



“Among all nations for his name”



Zachary, Emily, Malachi, Nathaniel, Asher, & Curtis

By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:  
Romans 1:5

## PRAYER REQUEST

- That our transition in Romania will continue to go smoothly.
- For success learning the language,
- For my father-in-law and his health.
- For our visa applications will go through successfully.

## Highlight Word

**Pace- peace**

This word is used as a Christian greeting here in Romania.

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Dear Praying Partners,

It is a joy to write this first letter to you from Romania! With the Lord's help – and through your faithful prayers and support – we have officially arrived on the mission field.

I'd like to take you back to Tuesday, February 17, the day we began our journey. Our flights were scheduled from Charlotte to Philadelphia, Philadelphia to London, and finally London to Bucharest. We woke early to finish packing the last items we had been using daily. Our first flight was scheduled to depart at 3:25 p.m., and since we live about an hour from the airport, we planned to arrive no later than 11:30 a.m. due to the amount of luggage we were checking.

In total, we had 16 checked bags, along with a carry-on and personal bag for each of us. Although we had carefully kept each bag under 50 pounds, we were still anxious about checking so many items. I'm thankful to report that the process went smoothly, and the staff member assisting us was incredibly patient.

After spending some time saying goodbye to family, we moved quickly through security, grabbed Chick-fil-A one last time for lunch, and made our way to the gate. That's when we encountered our first unexpected delay. As boarding time approached, I noticed there was no plane at our gate. Boarding time came and went without an aircraft in sight. Eventually, a plane arrived, but we soon learned it had been overfilled with fuel. Our gate was changed so we could board the correct aircraft, and we ultimately departed more than an hour late.

Our connecting flight was scheduled to leave at 6:30 p.m., and our plane did not land until 6:21 p.m., so we understandably missed the connection. Emily and I experienced a whirlwind of emotions, but the Lord was already working on our behalf. At the customer service desk, we were initially told we would likely be rebooked for the following day. The agent stepped away to speak with her supervisor and was gone for about 20 minutes. When she returned, she told us there was another connecting flight leaving in five minutes – if we could make it. We gathered our belongings and ran. By God's grace, we arrived at the gate just in time.

The next flight was our longest and overnight. The boys did wonderfully and slept through the night. We landed in London with about an hour before our final flight to Bucharest, grabbed a quick breakfast, and boarded our last plane to Romania.

Unbeknownst to us, it had begun snowing in Romania on the 17th, and it continued throughout the day. Because of the time change and travel schedule, we were set to land in Bucharest around 2:45 p.m. on the 18th. As we approached the runway, the pilot announced he would attempt to land but warned that weather conditions were poor and that we might be delayed on the tarmac. Praise the Lord, the landing itself went smoothly. However, we then sat on the plane for nearly two hours while crews cleared enough snow for us to taxi to the gate.

Once we disembarked, we passed through customs without issue – and all 16 of our bags arrived safely as well. With a little paid assistance from a local worker, we met Brother Eric, the missionary we are serving alongside, loaded everything into the church van, and began the three-hour drive from Bucharest to our home in Sânpetru. We left the airport around 7:00 p.m.

About an hour into the drive, we encountered our third obstacle – a massive pothole that bent the rim of the rear driver-side tire. We were able to make it safely to a nearby gas station, but one look at the tire made it clear we needed the Lord's help once again. We prayed, and He answered immediately. Brother Eric contacted a pastor who knew believers living near the village where we had broken down. These dear Christians came to our rescue. Within about an hour, they had repaired the bent rim, patched the tire, and sent us safely back on our way.

We arrived at our home around 1:00 a.m. I was physically exhausted when we pulled into the driveway, yet inwardly I felt a deep confirmation that this is exactly where the Lord wants us. The following day, Brother Eric informed us that on February 18, the airport had diverted five incoming flights to other locations and canceled 45 flights altogether. Our flight was reportedly listed among those canceled. The fact that our plane departed London and safely landed in Romania was truly the hand of Almighty God. Though the journey was not without challenges, the Lord paved the way and brought us here safely.

This Wednesday marks two weeks since our arrival in Romania. We have nearly finished unpacking and are settling into our home. We have begun language classes and have already had the opportunity to sing in church. The Lord is good, and we are grateful for the privilege of serving Him here.

Thank you sincerely for your faithful prayers. They helped carry us through this transition. We hope this update encourages you to continue praying for your missionaries. Your prayers truly make a difference. God is still at work, and He is still on His throne.

For God's Global Glory,

*The White Family*

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