

NARAYAN SEVA



Children's Home

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This newsletter is dedicated to all who are interested in the lives of the children in our home. We had planned to make this a monthly newsletter; however sometimes things just take more time than expected...

In any case we hope you will find this edition informative and interesting. We also welcome any suggestions or comments. Should you have a question please feel free to contact us.

Bhairav

Bhairav is the eldest child in our home. He won the first prize in the propensi Bali - out of all the students in the island of Bali! And in June 2010 he will represent Bali propensi in Jakarta for final competition.



Cold Spring visit with sister Gaby

Gaby was a volunteer here and she brought the children to the cold water spring.



Invitation by David to his villa

Brother David and his wife visited Narayan Seva. They live near by Lovina and they have built a villa in Lovina. The children were invited to his villa.



Birthdays

November: Aditya, Sucitra, Nanda, Gopal and Arati

December: Yogini and Divya

January: Suprabha, Aditi, Abha, Rahsmi

February: Indra, Aradana, Bhavapria, Rani



Kamal's Story

Recently a man came to us with a very sad face and heart. His baby was in the hospital and he had no money to pay the hospital expenses. We decided to see the baby. When we reached the hospital we found the baby was 11 months old but the body development was like the one of a 3 months old baby. The baby could not sit or move, he could only lie down.

The doctors said the baby was anaemic, malnourished and had air poisoning in his lungs and heart. The baby had no mother and the father could not take care of the baby anymore because he had no house, no food and no work. The doctors said the baby should be in hospital for one week as it needed daily blood transfusion. But the father wanted to take his child with him since he could not afford the treatment. So we told him not to worry about the expenses and the baby because we wanted to adopt the baby. Then he was crying of happiness, because he had approached many people but so far no one wanted to accept this baby.



Cremation of Kamal

Kamal was only with us for a very short period of time but his memories are deep in our hearts. On the 28th November 2009 he passed away.



Celebration of Mothers Day

This is a really a touching story, Didi and I did not know anything about this celebration. On the evening of the 22nd December 2009 all the children were preparing something. We felt they were preparing for collective meditation when someone came and asked me to cover my eyes and they brought me to the hall. Then when I opened my eyes there was a shower of flowers. They had made a cake and gifts for me and then everyone hugged me. The children prepared all this without our knowledge. It was a very happy moment for us.



Christmas and New Year

This year we celebrated Christmas with the big family of Donna from Australia. Donna's grandpa was the Santa Clause and he gave Christmas gifts to all of us.





Yoga at Ibu Ratna's house

Ibu Ratna is one of the supporters of our home. On the occasion of her daughter's birthday our children were invited to do yoga performances and dances.

Chocolate gifts from Marleen

One of our volunteers named Marleen sent many chocolates for the children as a Christmas gift.



The new construction of the boundary wall

With the help of the volunteers we are in the process of making a boundary wall. This is very much needed. But unfortunately we are still unable to complete it due to a lack of funds.



Aditi's story

“My name is Aditi. I stay at Narayan Seva. I came here with some aims, that is I want to ease my parents, to be a good girl, clever because many science I don't know so I am grateful I can stay at Yayasan Narayan Seva. Before I came here I really don't want to come. My parents said there are many children, many friends for you, can play computer and if I want to stay in Narayan Seva I can do Yoga. Before I know that Narayan Seva have yoga practice then I said “yes” because I don't know about yoga. The people said yoga is very good for our body. So I really want to come and study yoga in Narayan Seva. And around two weeks I came to Narayan Seva. First, I was really happy but after some days I became very sad because I miss my family and other friends in elementary school. The organiser there is Didi, she invited me to watch and asked me what I can do, I answer I can do dance. She also teaches me meditation for calming the mind. After some days I very happy because Didi invited all the children and me to watch some photos, search some cassava in Narayan Seva place, make garden, so that day I very happy. Then in the evening after finish take a bath Didi called me, to practice my dance, so I danced my Balinese dance. Sometimes I miss my family, but all the children here at Narayan Seva entertain me to happy. From there I know, why I am sad, I have aim to come to Narayan Seva, so why should I be sad. This all for my future period and success.



Sister Bec and Sister Sarah from Australia - Our story

“We have been volunteering at Narayan Seva for the entire month of February. It has been a very challenging and rewarding experience being here. We did not know quite what to expect when we arrived our first day but we were met with dozens of curious stares and excited smiles to help us settle in.

The children here are all very beautiful and it has been an absolute joy getting to know each one better. The younger ones demand a lot more attention and we were happy to share hugs and play games and spend time studying with them.

They are amazingly good students and learn so fast! They are always asking about study time and sometimes it's hard to keep up with how quick they learn! We decided to run a maths competition for the younger groups and they eagerly participated and achieved very high results!

The children are very happy here and you can always hear talking and laughing, squealing and singing at most times of the day. They are also very strong and responsible. Most fights or times of sadness are resolved with the help of those around them.

For Valentine's Day we made “warm fuzzy's” bags. This is where you write notes to everyone to show how much you love them and place them in a little bag with the persons name on it. I think we were blessed the most from this exercise with so many beautiful pictures and letters. The children are very good artists!

We will be leaving here in just a few days and it will be very difficult to say goodbye to all the children. They have left such a big impact on our hearts. They will grow up to be very different from other children. Their difficult backgrounds have made them strong and understanding, while living with forty other brothers and sisters has made them open and loving. They are also very smart and determined.”

Finally, the house “Mums” Didi Mohatita, Didi Sujata and Sarita are an eternal blessing to this land. They teach the kids that each and every individual life is important, and they can achieve anything if they put their minds to it. These three women have hearts of mercy that extend to depths I have never been, and this has challenged me to seek further ways to give myself for the service of others.

Child of the year 2009

From this year we decide to choose the best child of the year.

The child who has the best behaviour, who is best in studies, in discipline, in helping others, in yoga and – just in everything!

This was chosen by all the kids of our home.

THE BEST CHILD OF THE YEAR IS MIIRA.



Our wish list:

This wish list includes the items we need most here at Narayan Seva. These items, if donated, would have a serious direct impact on the children here and cut running costs dramatically.

- 1: A Motor bike
2. School Bus
- 2: Fotocopy Machine
- 4: Boundary wall

Sponsorship

Child Sponsorship

Sponsorship is one way to support the Children's Home.

US\$45 a month helps to provide life-changing assistance to a child in need. It gives the child access to nutritious food, clean water, medical care, education, and better living conditions. (Or you may make a one-time payment of \$540 US for the year). Attached is a list of the children still in need of sponsors. You may choose to sponsor one of them.

We will send you the yearly growth and account report of your contribution and updates on your sponsored child. You will also receive our newsletter, which will keep you updated on what is happening in the home.

****You may also make a one-time donation in the amount of your choice, No amount is too small.**

You can send your contribution on this address:

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