

Many major events have taken place this month. Some were exciting and some were tragic. But most importantly, God has been so good to us through it all. We're in America! On September 6th, Ariya and I along with our dad arrived in Alabama. It was so good to see our grandparents, our brother and the family after having not seen them in more than 4 years.

Ariya and I knew that we'd have to have a vehicle of our own in order to travel to and from college and work every day. We were grateful to be given our brother's old vehicle, an SUV to use. It is a great blessing!

Additionally, our initial plan was for Ariya and I to live in the house we grew up in. We could stay there while we went to college, and also be right down the road from our grandmother. The home had been in our family for more than 70 years and held a lot of sentimental value. I'm sad to tell you that last week the house caught fire and burned down. No one was hurt, but many possessions were lost, including family photos, clothes, toys, and beds.

Though this is tragic, we still have a place to live. Thank you to everyone who prayed for our family during this time.



Our brother had just bought a new home and was in the process of moving. They were painting their new house and had not fully moved into it yet when the old house burned down. They lost so many of their possessions, and of course some things that cannot be replaced like pictures of my niece and nephew when they were babies. Yet we're thankful that no one was hurt and that we at least have a place to stay. The house was important to us in these ways, but in reality everything that was lost was simply 'stuff'. It was just stuff, and I thank God that He helps me to see what's *really* important: things eternal.

Before we even arrived in the US, we knew that we wanted to attend the minister's conference at Charis Bible College in Woodland Park, Colorado. We had already booked our hotel and set up some appointments, so we had to drive out there despite everything going on. But once we arrived, we were being blessed with one thing after another. We were so happy to reunite with dear friends and partners, and have loved just getting to see many old faces. This week we attended the conference, and will return to Alabama on the 10th of October. Next month, we'll tell you all about it.



Thank you so much to all our partners. Some of you we've gotten to see again and thank you for your faithful partnership and support in person. I hope to be given more of these opportunities, because we are so grateful for everything you guys have done with us. Your support does so much for the children we rescue and towards God's vision for Thailand.

It's very exciting what's happening in our lives right now, and though we're now here to go to college and will live in America for several years, I look forward to the day I'll return to Thailand and continue working with DeVine Ministries. I excitingly anticipate the day the K-12 school will be launched and more Homes of Hope can be built. Thank you again to all of our partners and friends and to those who have prayed for us and the ministry. We couldn't do it without you.

God bless you,

Arisa and Ariya DeVine



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