

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God." – 2 Corinthians 5:20

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## We'll be in Georgia on Wednesday!

Every newsletter we have sent out since Denton's birth has included our request for your prayers for his health. Even before that, we've asked for your prayers for Elin and Atticus monthly since September. We've obtained a working diagnosis of Asthma for both the boys, been on no less than 20 medications between the two of them, gone to at least a dozen doctor's appointments in the last two months, rushed Denton to the E.R. at least three times, and consulted with several doctors in the States for help. And on Saturday we confirmed that, once again, Denton has bronchiolitis. We've taken him back and forth to the doctor yesterday and today to get steroid injections so we can continue treating him at home because the doctors don't want to admit him to the hospital until we absolutely have to, so that he isn't exposed to other respiratory illnesses.

Mostly due to the language barrier, I am not able to advocate for my boys as I should. I have been struggling with anxiety throughout the whole process, and it's gotten to a point that we're not confident that Denton is getting the care he needs. We want to be in Romania long term, and our team leader keeps reminding us that the missionary life is a marathon and not a sprint. It's okay for us to think about what is going to be best for our family to stay on the field long

term. And now, we feel confident that the Lord is guiding us to go back to the States to seek medical care for our boys so that we can return to Romania and be effective. We have prayed continuously about this decision, and our entire team is confident that we are making the right decision.

We will be back in Georgia by 4:30 pm on Wednesday. Initially we will plan to stay for one month to use the four weeks of vacation time that we get through our employment with MTW. We know God will provide what we need if we must stay longer. This raises a lot of questions for us, and we have very few answers right now. All we know is that we need to get the boys to the States as quickly as possible. We'll rely on God to take care of ironing out all the details later.

We hope to be able to see people and visit churches while we are home. But obviously our boys are our primary concern and we'll be doing whatever we can to take care of them, which may limit our ability to meet with others. Please know that we love you and are thankful for you, even if we are unable to see you during our time in Georgia. We will continue to update all of our prayer and financial supporters as things progress and as we get more answers. In the meantime, we are grateful for the way we know we will be covered in prayers by all of you.

**Most importantly, please pray for Denton to be stable enough to come home. Please COVER US IN PRAYER as we leave our home in Romania around 6 pm EST on Tuesday until we arrive in Atlanta by 4:30 pm Wednesday.**

Please pray for Elin and Atticus - that this trip home would fill them up with joy and make coming back a great thing to them, especially for Elin. We are praying for the Lord's mercy that this trip home will not set her back with the progress she's made since our move. Please pray for all of the numerous details we must work out in the next 48 hours to leave here. Please pray for all of the numerous details and decisions that will be awaiting us when we get to Georgia. Pray for Derek's and my strength as we travel with the three kids. This was certainly not in our plans, but we know that the Lord's plans are always, ALWAYS better than ours.

Our support network in Georgia is extensive, and as of now, all of our most immediate needs are being plentifully met. We will let you know if there is anything anyone can do for us besides pray. But seriously, COVER US IN PRAYER, please!

We love you all.

- Catalina, on behalf of the crew

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