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Somehow the picture I meant to send yesterday didn't upload correctly. Anyone who read of the horse-drawn cart must have been confused!! Haha - so here is the picture I intended to send.

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## Prayer Requests

Here are our quick, specific prayer requests for August 5, 2017.

- Tomorrow is our second church service here! Pray that we will pick up on even more words this Sunday than last! We're having communion tomorrow (they do it the first Sunday of each month) so pray that the Lord would be preparing our hearts to receive His meal. And pray that we would "Sabbath well."
- Keep praying for us physically - as Derek back improves, my hip worsens. Figures!
- Keep praying for Elin to find friendships that can truly develop. Everyday Elin says "I'm a little bit sad right now because I miss my friends."

## Who We Met

Apparently Saturday is the day to meet people, or maybe it's just that our neighbors have seen the foreigners for long enough now that they want to find out who we are! I can't believe we've been here for 8 days now!! We started the day with our Saturday morning tradition - Derek and Elin make pancakes!! Then we walked to the local playground everyone has been telling us about. While there we met Loandara and her daughter Anastasia.

At one point Derek and I were helping Atticus climb up and slide down the slide because it's taller than normal in the States with no safety side rails. Elin was pushing the merry-go-round by herself with nobody on it. The next thing we know, Elin fell down and the merry-go-round was still spinning above her while she was trying to stand up! One of the other moms quickly yelled for her to stay down (in Romanian) and ran to her aid since she was closer than I. Elin started crying so hard - more from embarrassment than being hurt. But there was our little kid missionary - breaking the ice so we could have an entry point for conversation!!

Eventually we meandered over and started talking. Loandara could understand English pretty well but couldn't speak it, but the other mom could speak it well.

So we had a nice little chat while our kids played together and even shared their snacks with one another. I'm so grateful that God called us to the field with children. Over and over again our children have been such awesome little missionaries without even knowing it since they've provided points of

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Please pray for Loandara and Anastasia. Loandara says she wants to leave her country so badly because of "the people and the trash!" It's hard to remember with all the picturesque landscape photographs how truly broken this place is. She's about to return to work in a few months as her two-year maternity leave (yes, moms, you read that right!!) ends in a few months. She's not looking forward to it. Pray that Loandara would find hope in her country and in her job through a relationship with Jesus, the only real provider of hope. Pray that our paths would cross again and that Elin can continue to build more friendships. As we left the park today Elin said Anastasia is her friend!

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