



Sai Baba 11th Grade.

NAMASTE!

My name is Durga. I am 16 years old and I was born in a poor village in Nepal. I belong to a poor family and we lived in a hut. I have one brother and one sister and I am the youngest child. When I was 2 years old my mother died and my father married another woman. Then he went to India to work but he could not earn enough money to support all of us. My step mom did not treat me well. She used to beat me and she did not give me enough food to eat. I lived with my step mom for five years.

There was no school in my village so I did not go to school. When I was 7 years old my uncle told us about Ramana's Garden and he took me there. Once I got here I started my new life where I got everything I needed: food, clothing, shelter and an education. I even got my new mom, Prabha Ji and a big family with lots of love. Ramana's Garden is everything to me. I feel safe here. I get love from everybody and the children are like my sisters and brothers. Before coming to Ramana's I didn't have anything. Here I learnt to speak English, to dance and to understand more people because I met so many different people from working in our café and from all the volunteers who come here. Now I am helping with the small kids by helping to make sure they take their medicines and giving out the school supplies. Ramana's is like a heaven to me and Prabha Ji is like an angel to me. I love to live here. Without Prabha Ji we would not have a good life.

Now I am finishing 9th class and after graduating from high school I want to go to college and study to be an accountant. I also want to help women and to be able to give donations to N.G.O. By working hard I will have enough money so I can help poor and needy people because I know their living conditions and the lifestyle since I have been through the same things. This is my dream to help needy people. My heart melts easily and I feel like crying when I see children walking barefoot or when I see a hungry child laying covered in dirt. I do not want to see these situations because it makes my heart hurt.

Thank you very much!