

"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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Last year snow fell as early as October 8th, so we were grateful to get a little more autumn this year. We had our first snow on October 30th. It is a beautiful country to live in with all the snow!

## October: The Month of Sickness

The past month has been a bit of a whirlwind. We would have thought that the most difficult part of moving to Romania would have been the arrival – packing, planning, visiting government offices, filling out paperwork, not knowing much of the language, finding a school for us and the kids, etc. While that all was definitely challenging, in some ways we have felt that the last four to six weeks have been the most difficult. Right around the time we were finishing up our visa submission process, our kids began dealing with some illnesses. It began as impetigo, which isn't that big of a deal, but it was causing Elin and Atticus to itch and to scab open all over their bodies. It was uncomfortable. No problem. We've got it under control! While the impetigo was being treated, Atticus began to get pretty sick and got a fever. One evening he became pretty despondent and was drooling. That was pretty scary, especially when we took his temperature and got a reading of 104.5 F. We took him to the hospital where they got his fever under control. He ended up having hand, foot, and mouth disease, which took a few days to actually diagnose. We gave him medicine and got it under control, but not before Elin got the same thing.

Following the impetigo and hand/foot/mouth disease, Elin picked up a bad stomach bug. All of us have picked up an upper respiratory bug that won't leave us alone, but it has been especially hard on Catalina and Elin. And now Catalina is sick with a stomach bug and had to get an iron IV for severe pregnancy-related anemia. When you throw in the third trimester uncomfotability and sleeplessness for her, as well as the frequent times the kids wake up in the middle of the night for various reasons – we're just exhausted. Over the past four to six weeks we have had only one full week where all of us have made it to our respective schools. And many of the days we have made it to school we have been exhausted. *We don't have it under control!*

**It is a good reminder of our dependence. Please pray that we will rest in the lessons God is teaching us through all of this. In the Lady's Bible Study here, Catalina has been reading *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan with the other women. In one section of the book, Chan challenges our frequent prayers for safety. If we go on a trip, we pray for safety. We rarely pray that the Lord would use whatever He needs to draw us closer to Him. This is challenging to us as we pray about these sicknesses. We DO want to pray for healing, but more so we want to pray that the Lord would use whatever is necessary to draw us close to Him.**

## PLEASE PRAY...

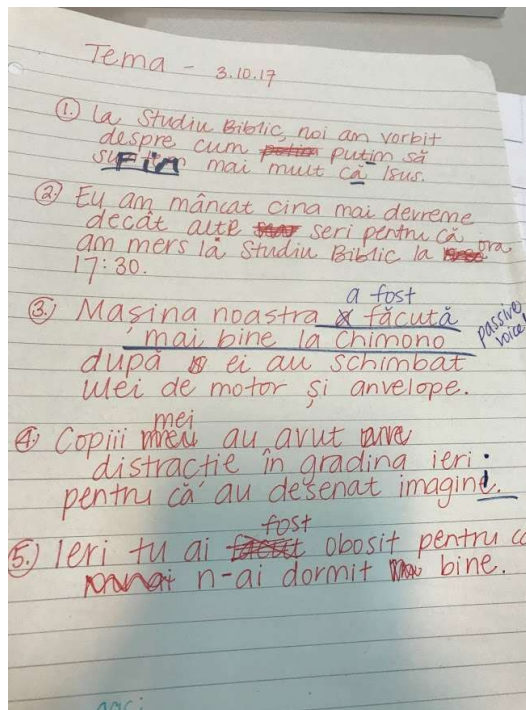
- Pray for Elin as she continues to struggle with the transition here. Every single day she tells us she misses her friends, asks when we're going back to Georgia, and prays to God to "keep us safe as we go back to America tomorrow." Her mature-for-her-age grief, coupled with her age-appropriate lack of coping skills, has led to many more outward signs of both anxiety and disobedience, which has made it a very difficult season of parenting.
- Pray for Catalina's health as we move toward Denton's delivery date - just 7 weeks to go!
- Pray for Thanksgiving opportunities. We have invited our language tutors and their families to have the cultural experience of an American Thanksgiving, and we're excited to share this with them!
- Pray for our language skills to increase even more. Starting in the new year we will transition more to ministry opportunities and spend less time on language study. We are also praying that the Lord will guide us into the opportunities He has waiting for us in ministry.
- Pray for the church here in Codlea. Two of the members will be starting the Third Millenium theological curriculum soon, which is encouraging!



