

Hello again!

Early March....

A light fog is draped around the top of the mountains...the early morning sun is poking its rays of light through it....

All is quiet....very quiet.....

The sound of the river in the distance is all one can hear.

There is something very still, very serene and very peaceful about the wintertime in the mountains.....almost as if nature, the animals have not yet woken up from their winter break. There is this special kind of stillness around...which you can only experience when there is some stillness in oneself....

I have returned to my beloved Sikkim...and it always feels like coming home...so familiar...so beautiful. The children are as joyful as ever...They live and work together as a loving family in a very harmonious way.



The school year has just started around mid February. We could welcome ten new 5 year old children in our nursery class. Their names are: Bidya, Chewang, Chi Chi, Dawa Purti, Nayan, Prena, Nitesh, Sanjay, Sushila and Phurba.

Four of them live with us in our hostel and the other six new kids live in the local village and join our school as day students. They are cute little ones of some of them are at this young age already real characters!

Some children from last year's class 4 (then our highest class) failed...and we had only 3 students left in that class. That's why these ex-class 4 students now join the local government school in class 5 but they still live with us in the hostel so that they still have the benefit of studying and living in our 'home'.



The evenings are still quite cold and that's why we often make a little fire outside to sit around and be warm and cosy.

And so we have another schoolyear ahead of us...full of opportunities for growth, for play, for studying, for learning, for smiles, for games, for developing into good human beings.

The kids are great in their simplicity...something I think that many of us could take as an example...

simple in their wants....

simple in their needs....

simple in their play....

and at the same time....

rich in their joy....

abundant in their smiles....

great in their enthusiasm....

adorable in their contentment

Each single one of them, beautiful little beings....

And what great joy to be part of this loving family....and what great joy to receive your support and your interest!

Love and smiles from all of us!



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