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Sweet Nicolae climbed his ladder again today while we were eating dinner outside to say hello. He brought me some fresh flowers from their garden! We can't wait to get to know them more!

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Here are our quick, specific prayer requests for July 31, 2017.

- We're going to sound like a broken record, but Derek's back pain is still just our number one cause for concern and our number one prayer request.
- Tomorrow Derek will try (for the second time) to get our Romanian health insurance set up. He went today but they told him he has to first go to the police station. No idea why! So he'll figure out that adventure tomorrow. Romania has a socialized healthcare system so everybody, including foreigners, has to pay into the system. So now we'll have both American and Romanian health insurance!

Who We Met

This evening we had two of our teammates' children over to play with our kids in the sprinkler out back and then have dinner with us. They're 11 and 13 and are just so precious with our babies! We've set clear expectations at the beginning that we DONT view them as our personal babysitters, so it's a pleasure to see how much delight they truly take in being with our kids!

When they first came over over they had a friend with them from the neighborhood, Melisa. (Meh-leesa) She was also 13. We invited her to stay for spaghetti dinner, as well, and it was awesome to have kids over as our first dinner guests. It was fun to speak to Melisa because she's practicing her English while we're practicing our Romanian, so it's a pretty great tradeoff. She was so sweet to our kids and very polite to us.

We usually do family devotion while sitting at the table after dinner. We read from the Bible, talk about it, pray or recite something, and then sing. We love the family time, the structure, and the practice it gives them for sitting still in church. But tonight we have her the opportunity to politely leave if she felt uncomfortable participating by cleaning up and taking a break before devotions. She helped clear the table after dinner and to our delight even chose to stay for our family devotion afterward. So we went to the living room and proceeded as normal in English. The Ebbers kids were great participants, as their family has a similar family devotion structure. And Melisa sat and observed as we read, talked, and worshiped in English.

Please pray for Melisa. It is apparent to us that our children are going to be

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schoolers. Pray for our home to be open and hospitable to the neighborhood children and that the Lord would use our home to show Himself to them. Pray that Melisa would grow deep in her walk with the Lord even from this young age.

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