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. We are planning to do another LIVE event NEXT WEEK on Sunday, November 5 at 2:00 pm EST for those who want to join us. You can always watch the recording later, as well. *Since our season of full-time language school is nearing an end, we plan to give you more detailed information on how you can pray for us as we seek God's will for ministry opportunities starting next semester. And we'll be telling you of some upcoming opportunities we have with*



ministry in the next two months. Of course you can also send us questions you have been thinking about over the last month.

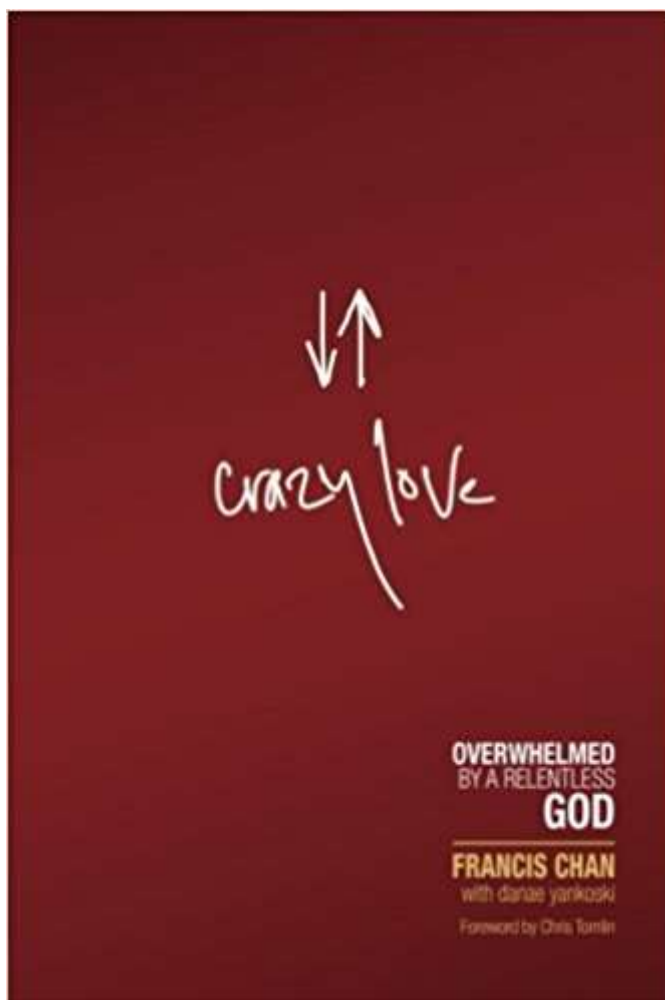


School is going well for all of us overall. Drop-off time at preK is still difficult for the kids each day, but each time we pick them up we're greeted with the

biggest smiles and all sorts of stories about how they enjoyed their time. Plus, they both get to take swim lessons on Wednesdays and Fridays with their classmates, which they absolutely love. Elin gets to participate in some toddler dance classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, as well. She's not really using all the Romanian she knows yet, but at least she knows two of the little girls by name now and considers them friends of hers.

We're really enjoying our language classes, as well. We've learned a LOT and are making noticeable improvements since the beginning of our time here. We both feel pretty comfortable with the language needed for basic day-to-day living and getting around. However, it is clear that we have hit a plateau, of sorts. We need more practice with fluency, which is often difficult since a lot of people in Brasov also speak English. Please pray that we would continue to work hard and make a lot of progress in our language skills - that the Lord would help us burst through this plateau.

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One of the ministries the church has here is the Lady's Bible Study, which meets every other week. The group is composed of Romanians, Americans,

Canadians, Brazilians, Indonesians, and Germans. The discussions flow between languages but is mostly conducted in English or Romanian. We're about to finish up studying *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan and are considering what book study to pursue next. This book has been perfectly timed as we consider how to dig into ministry in the near future. Catalina has really enjoyed participating in this group, as it has been a great encouragement to her to join with other women to pursue God.







We got to take a short trip to a nearby town called Sibiu at the beginning of October. We enjoyed the train ride, and the cold, rainy weather didn't stop us from enjoying the beautiful quaintness of this picturesque town. And we really loved getting to eat sarmale, a very traditional Romanian dish of stuffed cabbage rolls.



This sweet boy turns 2 years old TOMORROW, November 1st. Happy birthday, Atticus!!

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