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Dear Mr. Wermuth,

Hey there! I am so sorry that it has taken me so long to get this to you.

This summer I traveled to Botosani, Romania. My week in Romania was part of a medical mission trip. We would travel everyday to a remote village outside of the city and we would give the villagers medical attention from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

While I was there, I had the privilege to see some historic ruins near the Moldova border. My friend and I were walking around and we came upon this sign that explained the ruins and other fun facts. Before my friend and I realized that it was translated into English in another area, we just stared blankly at these paragraphs written in Romanian. After about 10 seconds of just staring at the sign, a light bulb went off in my head. I started putting sentences and words together because they looked like Latin words I had learned. I was able to just start reading this sign! It was so cool.

That was not the only time that I was able to apply the Latin skills I had learned. My job on this mission's trip was the Pharmacist. I not only distributed the medicine, but I had to tell the Romanians why, when and how to take it. The first day this was really difficult because I did not have a translator. I talked to a few of the Romanians that spoke English and I realized that some of their vocabulary I already knew because of Latin. On other occasions we were walking in the street and we would see signs and I would be able to tell my team what the sign said because of Latin.

I think one of the coolest things was being able to translate what was inscribed above the church. It said " Jesus, the light of the world." in Romanian and I was able to smile to myself because I knew what it was.

When I came home, one of the first things I told my dad was that I needed to take Latin 2 this year so that I could develop an even better understanding of the language so that I would be able to utilize that knowledge at a later time. It was so awesome to see how God took something I had studied and allowed me to use it for Him and His glory.

I cannot even begin to tell you how thankful I am that I took Latin with you this year. I cannot wait for classes to begin! May God Bless you.

In Him,

Danielle Wall