

Hello everybody!

As some of you know it already, the whole Betrisey-Mollinet family travelled to India last October to take a look at the various Happy- Kids' projects in India as well as at those of Terre et Faune.

The first leg of the journey was to Chennai where we had the pleasure to meet Ilayadasan's family. On the first day his two brothers came and greeted us. I had asked for the family to be advised of our coming as the three previous meetings had been full of strong emotions.

When both brothers arrived I believed that I was looking at a ghost as the younger one is so much like Ilayadasan. They were smiling and in a good shape.

The mother came later in the afternoon and the encounter was very warm and full of emotion.

She cried in my arms and we were soon both mourning for Ilayadasan. This was a moment full of heartiness in his memory. She then quietened down and remained thoughtful for some minutes, a faraway look on her face.

She slowly pulled herself together and asked me whether I had photos of her son from our previous encounters. We selected the ones she wished to have and Mani (a Speed Trust collaborator) had them printed and framed. I admit that I had not thought that she had no picture of her son.

Essaki, our social assistant, reminded her that we would always be available in case of need and that all those who had supported Ilayadasan all over these years would keep on thinking about him.

Love

Nathalie