

Subj: **Gregor and Ellie Updates...**
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Dear Praying Friends,

On Saturday morning, Ellie started the morning with a very low fever, a good deal of vomit, and her first seizure. Our pediatrician recommended the hospital. A day of tests (general exam, eye exam, blood tests, lumbar puncture, and MRI) all came back clear, telling us what she didn't have, but not what she did. While waiting for her heart test, she had another seizure.

Most of the day she slept, only crying when they woke her to poke for a vein, drop stuff in her eyes, or disturb her beauty rest for other reasons.

Vic spent the night with her and had a relatively good night, only waking a few times to soothe her back to sleep. Ellie was awake from 7 AM to about 1 PM and was mellow (but not lethargic), smiling, laughing, eating. We had hoped she could come home today, but the docs want to run some more tests tomorrow (i.e., ekg and eeg) so she needs to be in at least one more night. If she does well on the tests tomorrow she can come home, so she and I will be "cramming" tonight so she passes tomorrow. :)

I am leaving in a few minutes to relieve Vicki for the night. The hospital does not have internet access, so you won't hear anything from me until tomorrow night, but Vicki will be home.

Thanks for your prayers for Ellie, us, and the doctors.

In the last few days, I have received these two updates from Gregor.
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PRAYING FOR HIM!

December 13, 2009

Dear Friends,

Thanks again for all the prayers and messages that have been of great encouragement to us as a family. Gregor is doing better. The dizziness has diminished. The breathing is better. The swollen arm (vein) also looks and feels better. He has been up and around the house for most of the day yesterday And also today.
Well, still weak and sore... but better.
Thanks again
From the Menga bunch

Dec 11, 2009

Dear friends,

Gregor was today in Prishtina to check on symptoms like dizziness (low blood pressure,) and short breath (from a pain in the right side). Two different doctors and an X- ray could not point out to anything really

discernible. But the two doctors had different opinions. One wanted to be to careful, the other one thought Gregor should just get moving and the pain is muscular. We liked the second.

Gregor's right arm has an infected vein from the infusion inlets that goes almost all over the arm length of the vein. It is swollen and painful. So some antibiotics (Amoxiclav) from mouth and cold stuff on the arm (as we have been doing alright). This is the cause also of a little bit of fever that still hangs around, according to second doctor. Pray that this is not going to grow into another complication.

Satan has tried lots of tricks this time with all sort of symptoms. Now is time to stop, get well, and be useful at this Christmas season that is so full for us. Please agree with us in prayer in this.

Thanks

The Mengas

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