

# DeVine MINISTRIES

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As we come to the end of 2016, I'd like to reflect on what our ministry has accomplished for the Lord, and how I have grown in my relationship with Him.

## DeVine MINISTRIES FOUNDATION

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Already being a foundation in America, we were given advice from a friend that it would be wise to create a Thai foundation. It often takes up to a year for approval, however, we were able to have our foundation approved within a few months; we knew it was a direction from God for we have seen many open doors because of our foundation.

Also this year, we have experienced some hardships in the ministry and feelings of 'isolation' in a third world country. When away from family, friends and true Christians for a long time, one truly learns to appreciate the small things in life. I never take my family for granted, because I know what it feels like to be without some of them for a very long time. Often I see people I know living within the same state as their family, but they rarely visit each other, and maybe talk on the phone twice a year. I live half-way across the world from my friends and family, but if I had a chance to see them, I would as often as possible. Unfortunately, it always seems to be that way; people don't realize the value of something until they lose it, or until they're away for years and years.



Our visit last month

Especially with one of our own being taken away from us recently, it has brought our family closer together. We continue to visit Tunwah monthly, and are able to call him. He was not just a kid that we took in, he was my little brother; he was bold in his faith, prayed for the sick and laughed and joked with me every day. I love him and miss him all the time.

For the holidays this month, our family was able to go on a little vacation away from home for two days. We enjoyed our time together and took lots of pictures.



Next year, Arisa and I will be graduating high school, and will be planning our move to America. This is a very big step for us, but we feel this is a step we need to take for God's plan in our lives. After we attend college in Alabama to study physical therapy, we look forward to going to Charis Bible College in Colorado. There, we feel we will grow in our relationships with God, meet new like-minded Christians with similar callings, and also have opportunities to serve and bless others while we are there. Next month we will be launching a GoFundMe for our college's tuition- 2 years in Alabama and 3 in Colorado.

Next year, I am excited for the great things that will come to pass. We have some amazing architectural plans for the Home of Hope and a beautiful piece of land we are currently trusting in the Lord to be able to buy. We are ready to move forward with our vision and are welcoming partners and team members to help us accomplish it. This is not our ministry, but God's. Thank you to all of our partners for trusting in God working through us to achieve the extraordinary as we rescue and raise up a generation of true believers.

I hope that everyone has a blessed new year; may you prosper and all your needs be met abundantly.

Happy New Year,  
Ariya and Arisa DeVine

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