

Family of five! 🙌

Baby G is here!! After a somewhat scary and rather speedy delivery followed by 36 hours in the NICU, R and Baby G came home safe & sound. We are so thankful for the Lord's protection. We are now home with all three of our girls, soaking up the newborn snuggles, enjoying time with (and help from!) A's parents, and swooning over it all even in the midst of chaos. We have so much to be grateful for!

Please pray for our family as we adjust to new routines. One big change coming up is that in a couple weeks M will be turning 2 (!!) and we plan to try out half-days for her at the same school that J has been attending. This will help R have some more capacity for another season of managing language and relationships with a new baby. We're excited to have M more immersed into language and culture too! We've seen how greatly J has benefitted from going to school and speaking the language so well, and we're praying they both continue to thrive here <3

We are excited for M to start going to school with her big sister and are praying for a smooth adjustment as well as wisdom and discernment for us as we continue to shepherd these tiny cuties.

A quick trip to Montenegro me

Our current visas are set to expire on June 1, so we are scheduled to leave the country for Montenegro on May 31 and re-enter with a standard 90-day visa on June 3. The 90-day visa will hold us over until September 1 when we will either need to have applied for a property visa or be preparing to leave the country (and staying out for three months before we can re-enter again). We have also started planning for our first home assignment (furlough) in the fall, more on that in a near-future update :-)

As a reminder: we are hoping to have the necessary gifts and loans raised, a home purchased, and a property visa application submitted before September 1. We'll see what the Lord decides to do and joyfully submit to how He leads the process, but we feel this is the initial timeline He's put on our hearts to pursue.

We have received a few personal gifts and loans since our previous update and we are thrilled to report that we are already roughly 20% funded for what we will need to purchase a property and remain here!

Please join us in thanking the Lord for the provision we've already seen and pray for the Lord to provide all that we need in His timing, for the path to be made clear, and for a great home (with great neighbors!) to be on the market when it comes time to purchase.

There's still quite a ways to go. If you or somebody you know who may not receive our updates might be interested in partnering with us in the property purchase via either a gift or loan, please get in touch with us.

Reach out any time with any questions, big or small!

As usual, we want to say thank you for reading our updates and taking the time to pray for and encourage our family!

Grace and peace,
A+R+J+M+G