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This month has been full of terrible hardships. As we previously said in our last newsletter, our youngest boy Tunwah was taken from us. We were expecting to meet with the father, as we had signed an agreement at the police station to do so, on the 2nd of this month, 7 days after he had taken Tunwah. Tunwah's father did not honor the signed agreement and never brought him back. After many *long* physically and emotionally draining days, we were finally able to somewhat resolve the situation. To all who have been praying with us and were also deeply concerned, we can have peace now that we know where Tunwah is.

At first, Tunwah's relatives made it clear that we could not even see or talk to him on the phone. With the law and countless other people against us, we knew that the only way we could hope to see Tunwah again was to make peace with his grandparents, the people currently housing him. After a few calls, they stated that they *will* allow us to visit Tunwah and to call him, but Tunwah was to remain with them. He will now be raised by grandparents, their friends, and other distant family members.

We were able to visit Tunwah for a few minutes last Sunday. It was a very emotional visit, and it hurt us to once again have to leave knowing he would not be coming home. Tunwah seemed so emotionally distraught that it took several minutes for him to calm down and be able to speak. I pray that Tunwah being ripped away from the only home he's ever known will not scar him emotionally. I still believe that God has a great plan for Tunwah and that he *will* be a mighty man of God.



We were able to take Tunwah his Bible, pictures of us, and some of his favorite toys.

We will put our trust in God that He will bring peace to both sides. Though it breaks my heart that Tunwah has to go through this, we have peace in knowing that he has faith in Jesus. I will always continue to pray that Tunwah will one day come back to stay with us, his true family. A *true* family does not need to be blood related, but are the people who love you unconditionally. For anyone who would like to know more in-depth information about this entire situation, feel free to email us or check out our other DeVine Ministries' newsletter here: [DeVine Ministries' November Newsletter](#)

Happy Thanksgiving to all. We hope you had an amazing time with family and friends. With all that has been going on, our family was not able to celebrate Thanksgiving. Nonetheless, we have not ceased to thank God for His blessings, love, and protection.

Thank you to all of our faithful partners. We appreciate you so much.

After more than 7 years of living on the mission field, many trials have come and gone and people have come against us. **But we will never allow despair to tear us down.** God has shown us a great and amazing plan for Thailand, and we will faithfully continue to go forward. I know that when we are walking in God's plan opposition will always come, but when it's *His* plan, God is always on our side. Thinking about the many lives that the Home of Hope will rescue brings me hope and excitement. There is no other feeling like that of seeing a child, who was worthless in the eyes of their parents, finally be able to smile and know the love of God and of a true family.



God Bless You,
Arisa and Ariya DeVine

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