



KREIDERS IN ROMANIA

FROM DACULA TO TRANSYLVANIA

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This is the piata, or town center. It is one of the main places we walk through almost every day, and a place where people come to hang out. We took this route on our long walk today, as Elin, Atticus, and myself left mama behind to clean. Today was the first day we have seen the fountain on since we arrived. It was a pleasant surprise.

Prayer Requests

Here are our quick, specific prayer requests for August 29, 2017:

- Right now we feel we've gotten into a good routine. The item that continues to hang over our heads, however, is our visa. While we probably won't be denied, not knowing can be a little nerve-wracking. Please pray that the visa process would go smoothly.
- The usuals - Our visa to come quickly, Catalina's hips and pregnancy, car, friends for Elin, decision about Kindergarten and which one, pastor for our church. THANK YOU!

Who We Met

Today I took the kids to the park while Catalina cleaned. I'm sure you're familiar with the expression "many hands make light work." That's not always true, especially when some of those hands are little hands. Many hands make more work! So in what I thought was a fair deal, Catalina cleaned up around the

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to language school on time.

While I was at the park, I met a man named Marian. I didn't realize it until I saw him, but I had only ever seen women taking their kids to the park during the day. We got to chatting a bit and I found out that Marian is actually a stay-at-home dad. Our conversation was a bit formulaic at first. I can almost predict the first ten minutes of every conversation we have with Romanians.

1. Where are you from? 2. Wait, you live here? 3. You actually chose, of your own volition, uncoerced, to move from the United States to Romania? 4. Your wife's name is Catalina. That's a Romanian name. Did you move here because she's Romanian? 5. No? Then what in the world are you doing here?

Romanians just don't understand why we would move here. Marian and I went on talking about a number of things and it was a lot of fun. I didn't really realize how much I have been missing in-person interaction with a guy, doing guy things. But as we talked about soccer and biking and we talked about getting together sometime, it felt really good.

Please pray for Marian. Pray that we can get together and build a relationship. Pray that God will use Marian to help fulfill some of my need for relationship with other men, and pray that I would be edifying to Marian as well. And most importantly, pray that God would be drawing Marian closer to Himself, along with his family.

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