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"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners."
Isaiah 61:1



Dr. Ashly John
Missionary Doctor, Medical Servant
and Healer of the Brokenhearted
(8th June 1985 – 25th June 2025)

A Life Poured Out in Love and Service
Honoring Dr. Ashly John
Missionary Doctor • Servant Leader • Visionary for Hope

With hearts bowed in grief yet lifted in deep thanksgiving, we honor the extraordinary life of Dr. Ashly John, who completed his earthly journey on 25th June 2025 at the age of 40. Born on 8th June 1985 in Chandigarh to Mr. John Lukose and Mrs. Aleyamma John, Dr. Ashly lived a life of deep faith, unwavering devotion, and sacrificial love. He served not only as a physician but as a vessel of God's compassion — a man who walked humbly, loved deeply, and gave wholly of himself.

We Weep Today

We weep today as friends, brothers and sisters, peers, colleagues, and coworkers in the Lord.

We stand in grief with your family and with all of us at Emmanuel Hospital Association (EHA). It has been a privilege to serve alongside you.

You loved God — and you wanted everyone around you to love Him with the same abandon, the same fire. You gave everything you had. Your deep faith and commitment led you down a path that many would not dare to take. You were a man who denied himself, took up his cross, and followed Jesus.

Thank you for showing us what that looks like.

A Life of Devotion

- Family:** You were a devoted husband. We know the hard times you and Arlene walked through as a couple and a family. You stood by them — with tenderness, patience, and courage. Your warm smile and your steady heart held them safe. **Thank you for setting an example for all of us through your fierce and faithful love for your family.**
- Work:** You exemplified wholeheartedness in all you did. You didn't just do your job — you gave yourself to your calling. You cared for people without the slightest hesitation. Whether someone needed a doctor, a nurse, an anaesthetist, a radiologist, or even a surgeon — you stepped in and served, using every skill God gave you. **You proved yourself a workman approved by God. You loved mercy, acted justly, and walked humbly with your God.**
- Impact:** You may never have fully known the impact you had. But we have seen it — in families restored, in bodies healed, in faith rekindled. Friends, peers, patients, colleagues, and communities have been changed because of your obedience and your love. **Your labor in the Lord is not in vain. We rejoice in the fruit we will see on your behalf.**

Mission and Legacy A Calling Embraced

After earning an MBBS from Government Calicut Medical College in 2008 and serving in Wayanad with the NRHM, Ashly pursued higher studies in anaesthesiology, eventually earning a DNB in 2018, his clinical path was one of excellence.

In 2021, Ashly and Arlene stepped into a deeper calling — joining Nav Jivan Hospital in Satbarwa, Jharkhand, as medical missionaries. They entered a region many had forgotten, where poverty was generational and dignity was rare. They saw Christ there and gave their life to the mission of their Lord.

By 2022, was appointed Managing Director; in 2024, he was appointed Managing Director. Through Ashly's visionary leadership, Nav Jivan Hospital was not just revived — it was reimagined. He dreamed of more — of a school for tribal children, where education would unlock dignity and transformation. Though he did not live to see it built, his dream remains alive, and it is now our task to carry it forward.

EHA Remembers

EHA was fortunate to have walked this journey with you. Your visionary leadership breathed new life into a hospital many had given up on. You embraced a call that took you far from comfort and safety. With a young family, you planted your life in hard soil — and God brought forth fruit.

We are proud of you, dear brother. And we are certain that our Lord welcomed you home with open arms.

Thank you for inspiring us to live boldly and to complete the work God has given each of us to do.

Personal Memories

- If there was anyone in EHA who knew how to swim, it was you. You would outpace the rest of us by at least ten laps in the RGB pool! We spent many happy times there — talking, laughing, dreaming. You had a zest for life and took joy in the simple things: a kurta and mundu, a shared meal, a good laugh. You lived fully — in your personal life, your family life, your work, and your walk with God.

Thank you for the conversations, for the meals, for the care you gave so freely, and for the strategies and dreams we shared for the future of Satbarwa and EHA.

A Costly Call

"Commitment to work in a mission hospital (North) is not enough — one should be willing to pay the cost of the Cross."

— Dr. Ashly John

You chose the way of the Cross, and your life bore the weight of that choice with grace, strength, and joy. You have shown us what it means to live a surrendered life.

