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Here's what is happening with Arisa and Ariya DeVine...



Amazing things have happened this month! God's power *is* truly great and magnificent. For the past month, our family has been going out, feeling inspired to minister to people in more effective ways. The political conflict and turmoil that has been happening here recently has not stopped us from continuing to go out and tell others about Jesus. Lately, we've been walking to our local park near our home. We pass by several soldiers around the streets and smile and wave at them every time. They smile and wave back.

Before we go out, we read the bible and pray together as a family. We encourage each other to be led by the Holy Spirit and to carefully listen to God's voice.



When at the park, as we start walking around, we are searching for people to speak to. We are looking for people who seem receptive and open; 'people of peace' (*Luke 10:5-6*). Ministering to people is not all about being totally serious and solemn. We have fun and enjoy the beautiful nature all around us.



We encountered several people each time we went, one of which was a man named Jah-ay, who had a swollen foot from an accident. We prayed over him and he could move his foot around and around. He was so surprised; he said, "I could not do that before!" This encounter, we believe, was a divine appointment because we ended up meeting him two more times over the past weeks! We got to pray for many people; David and Tunwah participated in laying hands on them also! It was a good experience for them to see God's power working through us. There is no age limit as to what God can do through someone who is a believer. Even these 9 and 5 year old boys have the same power working through them that raised Jesus from the dead.



One week, we once again met Jah-ay; but this time, he was sitting with another man. We could tell that Jah-ay was very drunk as he was acting silly and wouldn't talk about serious things. Jah-ay's friend, Kuun, on the other hand, was very attentive and wanted to listen to what we were saying. But then, David, who was sitting next to both men, turned to Jah-ay and asked if he could pray for his foot, because Jah-ay said it had started hurting again. Jah-ay seemed a little surprised at first, but let David pray for him. We were so proud of David for wanting to pray for the man on his own. We didn't tell him to, or order him. David reached out on his own and prayed and spoke to Jah-ay clearly and boldly like a mature young man.

Afterwards, David looked Jah-ay in the eyes and told him that Jesus could set him free from drugs and alcohol, and that Jesus loved him. These words seemed to completely sober him up and both Jah-ay and Kuun hung on every word. They were so touched and amazed at what David had told them, that both of them had tears in their eyes.

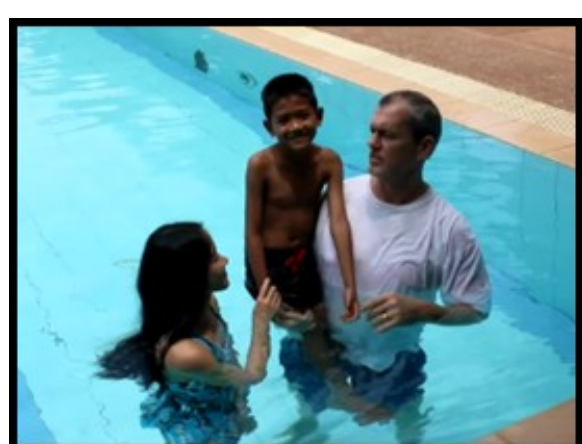


Every time we go to the park, I (Ariya) feel excited at what is going to happen and who we are going to meet. Usually, I feel reluctant and shy to talk to people; but these past few times I felt inspired. The desire to just engage people in conversation was exciting. We very much enjoy doing what God has called us to do. It is definitely not boring!

I encourage everyone to just 'look up'. Let's look up from our cell phones, our laptops, our jobs, our grocery shopping, and look for people to talk to. No matter where we go, know that there is always an opportunity to minister to someone. Before, we used to go to the store or the market for one sole purpose: get what we needed and leave; but we realized that we were passing so many people that might have been receptive and open to the gospel.

Tune in to God's soft voice and let the Holy Spirit lead you wherever you go. God's great power is inside each and every one of us, no matter how young or how old. We just need to let it take effect. Lay hands on the sick and see them recover, Jesus said that these signs will follow those who believe. Whether you are a child, adult, teenager, male or female, no matter what nation you may come from, if you are a Christian and you believe, you have the power of God within you to do miracles. (*Mark 16: 17-18*)

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13



We were so happy to have the privilege to baptize David last Sunday. He has decided to dedicate his life to the Lord and follow Him the rest of his life.

May God bless you,

Arisa and Ariya

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