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Happy New Years!

At the end of each year, I like to reflect on what our ministry and I personally, have experienced.



Jeff, Mew and Sean praying for people at the church

In January, we welcomed our good friend Sean Michaud to Thailand, in which he ministered to many people in the local churches and in Bangkok. He was received greatly and I believe many people were blessed with his messages.

In February, Arisa and I finished 11th grade, and launched our GoFundMe for our college. We had begun taking the steps to move to America so that we could further pursue God's plan for us.



Arisa and Ariya's gofundme



David on his 12th birthday

We also celebrated David's 12th birthday, which at that time had been with our family for 3 years and 8 months. David is the very first Home of Hope child that we rescued, and I believe there are great things in store for his future.



Praying for Ma Daeng and her family



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We spent the month of March encouraging, and praying for our very close friends in the small church we attended; for sadly, their youngest son had died in a motorcycle accident. It was quite a jarring experience, and seemed to remind us all how short life can be. Although a tragedy, Ma Daeng, the mother of the young man, took the opportunity and used it for good. She ministered to all of her son's friends, and encouraged them to think about how they were living their lives.



Josiah and Jonathan praying for a lady with pain in her legs



Children opening up their gifts from Samaritan's Purse

In April and May, our ministry was happy to welcome two Charis Bible College students, Josiah Wright and Jonathan Latta.

For six weeks they ministered alongside us and our church, going into many villages, markets and hospitals. We witnessed many people accept Jesus, and a woman even healed from stage four cancer!

In June and July, we began preparing for our move to America. Sadly, Mew wasn't able to get a visa, so it was just me, Arisa, and our dad. We decided to still take the opportunity to itinerate as much as possible, raising awareness of our ministry.



Mew, Jeff, Arisa and Ariya



In August, Arisa and I celebrated our 18th birthday. Our dad took us all on a last vacation, in which we spent the last days together enjoying one another's company.

In September, we made the step and officially moved to the States!



Our old family home

So much happened so fast; some things bad and some things great. For one, our old family home burned down, but thankfully no one was hurt or in the house at the time.

Shortly afterwards, however, we attended the minister's conference at Charis Bible College in Woodland Park, Colorado. We were so blessed to have attended, meeting many wonderful friends and new faces.



Charis Bible College, Woodland Park, Colorado

In October and November, we made a plan to further accomplish God's vision for Thailand. Our dad flew back to Thailand, with this plan in mind. Although going through the denial of Mew's visa, we decided to try again; knowing that our dad and Mew needed to come to America to itinerate. Since going back, they have been busy to make this a reality.



Mew, David and Jeff

We thank you all for your support and prayers. Everything you continue to give WILL go to the expansion of God's ministry: the Home of Hope to rescue Thai children and the K-12 school to disciple them.

A lot has changed in my and Arisa's lives; already we have a vehicle, will soon have jobs and more. God has truly blessed us with great friends, family, and faithful partners.

I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas with loved ones, and an amazing New Year's celebration.

May we accomplish great things this coming year; and may abundant blessings come to us all.

God bless,
Arisa and Arisa DeVine

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