



Vidya Mandir 9<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Namaste,

My name is Deepak. I am 13 years old. I was born in Devbrayag in India but my parents are from Nepal. My mother passed away when I was 9 years old. My father could not take care of me and my two big brothers. We didn't have our own house so we lived in a rented one. My father used to break rocks beside the road to earn some money to buy food for us to eat and to pay the rent. We were poor and didn't have a chance for a better life. The money my father earned was not enough. Sometimes we had no food and were starving with hunger. My father didn't want us to go hungry so he left us at Ramana's Garden where we could have a better life. I get everything in Ramana's. I feel very lucky to be here.

I am very happy here. I am part of the Ramana's family and have many friends. I also have Prabha Ji to look after me and I am so thankful that she lets me live here. I also get to do fun things like play sports and I get so much love from everyone. I learn to do many new things. I am learning to speak English and I have learned to sing and now I go to sing every week with our group at Ananda, a hotel near Ramana's.

I am in 8<sup>th</sup> class but will be starting 9<sup>th</sup> class soon. My favourite subject is science. When I finish high school I would like to go to university and then become a teacher. I want to teach children who are like I was before I came to Ramana's Garden so they will have a chance for a good future like I do now.

Thank you so much!