



# KREIDERS IN ROMANIA

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A true Romanian miracle happened today - not only did our pallet goods arrive, they arrived unscathed AND ON TIME!!! It was amazing!! I'm more excited to

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grateful to you for your prayers - on even the things that only have temporal, earthly importance to us yet sure make life a little more enjoyable!

Our neighbor loves seeing the kids as we brought them brownies last night. Something confusing about Romanian is that they call children "mami" and "tati" which are the same words as mom and dad. So they call their own kids mama and dad! Every single time I hear it I get confused for a second before I remember that they're not talking to me but to our kids!!

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## Prayer Requests

Here are our quick, specific prayer requests for August 9, 2017:

- .One of the women in our church, Madelina, just had her baby. Without going into all of the details, we'll just say that her experience was rather trying. While she and her baby (Debora) are healthy, Madelina is exhausted. Please pray for strength, nursing success, and wisdom as Madelina and Mihai seek to raise Debora to love and fear God.
- Please continue to be in prayer for the other two women in our church who are pregnant. Mari is due within the next month. Pray that she would have a healthy delivery and that she will not be discouraged by Madelina's difficult experience. Also pray for Catalina, as she is due in December. We still haven't found a doctor here yet, though I'm sure we should bump that up on our priority list. Please pray for health and comfort, especially given all the unknowns of delivering a baby in a culture that is still foreign to us.

## Who We Met

We are enjoying our new community, though it makes accomplishing our chores a bit more difficult. Last night we left our house at seven to make a five minute walk to the meat shop that closes at eight. Before we walked down the hill we dropped off some brownies with our neighbor Tanza, which took considerably longer than one would expect. After that, we stopped to chat with the three ladies who socialize on our wall each evening. We then ran into a new group of older men with whom we began conversing, and they eventually summoned an interpreter named Calin (Ca-leen). By the time we ended that conversation it was 7:56, so we quickly passed the next group of ladies, which

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I went to see if Emil and his son were at the park (they weren't) while Catalina picked up some bacon and sausage. We love community, but boy can it be exhausting!

On the way back from the store we ran into Calin again. After a minute of chitchat, Calin asked us why we were in Romania. Why would anyone want to come to Romania? We told him we were coming to be a part of a local church. Calin began talking about how only the older generation was now religious, how the younger generation was never content and always wanted more things, and how it was often hard for him to trust God in the little things. It was a very powerful five minute conversation. It opened our eyes to how simply moving here - to a place even many Romanians don't want to be and from a place with more means for material gratification - is an opportunity for us to share the gospel through our small incarnational step towards the Romanians.

As you pray, please remember Calin. Pray that God would not just leave Calin with a knowledge of what doesn't satisfy (material goods), but that he would bring Calin to a knowledge of what truly satisfies (a relationship with God). Also pray that God would give us wisdom in these conversations. It's always a battle for us to balance sharing the gospel winsomely yet courageously. This difficulty is amplified because we're not yet familiar with the Romanian culture, and our language barrier prevents us from feeling as though we can push too deeply into spiritual conversations. Please pray that God would give us wisdom and courage, and that he would constantly remind us that it is He who works on the heart, not our sophistication, intelligence, or eloquence.

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