



Guru Ram Ray 11th Grade

Namaste,

My name is Kalpana. I was born in 1997 in a poor village in Nepal. I have two sisters and a brother. I am the oldest in my family. When I was small I was very naughty. I used to throw utensils at people when they were coming to take water from the village tap.

I was about 5 years old when I came to Ramana's Garden. Because of the fighting with the Maoists there was no school in my village and my father would not have been able to pay for me to go to school anyway. My father brought me here to Ramana's so I could get an education and he went back to Nepal. At first I was missing my family and I was not involved in the Ramana's family but slowly I got used to this place and now I love to be here.

Here all the people: the other children, the volunteers and Prabha Ji are so great. I have everything here that I wouldn't have gotten if I was still in Nepal. I am really thankful to Prabha Ji who gave me this opportunity to change my life and have a bright future. She is a wonderful woman.

Right now I am starting 11th grade and after I finish high school I want to go to university in Dehradun and study to become a doctor. For many years I have wanted to be a doctor and help poor and needy people. I will help the poor people by giving them free check-ups and free medicine. When I become a doctor I would like to come back to Ramana's Garden and help here as a volunteer. I will also travel to other NGO to help the poor kids there and teach them whatever I can and try to make them happy whenever they do anything with me.

Thank you for your help!