

GOODBYE 2013.....WELCOME 2014

THE RAMKEYS

2013

THE YEAR THAT WAS

2014 - Next Phase

LOTS OF QUESTIONS

OUR LIFE "ROAD LESS TRAVELLED"

We are thoroughly enjoying Ramkey's sabbatical. While not forcing the obvious question, some questions do remain....Will Lakshmi open her bakery and on a lighter vein, will Ramkey get his hair cut this year?

CHANGE OF GUARD

2014 will see 6 of the 7 countries in the subcontinent having elections. Will the Indians vote for new beginnings that will spur long needed growth? AAP's win in Delhi has spurred a lot of hope...will it turn out to be Hype?

MARKETS

While the 2013 rally won't be repeated, will the markets remain positive this year as well? Will the INR go below 60 or will it rise above 70? Will inflation in India be under control?

SPORTS

Will Indian cricket team retain its top spots in cricket? Will the Patriots win the Superbowl with its depleted team? Will Ramkey get to a lower handicap in Golf?

FAMILY

Will the kids learn to speak Tamil, our mother tongue? Will the elders remain healthy? Will we continue to remain healthy and fit?

May all your dreams come true in 2014



Enjoying lovely day at the Seven Apostles, Australia



Still in love after 10 years...



Siblings...



SOME KEY MOMENTS IN 2013....



Chilling...



Loving it...

2013 was the year where a long standing dream came true....

The year got off to a shocker as Lance Armstrong confessed to using drugs!! An inspiration, a champion survivor, author of one of the most amazing book on sports and life...what a let down!

February was the month for **BONDING**. We went to Australia for 2 weeks, during Chinese New Year. It was great to meet both our friends, in addition to seeing 20 animals that we had never seen before!! What should have been a crazy trip, travelling with 3 kids of which the youngest was only 70 days old, turned out to be one of our best ever holidays.

April was the month for **CHILLING**, after all both of our birthdays are in April. We started the month by celebrating Lakshmi's birthday in Phuket. Ramkey celebrated his, by scoring his lowest golf score to date - 81 at Clearwaterbay Golf.

June was the month for **EXPLORING**. Ramkey's quest for the 100 continued as Cambodia became Country No. 59. We took off on our own and had a fab time in this historic

country. To top it, India won the Champions Trophy Cricket in style.

July was the month for **CELEBRATING**. Cant believe it has been 10 years. For being Arians, we are very different people and our relationship has only grown stronger in these 10 years. Together we have done a lot in 10 years - had 3 lovely children, travelled to about 40 countries, lived in 5 and as importantly laughed, cried, fought and danced.....Here's to many more we hope. We also had a fabulous time in Beijing for 5 days along with Ramkey's cousin and her family. Also an Englishman won the Wimbledon after 77 years - well done Andy.

August was the month for **GOODBYES** (again). Hong Kong has been one of the most vibrant and easy cities that we have ever lived in. Ramkey enjoyed working in JPMorgan. All of us made friends for life....but it was time to move on. We continue to miss Hong Kong!!

Ramkey has been planning this sabbatical and move back to Chennai for many years and we cant believe it is actually coming true.

September & October was spent trying to **SETTLE** down. We decided to move to a new and upcoming part of the city. The kids walk to the school next door and made friends soon, while we are enjoying the fresh air and scenic views. A short holiday in Wayanad made settling down easy!!

November was for **NOSTALGIA**. Ramkey went to Hong Kong & Singapore and met up with friends. Every one we spoke to were only talking about one thing - Sachin Sachin....and his retirement, after all many of us grew up following him. Also, sadly Anand handed the mantle to a new king of Chess.

December was the month for **VARIETY**. We were all very sad when the world lost one of its greatest son - Madiba. Ramkey got into golfing and yoga in all earnestness, while Lakshmi, along with her friend, had a sellout cupcake stall in the Christmas fair. Ramkey also enjoyed attending Classical Carnatic music for the first time. Many of our friends and family were in Chennai and hours were spent reminiscing about the past.

An eventful year comes to an end....



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Aniketh turned 7 years old...wow how time flies.

He was in tears when we told him that we were moving back home to Chennai but he was the first to embrace his new environment - the school and the apartment. He is learning Hindi and excels at sports be it soccer, tennis or cricket.

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Eshaan turned 4 and is the angry young man of our family.

In his first few days in his new school, all he would say was - "I Hate you and I hate this school". He is also the storyteller of the family and wants to learn Karate and be an action hero when he grows up.



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Our little princess Thrayer, turned 1.

She is walking now and is always on the move. She speaks a lot of gibberish and loves to wear her shoes all the time. When she picked up her doll by its legs and whacked it on the ground, we knew what it means to follow 2 boys in the house!!

OUR LIFE IN PICTURES...



Smile...



Ramkey Diving in the Reef

Come visit us...



.....do keep in touch

THE RAMKEYS

As ever, our
house is
always open
to our
friends.

Please do
come and
visit us in
'Singara
Chennai'