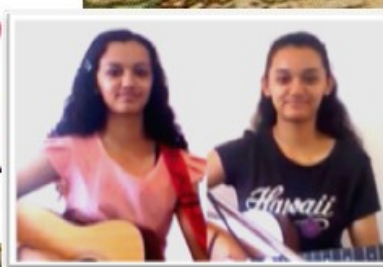


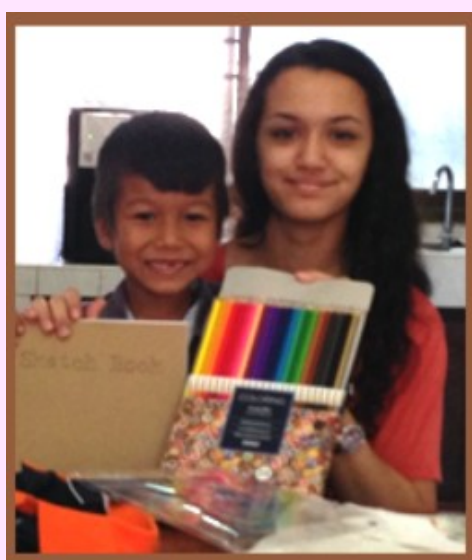
DeVine MINISTRIES

"Taking the gospel where it has never gone before"



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This year has started off like none other. We've had so much to be thankful for even though we have been through many troubling circumstances just in the past few weeks.



On a good note, Tunwah, the youngest in our family, turned 7, and we celebrated his birthday on New Year's Day. Frequently Tunwah has dreamt about God and the things God shows him will someday come to pass. So for his birthday, he wished for a notebook to write his dreams down, a drawing book to illustrate the dreams, and some coloring pencils to color them. He was so happy to receive all these gifts and more.

On that same day, Ann fell down in the yard and split her chin. We had to take her to the hospital and she needed 6 stitches. She is completely healed now, but we were all discouraged that the New Year started off with an injury. Not long after that, we discovered that Nadia had an ear infection, and a visit to the doctor told us that she would need surgery to remove the buildup in her ear. All the while, David has had an infection near his eye and his doctor told us that he would need surgery as well to remove the infection if it did not clear up.

On New Year's Eve, my dad, Mew, Ariya, and I were talking together about what we felt was going to happen in 2016. We all had a feeling, which we believed to be from God, that something BIG was about to happen. God has placed an amazing plan in our heart of what He wants to do through us in Thailand and we know there is so much more to come, especially in this new year.

Then as all these negative circumstances came, we knew that we needed to *rebuke* the sicknesses and the doubtful words people have spoken to us. We are praying in Jesus' name that these things trying to stop us from moving forward with God's ministry *cannot* and *will not* prevail.



Last month, DeVine Ministries sent out a letter asking for those who believe they have the same calling from God as we do, to come and join our team and be a part of what God is doing here. Already we have had people respond. We continue to invite you if you feel that God is calling you to help us rescue orphaned or abandoned children, and spread the Gospel.

We were happy to receive friends from Australia this month who came to visit for a few days. While they were here, we went to our local park. Ariya and I played our guitars and sang worship songs, and our dad played the beatbox, while the children passed out gospel tracks. My dad and Mew talked about Jesus to those who were interested and gave them our contact information.



Two weeks ago, we invited many of our Christian friends to our home for dinner and fellowship. After dinner, we worshiped together, shared what God has put in our heart, and asked them for their prayers. We believe prayer to be powerful and we pray that we will find the right land where God wants us to build the Home of Hope, the K-12 school, the Bible school, and the other facilities.



In the meantime, we have also been focusing and asking God how we can *be* The Church and not just 'do church'. On the last Sunday of the month, we are planning to have our church service in a popular area in the park. In most places in Thailand, Christian's are able to proclaim the Gospel without trouble from the police or any other authorities. We hope that people will hear the music or the message and feel a need to know more. We have many testimonies where we have prayed for God to send someone to cross our path to whom we could minister. By doing so, we have met many people whom we were able to lead to Christ. When we allow God to direct our lives, divine appointments await us, and I believe many great things are not only going to happen this Sunday service at the park, but also every day in our lives.

Thank you so much to our partners who are supporting DeVine Ministries, and God bless you all,

Arisa and Ariya DeVine

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