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Fall is supposedly our rainy season. It rained a bit last night (post-rain picture on left) as well as today. It feels fantastic after the rain! On the right, we are

Prayer Requests

Here are our quick, specific prayer requests for September 3, 2017:

- Having not been work-from-home parents before, we're finding this new role a bit challenging. While the kids love having us around so they can show us the bugs they find, show us the shoes they're wearing, or express how famished they are ten minutes after we just ate a meal - it makes it hard to feel accomplished. While we love being with the kids for most of the day, we're struggling to embrace this joy some days. Please pray that we would love our kids well, but also that we will figure out how to do work in our new setting. Pray that we
- 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

As we said before, Saturday has become our Sabbath. Saturday starts with pancakes and bacon, leads into a picnic (as of this weekend, we're pretty sure we're making it a tradition as long as it's warm), moves on to a nap, and then sometimes we end it with eating out so we don't have to cook and don't have to do dishes. The eating out is one of our favorite parts. The kids love it because they get sodas, which is pretty much the only time of the week they ever get them. This is all possible because eating out can be so cheap. Last night we spent under \$15 (including the customary 10% tip) for a whole roasted chicken, four dinner rolls, four sides of fries, and a drink for each of us. This was especially awesome because we had more than enough chicken, so the leftovers were turned into dinner on Sunday. We think this is a wonderful way to relax and prepare for Sunday.

At our dinner out, we met our waiter...but didn't get his name. I know, the deal is we're supposed to write about someone we met - which means we learned their name. But I wanted to include this nameless waiter because, upon reflection, I think there's something important we took away from the experience.

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opportunity to connect with our waiter. We not only kept from creating engaging conversation, we didn't even get his name. While I don't think it is wrong at all to withdraw and take a breather (Jesus himself did this), I don't want our Sabbaths to be days where we are so focused inward that we don't think to engage others. Though we were being served and though we had as our goal for the day to rest and regenerate, we wanted to rest and regenerate so we could worship God and share his love with others.

Please pray for the unnamed waiter. Pray that we will have another opportunity to return to his establishment and connect with him. Pray that God would be drawing the waiter to himself. Please also pray for us. Pray that God would help us to be able to close our eyes in restfulness without closing our eyes to those around us.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: We have created a secret Facebook group called "Kreiders in Romania" and we will be doing a Facebook Live event at 2:30 pm EST next Saturday, September 9th. We would love for you to send us questions ahead of time by posting them on the group page or responding to this email. We will answer those questions and give some tours of our space here that you can either watch live or see in the video later on. However, you must let us know if you want to participate in this secret group and we'll get you signed up.

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