

DeVine MINISTRIES

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We have so much to be thankful for this month!

A long-time friend of ours, Ms. Yao who lives in Bangkok, drove many hours to visit our home so that she could bless us with a few of her newly produced Children's Bible Story Book. We had a wonderful evening singing praises, talking about the future plans for DeVine Ministries, and reading stories from her book. We greatly appreciate her work.



Our dad and Mew had a pleasant week celebrating their 5th wedding anniversary on the beautiful island of Koh Lipe. Since our dad's birthday would come up while he was gone, we gave him cards and presents before they left.



This week with our small church, a new member Ms. Supaporn was baptized. We are so happy for her.

Besides focusing on our school, Ariya and I have been putting much thought into our futures. We know that God wants us to go to Charis Bible College and we know that He will provide every step of the way. Not only this, but God has also been revealing things to me every day of what the future will hold and His plan for my life. I can vividly see in my mind the Home of Hope, the international school to come, and the facilities needed to continue to rescue orphaned and abandoned children.

The Bible tells us to meditate on things that are true, noble, just, pure, and lovely, and in doing so God has shown me so many great and wonderful things that are to come to pass; some of which can be overwhelming at times because my own self doubt has in the past made me question whether I, a young girl, can really do all that God has put in my heart to do. I am just one human, but so were Paul and Peter in the New Testament church.

This month God has been telling me: "Do not compare yourself to others."

It's not what others can do but it's what *God* can do through me when I allow Him to. We can become discouraged if we allow ourselves to look at others and see their success and wonder how we could ever accomplish something equally as great. But as long as we keep comparing ourselves to others we will never become as great as we can, and this also hinders God's work through us. The Bible tells us that it is not wise to compare ourselves to others; (2 Corinthians 10:12)

I am extremely grateful for everything we have and for all our partners at this time, but I also know that this is only a fragment of what God wants to do through DeVine Ministries. This is God's ministry and as long as we let Him guide us it can only continue to grow. By not comparing myself to others, not only can this better my work in the ministry, but it helps me to be the best *I* can be in school, in music, in my physical capabilities, and in all other aspects of my life. Don't let yourself be discouraged by comparing yourselves to others, but allow God to guide you to become the best person *you* can be.

I want to thank our partners who are as big a part of DeVine Ministries as we are. Every contribution you send goes towards making a difference for the Lord in Thailand. Thank you so much.

God bless you,
Arisa and Ariya DeVine

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