

# Resurrection Living

When is Easter? That seems like a straightforward question, except if you live somewhere on the border of Orthodox and Western churches. Each tradition follows a different church calendar. So one year I flew to Moldova on the eve of Easter Sunday . . . and celebrated Easter there again a week later.\* A friend of ours who lives in Romania says, "When I am asked about this subject, I like to say that I try to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord on every Sunday. But to celebrate it every day is even better."

What an excellent point of view! I confess I had been feeling very discouraged. It is easy to grow weary, weary of Corona, weary of unresolved relationships, weary of waiting for results. What was I doing here, anyway?

Then on International Romany Day (April 8), the Lord sent an online seminar I had forgotten I'd signed up for. Romany speakers and others shared stories of asset-based community development, including play-based educational centers. I had given up on finding some suitable resource to share with one of our partners. Here it was just given to me. The link for the recorded seminar arrived in an email today.

Keith and I had been stymied about what to do with the defunct RomaniBible.org website he first created in 2008. It would be useful to have information about all available Romani scripture resources-- somewhere. But where? And what would be useful? Then this past week the Roma Networks, a network of Romany Christians and partnering organizations, contacted Keith. Of course! This organization would be the perfect vehicle for publishing and maintaining this information. And earlier this week, we learned that we would have another Student.Go intern to help research and organize the necessary information.

Our plans to make easy-to-follow [Davar videos](#) had also come to a stand-still. Covid made it very difficult to find suitable people to film. Then the Lord inspired us to use photos of little toy figures instead. It hasn't been dubbed into any other languages yet, but initial reactions have been positive. (Feel free to let us know what you think of it, too!)

And then there was the bright idea to invite you all to subscribe to our blogspot. We sent out an email that perhaps caused more confusion than clarification. And then a week after that the online service we were using for that announced that they were stopping in July!

He has risen! He has risen indeed!

Praying and rejoicing,  
Keith Holmes & Mary VanRheenen

*\*Previous photo of Mary and Pastor Petru Ciochina, celebrating Easter at the home of Romany friends in Vulcanesti.*

Thankful for:

- Jesus, alive and well. May the same be said for each of us;

- Student.Go program and intern Sofia Hines;
- Roma Networks and the Romany leaders who serve on their board;
- Leaders of children's Bible club in Romany village of Vulcanesti, Moldova.

Request prayer for:

- Work with two new Student.Go interns to research available Romany Scripture materials and assist the Dom Research Center in social media (Mary serves on the board);
- Development and distribution of video materials for oral learners;
- Zoltan, a partner who leads a children's club in a Romany village in Romania;
- Those who are weary and need to hear of the Resurrection.

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