselves.

So, happy birthday, Romania! We are so blessed that we get to participate in your celebration this year!

PLEASE PRAY...

- We have started meeting weekly through Skype with a Child Behavior Therapist back in the States to see what else we can be doing better as parents to help Elin. In addition to her anxiety symptoms, her behavior has been affected with her grief, as well. We are so grateful to have the means to take advantage of this resource - a huge blessing from the Lord! We have been encouraged to notice a few positive changes in her behavior and attitude recently, but it is still a daily struggle for Elin. We are most pleased to share that she has made a really good friend at school that she gets super excited to see everyday. And she has stopped praying to go back to America! Please keep praying for her, especially through this holiday season. Having a new baby in the house is yet another big transition for her. And while we know that having Derek's parents here for a month will be great for her, we are praying continuously that it will not be a setback for her when they leave. We are praying for the Lord to be her joy each and everyday and calm her spirit in a way that we cannot.
- Pray for Catalina's health as we move toward Denton's delivery date - just 19 days to go!
- Our family continues to struggle with different sicknesses. We found black mold in our house that we are trying our best to get rid of, and we're praying that once it's all gone we'll notice a change in our health. Pray that we could get rid of it completely, learn to better care for our house here as we learn the differences in construction between here and the States, and that we would be able to heal.
- Continue to pray for opportunities to speak to our friends and neighbors about the love we have experienced through Christ, especially in this Christmas season.



Reply to this email and let us know if you want to be added to our "Kreiders in Romania" facebook group, where we send out short updates more regularly. I feel sure we'll do some sort of LIVE video

when Baby Denton gets here, if for no other reason that our family Stateside will presumably want to see him. :-)



I (Catalina) made a HUGE language goal this month. My first time visiting my OBGYN back in August was confusing and stressful. While my doctor speaks English, the receptionists and other care personnel do not. At that point, I prayed that before Denton arrives I would be able to make it through a whole appointment only in Romanian (checking in, paying for the appointment, making a new appointment, answering important questions, etc.). Granted, some of these things come with repetition. For example, I know that I'm going to pay at the beginning, so I'm ready for that question! But I was so pleased and grateful for the Lord's provision when I recently did EVERYTHING I needed to do in Romanian in November. And what's more, here I had to meet with the Neonatologist and Anesthesiologist before birth. While the Neonatologist spoke quite a bit of English so that her limited English and my limited Romanian worked well together, the Anesthesiologist spoke much less. So he and I spoke the ENTIRE TIME in Romanian for my appointment. I was so grateful for this answer to prayer and this opportunity to see clear growth in my language ability.

I am currently praying for the Lord to provide a lady who could come to our home a few times each week to help me with language study. I know that I'll have to take a step back from classes at least a little bit once Denton arrives, though we are definitely talking about ways to trade off days so we can still both continue. But we would love for the Lord to provide me with someone who could come to my house and just speak to me, even in a social sense, so I can continue practicing. I would love for you to pray with me in this regard!

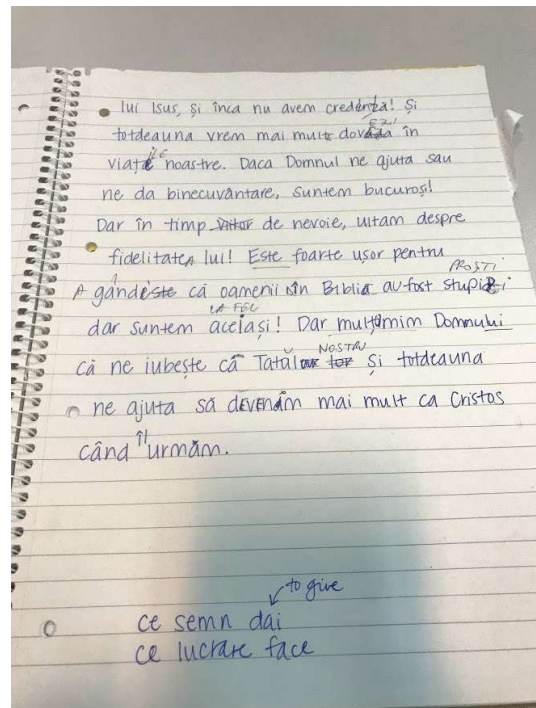
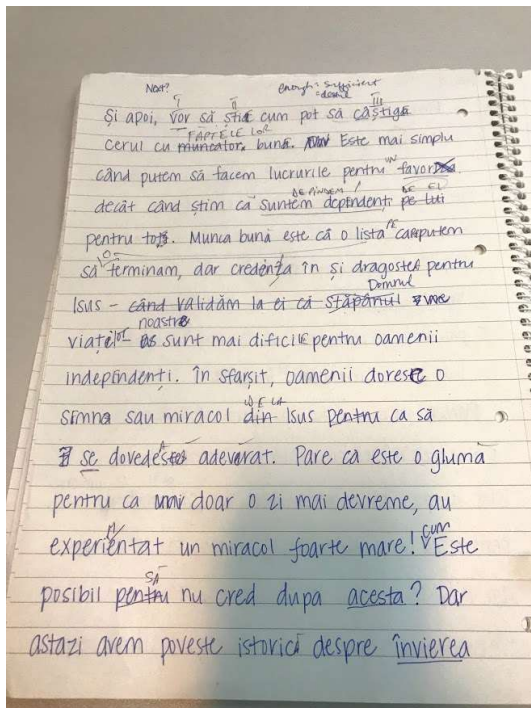
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• Poveste istorică în Ioan 6 este foarte interesantă pentru că este miracol^{ului Isus} unic ca este inclus^S în fiecare din patru Evanghelii.

Dar doar în Ioan putem să cităm despre conversație între Isus și oamenii după miracol.

• După^{ce} au experienț^a ~~un~~ miraculoasă când Isus a ~~hrănit~~ hrănit ~~un~~ mai mult de 5,000^{de} persoane cu 5 pâine și 2 pește, oamenii încă nu^{au} credința reală ca Isus este Domnulzeu. Ei^{ei} întrebă~~re~~ 3 întrebări, și

• ~~Prima~~ răspunsul lui ne ajută să înțelegem problemele noastre cu credința astăzi. Prima, Isus a spus că oamenii doar vor să ~~urmeze~~ ^{se îl} urmeze pentru că el e puternic și poate să îi ajute, dar nu este pentru că îl iubesc. Isus este avantaj unic pentru ei. Nu este credința reală.



Recently our tutor Ionut asked us to complete a homework assignment. We were to choose some passage from Scripture and give our own commentary on it - all in Romanian. It was a great opportunity to learn faith-related Romanian words, and it was really awesome getting to share a bit of our faith with our tutor! I wrote about John 6 and the Jews' responses to Jesus after He fed the 5,000 men and how Jesus explains that He is the Bread of Life.

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