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Here are pictures from my doctor's visit after leaving Iaon the taxi driver. I really like Dr. Balint, and I'm grateful that the hospital has all the necessary modern medical things for me to safely have Denton there.

Prayer Requests

Here are our quick, specific prayer requests for August 30, 2017:

- Pray for us to be disciplined. We are going to bed too late and therefore having a hard time getting up early enough to do our usual morning prayer time together. We enjoy our evening time after the kids go to bed because it allows us to unwind and be together, but we definitely need to get more disciplined to go to bed earlier... starting with tonight!!
- 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

I got a call while cleaning the house and immediately knew it was a Romanian number. These calls always give me a bit of anxiety because I know I'm not going to know what they're saying. But thankfully, this time, Catalina was at our house that morning helping me clean. So after I answered and clearly had no idea what was going on, I took the phone to her and she was kind enough to speak for me. It was the doctor's office asking if I could come today for an appointment at 1 pm instead of Friday. Thankfully it worked out, so I agreed. But it also meant I had to rush to finish everything and get there on time.

So after riding the dubita (the minibus) from Codlea to the Brasov bus station, I got a taxi instead of using the bus system. I'm getting better at using VERY basic sentences to tell the driver where I need to go rather than just pointing on my phone to an address and asking "Ok?" But it's still very clear that I'm a foreigner, and they usually know within an instant that I must speak English. This taxi driver was no different and immediately started speaking English to me, as well.

In fact, I spoke to him in Romanian as much as possible and he would go back and forth between Romanian and English and was kind enough to even ask if I preferred that he speak more Romanian for practice. He was actually willing to teach me words and correct me during our drive. He told me that he moved to Brasov for better job opportunities from another Romanian city; he has a wife and one daughter; and he learned English by watching movies! He told me his

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Ironically, after being the friendliest and most helpful taxi driver I've had so far, he also charged me more than any other driver has thus far - even as I could look at the screen in the front seat and see that he's charging me more than what is shown on the machine! Perhaps I should just stop asking them to tell me how much and just hand them the amount I see on the screen. Oh well. I guess I can just view it as a tip for helping me with my language study.

Pray for Iaon - John - and his family here in Brasov. Pray that he would be convicted of dishonesty and shine a light of integrity in a fairly dishonest culture. Pray that the Lord would open his heart to the Gospel. And pray that I might even have the chance to ride with Iaon again one day!

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