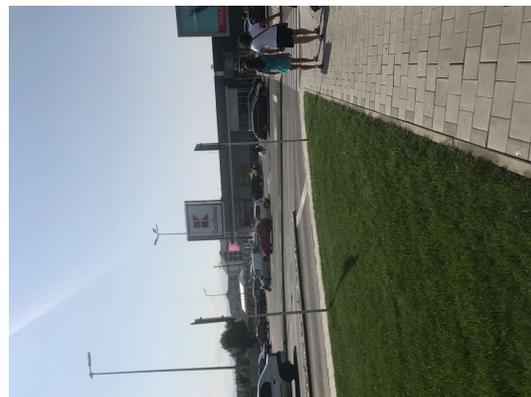




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Tonight we went grocery shopping as a family and had dinner at a great little restaurant with outdoor seating called "Pizza Alex." (Yes, that's literally the

Prayer Requests

Here are our quick, specific prayer requests for August 26, 2017:

- Pray for us to continue to humble ourselves in our constant state of dependency on others right now. Our typical American value of independence is always a struggle here because we really can't do much on our own. Even calling to get some information requires help from others who speak the language. We're learning to pray and be slow and prioritize and be ok with it when things don't get done. We are learning to be dependent on others, and frankly that's uncomfortable for us because we're not used to it. Pray for the Lord to continue to shape us through this and learn to better depend on HIM as we depend on His people.
- The usuals - Catalina's hips and pregnancy, car, the visa process, friends for Elin, decision about Kindergarten and which one, pastor for our church. THANK YOU!

Who We Met

Jeita is the owner of the fruit and vegetable stand in the center market. Her stand is right across from the flower stand where we met Veorica last week. Jeita is kind but not as outgoing and curious as Veorica. So when I stopped to pick up a few things on my way home from language classes, I was glad for Veorica's bubbly personality as she talked to Jeita and told her a little bit about me - or at least as much as we had been able to figure out about each other with the language barrier! Jeita didn't really try to talk to me but smiled and is polite to me. But technically I didn't really meet her.

The next day Derek and the kids walked me to the center to catch the minibus to go for my second doctor's appointment in Brasov (which oh by the way is actually NEXT Friday). I asked him to pick up bananas on the way back and find out her name. And so he struck up a bit of conversation with her to discover her name. We've learned how important it is to find out and use someone's name. You can't build a relationship without a name, and it's exceedingly more awkward to ask for a name later on than at the beginning.

Having these little market stands have also been a great reminder to us about using even shopping trips to focus on people and Jesus. We certainly still go to the big grocery stores, but as much as possible we are changing our habits to

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we do it. We shop those places as much as possible because of the potential for Gospel opportunities as we build relationships. The people at the big grocery stores are clearly just as important but it's much harder to get to know people at a chain grocery store. So it may be a bit more out of way and cost a bit extra, but we think the trade-off is worth it to know people's names and have a ready-made excuse to strike up conversation every few days as we buy from them.

Pray for Jeita that we could develop an even better relationship with her. Really we need that prayer for all the people whom we've met so far. Pray that we would have a burden for reaching people even when it's inconvenient. Pray for her to know Jesus and his rich blessings.

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