

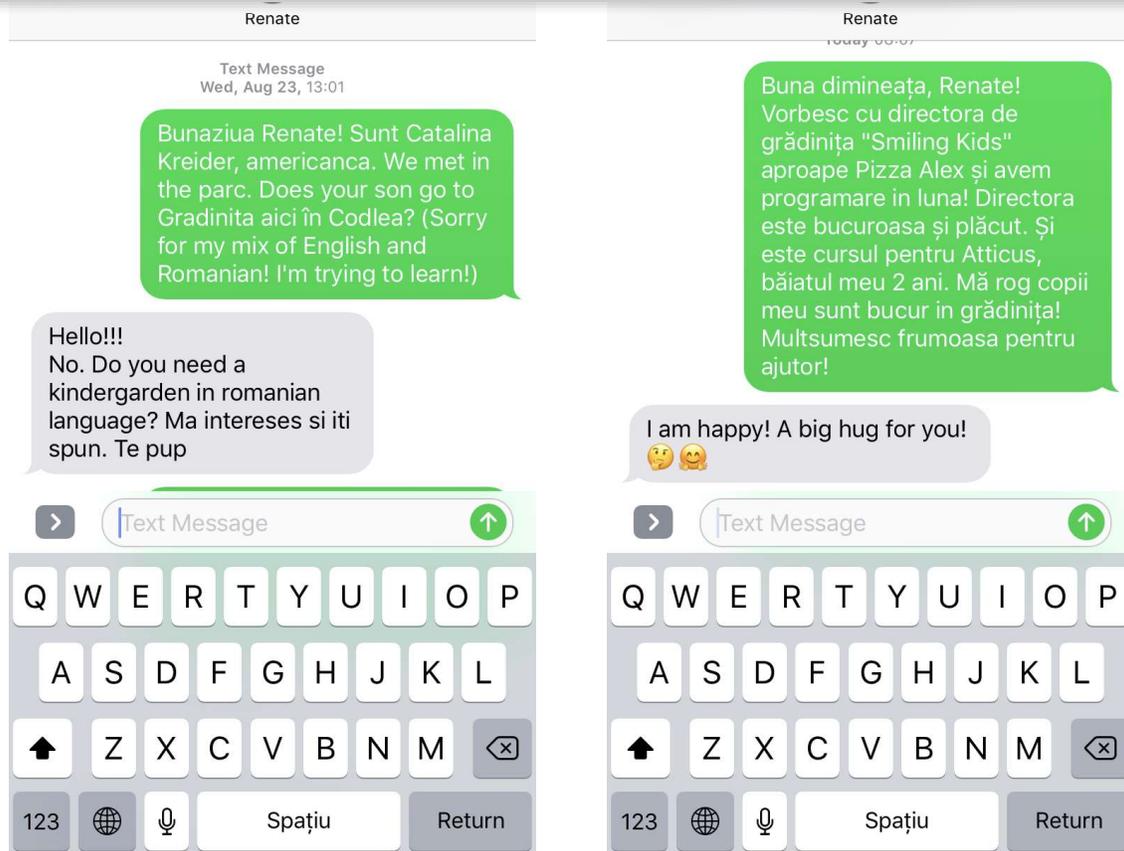
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Oh my goodness - just today and tomorrow left of our 40 days of prayer! We could never adequately express how grateful we have been to know we are surrounded by prayer. And we have felt the Lord fighting for us here, and we are grateful for you fighting with us! Please know that if you wish to unsubscribe after tomorrow's update, we completely understand and are in no way offended! There is a lot of emails to weed through on a daily basis - we get it! Our intention is to continue; probably not on a daily basis but on a rather frequent basis. We both love writing, feeling connected, having the opportunity to connect others to another country, having the prayer support, and using this is an accountability and processing platform for ourselves. Some of our updates may be more cultural in nature or hopefully be stories about the people we've already met and are deepening relationships with so you can KEEP praying for them and us! So they may not take the exact same format but nevertheless our intention is to keep the habit going and hope we are part of your habit now, too! Thank you thank you thank you!!

The text picture above is to the lady Renate that we met at the park and spoke to several weeks ago. She spoke a good bit of English and she and her father were there with her kids. They are Seventh Day Adventists and have just been so kind. We haven't seen them again but I've texted with her a bit about trying

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grammar is still awful, but I'm celebrating the success of being able to get my point across solely in Romanian after just 39 days of being here - with very little help from an online translator!! Praise the Lord for His constant help with both language acquisition and developing relationships!

Prayer Requests

Here are our quick, specific prayer requests for September 5, 2017:

- Today was Mari's due date (her husband is Cipri - we've written about both of them previously) and baby Debora came right on time!! It was a fast and relatively easy delivery (as far as any labor and delivery story goes) and both mama and baby are doing well! Pray for them as they recover and start their life as a family of 3!!
- Pray for our relationships with our neighbors to be deepened. We speak with our lady neighbors a lot, specifically Tanza, Jaime, Cristina, and Maria. They're all so kind and patient. And they're very encouraging about our language progress and never get impatient with us. They just laugh with us when we don't understand something and are great at playing charades! Pray that we'll continue our friendship with them all!
- Our appointment with the PreK is next Monday so continue praying for that, as the kids will probably start next Tuesday is we're satisfied with our Monday meeting.
- PRAISE!! Today is the first day I've made it all the way to school and back home with very minimal back pain! I felt almost like I wasn't even pregnant! Please keep praying for me in this way - I know the Lord is giving me strength!
- 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

We met Elvire (pronounced here as Yell-veer-ay) a few weeks back. I remember her name because one of my friends from Bible Study in the States has the same name, though it's obviously pronounced differently. She is one of

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The other day I was walking home from language school and saw her outside pushing a stroller. She introduced me to her ten-month old grandson Matei and we chatted for a few minutes until my babies started yelling for me to come home from the gate of our house!

There's really not much else to report about this neighbor. God has placed so many sweet women around us who obviously love children. Pray for her and her random. She is clearly helping to take care of humans in sure that she could use prayers for energy and endurance! I'm probably half her age and I need those prayers!! Haha! Pray that we'll be given more opportunities to speak with her and develop a relationship. As always, pray for the Lord to call her into a relationship with Him!

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