

Reflections from Singapore

Before arriving at DKSHA, I was feeling anxious. My Tamil was not very good and I was worried about my communication with the children. However, all the children were so warm and enthusiastic when they met us and soon I became very comfortable with them. I was very touched when one of them put a flower in my hair. I had come to teach them art and craft. But I had also learnt from them, that it does not take much to be a happy person. In Singapore, life is very stressful and fast-paced. I realised I need to be aware from time to time how to appreciate the simple things in life and not get too caught up with material things.

- *Marcelle Francis, Volunteer from Singapore (2014)*

My experience at DKSHA has been valuable. My family had gone to DKSHA to spend time with the children and teach them art and craft. All of us enjoyed ourselves and it was fulfilling to see their wonder and excitement of learning new things. I saw that one does not need to have luxuries in order to have the discipline to study, in making friends and in having fun. I also saw that not everyone has the same opportunities as me in having an education and proper housing. It is therefore important to be aware of the needs of others and be willing to help if you are able to do so.

- *Verona Francis, Volunteer from Singapore (2014)*