



Maanandamayi Memorial 12th Grade

Namaste friend,

My name is Naina and I am 17 year old. I live in Ramana's Garden where I am just starting my last year of my high school. I belong to very poor family from Nepal. I have 2 brothers and 3 sisters. All of them are already married except my younger sister and me. They are all in Nepal. I am the child from my whole family who will be finishing high school. We were so poor that we had no food to eat. My mom and dad had to work so hard to feed us. My dad used to come to India to work and my mom used to work at home where she used to wake up at 3 am every morning to go into the jungle to bring grass for the cow and wood for the fire. She used to bring water from 2 hour away from our house. Then she used to cook food and do other things to look after us.

We did not have enough food to eat. When the Maoists came to our village we ran away so they could not take us with them. They were taking everything from the other families and they were killing the people. We ran away the middle of the night. We were walking in the cold and snow and had no shoes. My mom tore her sari and wrapped the material around our feet. After walking for seven days we reached India. When we reached there my father was working as a labourer to earn money for food but he could not afford to send me to school. He really worked hard and my mother too started working with him.

Then my father heard about Ramana's Garden and brought me here. When I came here I began studying in kindergarten. I am really happy to be here and also very lucky. Everyone here is very happy. It is our home. I have a very big family in Ramana's Garden. I always thank God that I came here. My life has changed since I have been here. Now I can speak good English. I have learned to dance and I am one of the dance group at Ramana's Garden who go every Saturday to perform at Ananda, which is the biggest resort and spa in India. I have also been to London to dance in 2008.

I get everything I need at here; food, clothes, education, medical care, and also a lot of love. I feel Ramana's Garden is the happiest family I have ever seen. In Ramana's each and every person is very happy. I am really proud of what I am now. Ramana's Garden is very important to me because it has given me a good life. I thank Dr. Prabhavati, who is the director of Ramana's Garden and has provided everything for us. She is so great. I am very lucky to have her in my life. She is like a mother for all the children who have grown up here. She is so special to me. She has improved so many people's lives. I will always come back to help at Ramana's Garden when I finish my own education. I have learned from her to help people. I will always help poor and needy people. After finishing high school I want to study clinical psychology. I am interested in this field. I am also interested in dance, yoga and art and I like accounting, English, psychology. I also like to use computers. I am interested in many things.

I want to go to a good university so that I can study psychology and then use what I learn from my own education to help others. I want to help people in different ways. I want to help by giving them my love to care for them. I want to support other children in whatever they want to do. My best friend and I have a dream to open an NGO for poor people and orphaned kids. Everywhere in this world people need help and support. There are thousands and thousands people who don't get an education like us, so I want to help some of those children.

In closing, I want to say thank you for helping and supporting me. It has made a big difference in my life. You are an angel for taking care of me. I will always remember you in each and every step of my life.