

Dear Friends and colleagues,

We have recently left the Middle East for the Indian Subcontinent. In our precedent newsletter we were really hurt by the decision of some educators in Syria. But today we want to share with you some positive remarks Syrian children of a public school told us when asked what they thought about Art in All of Us:

"You allow all the children from every country to express their opinions"

"You showed the adults that a child can even have more thoughts than the adults"

"You let everyone discover the talents of the children"

"You allow us (children throughout the world) to know each other better and become friends"

"You have taught us about the culture and traditions of other countries"

"We have learnt to work socially together"

As you must know the Middle East is a region that brings passions out and that has many contradictions. Peace cannot start without correct and adequate education of children. It is a hard task to have politics excluded from it, but maybe having hatred of the neighbour barred from school books is a first good step in the right direction.

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Today, we are also happy to announce you some news on the website:

-Cote d'Ivoire Art Gallery and Travelogue:

<http://www.artinallofus.org/countries/africa/cotedivoire/cotedivoirephoto1.htm>

-Ghana Art Gallery and Travelogue:

<http://www.artinallofus.org/countries/africa/ghana/ghanaphoto1.htm>

-the updated the Gallery of the Month:

<http://www.artinallofus.org/countries/gallerymonth/gallerymonth%20photo1.htm>

-Mali Travelogue:

<http://www.artinallofus.org/Traveloguemali.htm>

-Some new poetry from Guinea Bissau and Cabo Verde translated English and French:

<http://www.artinallofus.org/countries/africa/Guinea%20Bissau/Guinebissau%20poetry1.htm>

<http://www.artinallofus.org/countries/africa/Caboverde/Caboverde%20poetry1.htm>

I would like also to invite you to an **Art in All of Us exhibition** (<http://www.artinallofus.org/Documents/INVITEXPOMDG.jpg>) in an important art gallery in Brussels the **7th of May**. This exhibition will be realised in collaboration **with the UNICEF** to commemorate their 60 years. We have decided to illustrate the **8 Millennium Goals** for Development set by the UN (<http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/>) by photographs, a poem written by a child and a drawing. We have still a couple of invitations over for the opening. Please write to raphael@artinallofus.org if you want one. All proceeds from sales of photographs will be all donated to projects of UNICEF Belgium and of Art in All of Us.

As usual here are some core figures of our month trip:

-We have travelled over 11254 km in 33 days covering 5 countries (and we have reached our 79th country).

-We took 5232 photos in Middle East

-Our latest favourite statement comes from 11 years old Rua in Jordan: *"I do radio broadcasting, I love to draw, I did theatre, and today I learn photography. Thank you very much. What a wonderful world"*

- small coincidences make big surprises: I met by chance in the streets of Jaipur (Rajasthan, India) a friend I had made during my first stay in India ... 9 years ago, and from whom I had totally lost contact! He recognised me and called me by my name.... we could not believe it, especially considering that a couple of minutes before I was just telling Stephanie about him... what are the odds???

-Our angel is still taking good care of us.... under the heavy sun of India, our laptop just melted.... but is still in working condition. However our DVD burner just passed away under those rough conditions.

-We are both in excellent health and condition and safely left the troubles in Nepal, and now are still licking our fingers from Indian and Pakistani food.

We are now leaving Nepal and will be heading shortly towards East Asia soon, to visit the following countries. Any contact in those countries or people that might be able to lodge us will be of great help:

Laos

Vietnam

Burma

Japan

Korea

Brunei

Indonesia

Malaysia

East Timor

Happy New Nepali Year 2063

Anthony and Stephanie