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We're Home!

The Lord answered prayers and we had an uneventful, you might go so far as to say boring, flight. Sienna was a good passenger and we are thankful that none of us experienced air sickness. All of our luggage arrived with us in one piece. We rested for the weekend trying to recover from jet lag. A friend, who had lived in Romania, came and treated us to our first Mexican meal. YUM!

Our first road trip landed us in Colorado to visit with April's family. We had been anticipating seeing family for the first time in over two and a half years. Sweet memories!

After a great time in Colorado, we headed to Arizona to see Paul's folks and have been able to visited a few of our supporting churches along the way. We appreciate those of you who have prayed for safe travels.

We're still arranging our schedule and appreciate your prayers concerning our travels.

Sienna's Corner:

- We got on the big airplane and I got to see my cousins. We had so much fun playing.
- My Grandpa (April's dad) took me on a 4-wheeler ride up the hill. My cousins went with us.
- We are at my other Grandpa and Grandpa's right now.
- We get to go back to see my cousins for Thanksgiving!
- I'm doing school with my Mommy. My favorite books are Rosie's Walk and Inch by Inch.
- I miss my Bago and my friends Alexia and Sara.

Enlarging Our "Borders"

God often told the Israelites that He wanted to bless them and would enlarge their borders and families. Likewise He has chosen to enlarge us and our ministry in several ways.

We are expecting the arrival of an additional Lawrence--yes a baby!-- the end of March or first part of April 2012. (We don't yet know if the baby will be "blue" or "pink".)

The breadth of our ministry has also grown greatly as He has opened the door to take over the ministry among four of the villages west of Cluj. Before we returned to the States we were seeing nearly 300 children pass through the center each week (60-70 four nights a week). We are also planning a church-plant in one of the Gypsy villages, (see picture) and there is already a church building project under way.

With a growing family and ministry, we need to raise additional support. Romania also is in economic crisis. Taxes and prices have risen pushing the inflation rate of Romania to the highest in the European Union for the 11th month straight (i.e. 8.0% ref. <http://doiop.com/RO-inflation>). We will be running two buses 4 times a week, and fuel is currently \$6.60 a gallon. There are obstacles, but we also know that our God owns the cattle on a thousand hills!

We greatly appreciate your prayers for us during this time of family and ministerial growth.