



THE RAMKEYS



SAY CHEESE....

So what do we want in 2015?

We wish that the Indian Government talk will actually translate to actions that will result in growth over the next decade. While it looks like it will be a great year for the US and Indian economy, it will be great to see others participate in this as well. We hope the ugly head

of fanaticism and terrorism will spare the weak!! We hope that Oil and Indian interest rates go down while the NSE & Dow continue its dream run!! We want the Patriots to end the 10 year drought and the Indian Cricket team win the WC!!

We wish to remain healthy and hope that you will continue to be in touch.



KING SIZE IN BAHAMAS



CHILLING IN PHUKET



POSING IN SAN FRAN

2014 - the year of reunions

2014 was a great year for us - we met many of our friends and made some new friends as well.

January was the month for **REUNIONS & NEW UNIONS.**

The year started with Ramkey going for his 25th year school reunion. It was great to reconnect with classmates, some he hadn't seen in more than 2 decades. Ramkey headed out for 2 weeks to UAE; great to see all my friends while there. Standing with eyes closed in Hamdan Street, Abu Dhabi stood out. After all his international life began here!! Lakshmi joined hands with a friend and launched her own home bakery Cake-A-Licious!!

February & March were **RELAXING** months. Ramkey made a short trip to Sikkim in Feb with

RAMKEY ADDED 3 MORE COUNTRIES BRINGING HIS TALLY TO 60!!

Rotary while Lakshmi went to Mumbai with Thrayee. Phuket beckoned in March and all of us had a relaxing week there.

April was a watershed moment in India and NO, we are not referring to Ramkey & Lakshmi's birthdays!! Indian electorate went to vote and India got "**Modi**"fied in May.

May was the start of a mega 5 week trip to USA followed by 1 week in Hong Kong. 40 days, 11 bags with 3 kids - we flew 24000 miles, drove 2600 miles, cruised 500 miles while staying in 7 hotels and 3 houses!! May & June were clearly the **CRAZY** travel months.

July was **SPORTY** month. FIFA world cup mania continued in July; Ramkey and the kids thoroughly enjoyed the German win. Ramkey went on a golf trip to Prague & Budapest, where he even came third in the tournament!!

SOME PICS



ONE OF MANY PARTIES!



CROC ON A COURSE



JUST US AT CAPE TOWN



GOOD TIMES



2014...

August was the **PARTY** month!! Annual AGM of Table 42, followed by the wedding of a very good friend of ours, Chennai celebrated its 375th b'day and yes, Ramkey completed 365 days of his break!!

September was the **FESTIVALS** month. Onam, Navaratri followed with watching a CLT20 game in Bangalore. CSK CSK all the way!! Lakshmi learnt a new dance - Kaikotte Kali. Indian Mars satellite enters Orbit successfully.

LAKSHMI RAN HER FIRST 10K IN DECEMBER!!

October was **FAMILY** month. Lakshmi went on her first trip without kids to Mumbai to visit her sister, while Ramkey took the family and his mom to a visit down south.

Along with 8 others from Chennai, Lakshmi & I left for South Africa in November for the Global 42 Round Table meet. This was one of the major highlights of 2014 - we met some great people, making friends for life. Special thanks to both our mothers and Lakshmi's sister who took care of the kids in our absence. November was the **FRIENDS** month.

We partied so much in South Africa that we needed a month to recuperate!! Lakshmi ran her first 10K in December while Ramkey closed the year with a reunion with his College friends.

Globally 2014 has been a year of protests - be it in Hong Kong, USA, Bangkok, New Delhi or Ukraine, to mention a few. Terrorism reared its ugly head with even innocent children not being spared.

Lets just hope 2015 will be better. **May we all just learn to live and let live!**



ANIKETH

ANIKETH IS 8 NOW...

HE LOVES HIS SCHOOL AND IS ENJOYING THE IGCSE SYSTEM. HE IS LEARNING KARATE & CRICKET AT SCHOOL AND CONTINUES TO EXCEL IN ALL SPORTS - BE IT CRICKET, TENNIS, SWIMMING OR SOCCER!!



ESHAAN

ESHAN TURNED 5...

WE MOVED ESHAAN TO MONTESSORI SYSTEM WITHIN HIRANANDANI AND HATE HAS TURNED TO LOVE. HIS IMAGINARY FIGHTS AND STORY TELLING CONTINUES TO KEEP US ENTERTAINED!!



THRAYEE

THRAYEE IS 2 YEARS OLD...

SHE SPEAKS A LOT (WONDER WHO SHE EMULATES!) AND LOVES HER SHOES. SHE HAS STARTED PLAY SCHOOL. A ROWDY AT HOME SHE IS QUITE SHY IN LARGE CROWDS!!



MAY ALL YOUR DREAMS
COME TRUE IN 2015...



5 UNKNOWNNS 2015

1. Will Lakshmi open her own Bakery?
2. What countries will Ramkey add?
3. Will the kids speak our mother tongue, Tamil?
4. Will we remain healthy - kids put on weight while we reduce the same? Not the other way!!
5. Will Ramkey also join Lakshmi in a 10KM run this year?