

God Moment

People who know me well are aware that in the US, I live by my ATM card, and only keep an emergency stash of cash to buy gas. In Romania it is modified because I have to pay transaction and conversion fees. I still keep an emergency stash of cash for diesel, and take cash with me when I buy groceries or pay the cell phone bill. Even my monthly rent and utilities are paid in cash.

This past weekend I traveled to my friend's farm, so I brought 500 lei with me for diesel, church and incidentals. When I returned home a day later than expected, I did not remove the extra cash as I normally would in the flurry of activity to prepare for my trip to the shelter. When I got to the shelter, the 2 youngest girls had come home from their 2nd day of school. One was angry, and one was almost in tears. Neither would tell me what happened. Hours later, the angry one finally relayed to me that a teacher said that if she didn't come to school with her supplies, do not come at all. The angry one didn't care, since she doesn't want to go to school. However, the distraught one loves school, and was looking forward to the school year. I asked the assistant to write me a list of the supplies needed, and I would go to Jumbo (a discount store, like Kmart without clothes). When I read the list (the first things being 32 math notebooks and 20 Romanian notebooks with covers), I realized the girls would have to go with me so that the correct items would be purchased. I asked the assistant if they could accompany me, but she declined, for fear they would take the opportunity to run away from me. She finally realized that I would not be successful without help, and we got permission from the owner to take the distraught one with me. We overflowed our large rolling basket with all the supplies needed for both girls, except for one item that was out of stock. I even threw in some extra items, like toilet paper and supplies for additional crafts in upcoming weeks.

When we ventured to the cash registers, I knew that the supplies would be expensive, and had my fingers crossed that my atm card would work (and not be flagged for fraudulent use and subsequently frozen). The total amounted to 487 lei, and I had 500 lei, using my emergency 200 reserved for diesel. God always provides what is needed, when it is needed. Hallelujah, Amen!

The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment. (Matthew 15:25