EHA has lost a dynamic leader. Arlene has lost a husband. Mable and Caleb have lost their father. And we all have lost a dear friend and faithful servant of the Lord.

- But we promise — we will carry forward your legacy.
- We will stand by your family, Arlene, Mable, and Caleb.
- We will continue the work — with hearts strengthened by your example.

Rest Well, Ashly

- You were a gentle warrior, a faithful friend, a leader with vision, and a servant of Christ. Your life was a testimony. Your legacy is eternal.

We honor you. We miss you.

And by God's grace, we will finish the race you began.

"Well done, good and faithful servant."

— Matthew 25:21

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A worker who does not need to be ashamed

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

II Timothy 2:15 NKJV

Even as we grapple with the sudden loss of a beloved fellow worker, it is soothing to know that he is no longer 'a pilgrim and a stranger on the earth' but has reached 'the city with foundations, whose builder and maker is God'.

My acquaintance with Ashley began at medical college where though from different colleges, we had the privilege to mature in Christ through the Christian Medical Fellowship, Kerala. I was always amazed by the CMF leader from Calicut who found time not just to lead the fellowship but also to make friends through football and basketball, while doing well in studies. It was after internship that we shared the burden for the great need in North India, and we thought of starting a group where we could go and help out mission hospitals in turns while pursuing the PG entrance exam. Soon he got into DA while I joined Herbertpur as a JMO, thinking that the group had fizzled out. It was such a joy to receive a call from him 2 years down the lane, asking about the work at Herbertpur, and whether he could visit the place.

Thus started his saga with EHA. As a family they brought so much flavour to the community as well as to work that his time is still talked about at Herbertpur. Having spent 2 years there, he went to Ludhiana to pursue DNB while Arlene did her PG in Paediatrics.

With a heart that echoed with the burden in his Master's heart, he chose to go to Satbarwa at the end of his stint at Ludhiana. A jovial soul who found joy in the small pleasures of life, he was not one to mince words either. I remember being reprimanded by him for the way a situation was handled at our unit. But what kept him apart from all of us was his intense desire to kindle the fire in his heart for the lost. Even when medical work was overwhelming, he often wondered whether we are in the business of 'curing' or 'healing'. Our discussions would invariably have a challenge from him that it is not the number of surgeries done or MIs thrombolysed but the number of souls saved that really matters.

Somebody who literally sold himself out for His cause, he exemplified Paul's saying that he 'became all things to all men so that by all possible means he might be able to save some.' One who would never refer a patient, he would often put me to shame by the amount of medical work he was doing at Satbarwa. What many would not accomplish in a decade or more, he has already done in his short time there. Though himself being stressed, he was quick to advise me to take care of myself in a recent conversation. The last phone call we had 4 days ago was about managing an Ortho case in casualty. He ended the call commending me for a decision that I had made.

He was a worker who never had to be ashamed, approved of God. Though the void he has left all of a sudden is not going to be filled easily, he has left a legacy for all of us who are yet to finish the race to embrace and continue the good work that the Master has kept beforehand for each one of us. May each of us be at the end of the race – a worker who does not have to be ashamed, approved of God.

Dr Ajith Joseph Mathew

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Herbertpur Christian Hospital



Ashley John, together with his wife, Dr. Arlene Divya, and their children, Mable and Caleb.



Prayer Request

Please keep Dr. Arlene, Mable, and Caleb, and the extended family in your thoughts and prayers as they process this grief



A Glimpse of Fellowship Work in His Master's Service

नवजीवन अस्पताल के प्रबंधक डॉ. एशली जॉन का हृदयगति रुकने से निधन

उत्कल मेम संवाददाता

संवाददाता (पलामु): युवावस्था में ही नवजीवन अस्पताल के प्रबंधक डॉ. एशली जॉन (40 वर्ष) का हृदयगति रुकने से निधन हो गया। ये एक आधिकारिक निवेदन में पलामु के निवास करने वाले डॉ. एशली जॉन के निधन की खबर है। डॉ. एशली जॉन के निधन से अस्पताल और स्थानीय समुदाय में शोक की लहर दौड़ गई है। वे केवल के कोविड निवेदन थे और निराले तन पर से नवजीवन अस्पताल में निवेदन के पद पर कार्यरत थे। उनके एक साल के बच्चे और पत्नी का निधन हो रहा है।



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Local Newspaper Coverage of Dr. Ashley's John Passing on 26.07.2025