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Dear Friends and Family,

A lot has happened in the past few months. We hope you enjoy reading our latest news and join with us in prayer.

Big news comes in little packages



Well, as most of you know, the biggest news since our last newsletter has been the arrival of Luca Allan Grocott. He entered the world (with some coercion) on 30th June at 1:03pm, weighing 3.1kgs. There were some initial concerns, so we had to hang around the hospital and he even decided he wanted a whirlwind tour of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. But after five days we were thankfully sent home. Since then everything has been a bit of a blur. We really had no

any idea just how tricky the juggle would be with a very active toddler and a fussy newborn. On top of the usual adjustments, Luca has had some ongoing health concerns, so every week we have had trips to GPs, pediatricians, lactation specialists, pathologists etc. Whilst this has been stressful, we are also thankful that all of these specialists are able to work on getting Luca to be a healthy young boy.

Anna continues to be her energetic, enthusiastic and strong-willed self, but at the same time it has been beautiful to see her compassionate side come out when she sees Luca (or myself) crying. She is quick to go grab a tissue and wipe away our tears, reminding us with a gentle voice, "it's okay". I thank God that she has this gentle side to her as well.

Steps forward

Despite the timing of some things being pushed back, due to Luca's health concerns, things have still been moving forward with our return to Romania. We have completed our psychological evaluations with ECM and been given some helpful recommendations. With the help of the ECM office, we now have pamphlets and prayer cards ready to be sent to the printers. We have also completed our application with APWM (Australian Presbyterian World Mission).

We have been working on our budget, and though it looks scary, with all the extras, like health insurance, superannuation and Romanian taxes added in, we are trusting that the Lord will raise the sufficient funds for us to be able to return to Romania to be involved in ministry full time. Would you consider joining us through regular prayer and financial support? If you would like to know more about supporting us in this way, please contact us or the ECM office and we'll be able to show you how.

Please pray...

Praise:

- For the safe arrival of Luca Allan and Jennifer's quick recovery after delivery
- For the various medical practitioners who have helped us with Luca's medical concerns
- For Anna's abundant joy over her new brother and her compassion towards us
- For an encouraging time at ReachOut
- For completing our application with APWM
- For building relationships with the ECM team in Romania

Prayer:

- For continued improvement in Luca's health
- For each of us as we continue to adjust to being a family of four
- For wisdom in how to raise Anna and Luca to love and serve our Lord
- For upcoming events in Cootamundra and Sydney
- For planning time to visit and share in other locations
- For the necessary prayer and financial support to be raised
- For Adi to complete his final two essays

Over in Romania...

We have been encouraged to be in touch with some of the ECM team members that we will be joining in Romania. This past week they ran their annual prayer days, where the various team members from all over Romania, come together for fellowship, encouragement, to share about their ministries and to pray for one another. Even though we are not officially part of the national team yet, they invited us to chat with them via Skype. We were able to share with them where we are up to in our preparations, as well as hearing from them also. It was wonderful to get to know our future team better and their respective ministries. We are looking forward to joining this multicultural team consisting of Romanian, Dutch, French, English and Australian workers. It was also exciting to hear that some of them are specifically doing children's ministry, so we are looking forward to collaborating with them in the future.

Come hear us in person

We have already started planning some events where we will be sharing about our return to Romania and the ministry we desire to be a part of. So far, we will be in Cootamundra from 13-24 October, and will be holding an event at Cootamundra Uniting Church on Sunday, 22 October at 10:45am. We also have planned an event in Sydney, based in our local church, Burwood Presbyterian, on 4th November at 2pm. Anyone who is able to, is welcome to come to these events. We are also planning dates as to when we will be having some time based in Canberra, as well as Yamba and Brisbane. If you are in those areas, we would love to catch up. If you would like us to come and speak at your church or bible study, or just want to catch up over coffee to hear more, we would be more than delighted to share with you, so please contact us and we can work out a time to meet.

Extra, Extra...

We had a great time (as always) at ReachOut, a missions conference held in Katoomba each year. This year Adi relinquished his preferred volunteering role down in the carpark, and we both helped out at the ECM stand. This gave us the opportunity to share with people what the Lord is doing in Europe through ECM and the opportunities for ministry there. It was a fantastic weekend and was encouraging for all who attended.

In amongst everything else, Adi has been trying his hardest to complete his Master of Arts (Theology), before we return to Romania. Thankfully he has managed to finish all the assessments for one of his subjects and now just has two final essays remaining.

Thanks so much for taking the time to read this newsletter and joining us on our journey back to Romania. We would love to hear from you, and feel free to share anything that we can be praying for you. We hope to see many of you in person in the coming months.

Thanks again,
Adi, Jennifer, Anna & Luca

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