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Praise God, the money we needed for my and Arisa's, and all of the children's schoolwork has come in and the fees are paid! Thank you so much to all who gave, may God bless you.



I would like to share something I believe will be a blessing to you, and especially to young people who are beginning their lives with job careers or colleges.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, it says:

*16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.* NKJV

**In everything give thanks.** These words have had a great impact on my life as I realize all the things that I so easily take for granted. When we are searching for jobs and careers in our lives, and are seeking the way to go about God's plan, there are steps along that way that lead us where we may not expect. Each place, each point, or each mission team and trip we take, adds knowledge and wisdom and is helping to equip us all along the way. Every destination, negative or positive adds insight and understanding.

To achieve greatness and to glorify God, we must first **do something**. We must take the necessary steps to get where we are going. All along the way, whether it is working at an entry level job to save up money for a trip, or arranging plans to enter your first year of college, be grateful. Be grateful for your job and for the people who accepted your application. You can know that wherever you are, at the moment, you are gaining knowledge and experience that will help you get that promotion; it will help you save up the money you need, or it will help fulfill God's plan for your life. We must not have a victim mentality that is not grateful for the job we are given. **We must do everything as if we are doing it for God.** It doesn't matter what ethnic background you are from, or your family's status, you can achieve great things for the Lord with the opportunities you are given. So in all of these things, we must give thanks. You *can* do it, not with your own knowledge, but with God's:

*for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

As Arisa and I start thinking about our future, our careers and our college, I keep this in mind that if I want God's plan, no one is going to just hand it to me; I need to step out and **do it** and be grateful all along the way. Do not blame anything on anyone else, or feel oppressed in any way, because **you** are in control of what you do with your life. If you are following God's plan, then with assuring knowledge you can know that the will of God in Christ Jesus **for you**, is something amazing.



May God bless you,  
Ariya and Arisa DeVine

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