

Månadsrapport Januari,

Here we are all fine by the mercy and goodness of our Heavenly Father. The children are also fine, and those who were suffering from sores are better now. The children started going to school from 2nd January, after enjoying their Christmas vacations. They had their second unit test, and spent their time preparing for the test. They all said that they have done well, and are awaiting their results in February.

26th January was a national holiday for the children and all the schools were closed. But every school is expected to celebrate the Republic Day of India by hoisting the Indian flag and singing patriotic songs and remember the leaders who brought us the freedom. So all the children and teachers gathered in the school ground and hoisted the flag and had march-past and other programs. The school also had the prize-giving day and all the children who had excelled in their studies, sports, debates, drawing, essay writing and many other competitions were given Merit Certificates. Our orphanage children also received Merit Certificates, and they were very happy to have them.

During the second week of the month, the school had the Sports Day, and many of our children participated in it. There were different kinds of competitions on the school ground, lemon and spoon race, running race, food eating competition, skipping race, needle and thread race, games competitions and many more. Some of our children won and received prizes.

We had a very cold January. During the day it was warm, but mornings and nights were very cold. Its the first time that the winter was so cold. We heard the news that most of North and North East India were gripped by severe cold wave. We thank God for His protection and keeping all the children safe.

This is the story of Nisha who came to our Orphanage two years ago. She is now nine years of age. She comes from a broken family, her father is addicted to alcohol for many years. He does not go to work, but spends his time with his friends who are also addicts. He is also abusive towards his wife and children. They live in one of the worst slums about 65 kms from our Office, a shack is their rented home. Nisha's mother is a sickly woman and takes continuous treatment for some problem in her head. She is not educated and does domestic work in other people's home to earn a meagre salary to take care of the family. Nisha's older sister had to drop out of school because of their poverty. A woman who was doing social work in that area, referred Nisha to us. Since then, Nisha is eating well and living well. She is happy to go to School, to read and write English, and to be happy and content in her new surroundings with other children.

