

# TRAVELING FROM HOME

Dear Friends,

It's summer here, and summer has traditionally been the time school vacation and for travel. The two Student.Go interns who are working with us are not taking a vacation nor have they headed over here physically. They are traveling far and wide digitally.

Jaya Nair currently lives in Bentonville, Arkansas. She is working with the [Dom Research Center](#) to promote the interests and culture of Domari all over the Middle East/North Africa. For instance, she recently interviewed a Domari leader in Jerusalem.

Songezo (Songz for short) started as a seminary student at Baylor last September. However, he wasn't able to physically travel from his home in Cape Town, South Africa, to Texas then, so his first year has all been online. As part of this internship, he is also visiting, online, our partner Zoltan Barabas in Transylvania, Romania, our partners working with children in Moldova, and a new partner in Croatia.

Songz has also been exploring the world of oral cultures. You can read what he's seen and discovered there on the [Romany Education Network](#). A Tale of Two Towns is being posted in Romanian and English. Feel free to choose the language you understand the best!

I confess I am missing our previous intern, Sofia Hines. She helped set up the subscription system for our own [blogposts](#). But the organization that organized that is quitting. The last thing Sofia did was steer me on to a new way of having people subscribe to the blogs. I'm still sorting that out. Pray for me as I travel into the land of Internet. I definitely find myself a stranger in a strange land there!

Unlike the interns and I, Keith actually plans to travel later this summer. Faith Comes By Hearing has asked him to record the New Testament in a Romani language used in Serbia. Keith might go there for the research trip sometime in July. And then again, he might not. That's how travel is these days. He and I will get our second Covid vaccinations tomorrow, June 26. That makes physical travel more possible. Who knows, we might actually go somewhere on vacation . . . someday . . . Lord willing.

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Prayerfully staying at home,  
Mary VanRheenen and Keith Holmes

Thankful for:

- Student.Go program and interns Jay and Songz;
- the Dom Research Center and their faithful service to Domari in the Middle East/North Africa;
- opportunity to complete Covid vaccinations;
- Petru & Olesea Ciochina, who faithfully provide and develop Christian leadership in the Romany village of Vulcanesti, Moldova.

Request prayer for:

- Ongoing work of Student.Go interns; Mary as she supervises and mentors Songz and Jaya;
- Keith, and the Lord's timing for this recording project in Serbia;
- Zoltan, a partner who leads a children's club in a Romany village in Romania;
- Andrijana, a partner in Croatia who develops children's materials for Romany.

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