



Alisha – Shalom's brave young warrior



"My daughter bravely fought until the very end," says Raziya, Alisha's mother, with quiet strength as she reflects on her daughter's courageous battle with Lupus. Alisha was only 12 years and 8 months old when she passed away on 14 June 2026 due to complications from the illness.

Alisha's life was marked by many hardships. After losing her father to suicide in 2021, she lived with her widowed mother, who is currently battling thyroid cancer. Despite these challenges, Alisha was known for her joyful smile, resilient spirit, and determination.

Alisha first joined Shalom's Character Development Program in October 2024. She was later re-enrolled in the current batch along with her elder sister, who participates in Shalom's Life Skills Education Program. Their extended family is also connected to Shalom's Home-Based Care Program.

Alisha enjoyed spending her time at Shalom with her peers. "Alisha always came to Shalom on time with a big smile, eager to hug her teachers. She was attentive, sincere, and never missed a class unless she was critically ill," recalls Ankit, her teacher.

When Alisha began experiencing persistent fever and excessive fatigue, the medical team advised her mother to take her to a tertiary care centre in Delhi, where she was diagnosed with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE). As her health declined, she was forced to leave school, but she refused to stop attending Shalom. "Even on days when she was in severe pain and running a high fever, she fought with the family to be present at Shalom," her mother recalls.

Alisha processed her life's ups and downs at Shalom, and throughout her illness, Shalom walked closely with Alisha and her family by providing much-needed medical guidance and emotional support. When she felt frightened before undergoing many painful medical tests, her teachers at Shalom encouraged her, and she bravely undertook the tests. At Shalom, Alisha found a place where she felt heard, valued, and understood. Her mother said that Alisha loved Shalom because she felt safe there to share her deepest struggles with a team that truly cared for and supported her. Even during her admission to AIIMS after she became critically ill, her mother was constantly in touch with the Shalom staff.

Following Alisha's passing, Shalom stood alongside the family, offering comfort and conducting a memorial gathering with her friends. **As they remembered her, four words were repeated again and again: Brave. Committed. Loving. Warrior.**

Her sister shared, "She always memorised her Bible verses so seriously and recited them perfectly."

Though her time with us was brief, her courage, faith, and unwavering spirit have left a lasting impression on her family, friends, and the Shalom team. It was our privilege to journey alongside our brave young warrior.

Alisha fought the good fight and finished her race.

Highlights



Who We Are

Shalom Delhi works towards Healing, Health, and Wholeness. Established in 2001, it offers holistic care for people with life-limiting illnesses such as HIV, cancer, neurological diseases, and organ failure, serving marginalized communities with limited access to care.

Our Services:

Clinical Services: Inpatient and outpatient care for people with HIV, cancer, or other life-limiting illnesses.

Home-Based Care (HBC): Palliative support at home, offering symptom relief, monitoring, and counseling.

Transgender Program: Improving health and quality of life for transgender people living with HIV in Delhi.

Adolescent Program: Addressing challenges faced by adolescents in Shalom-supported families.

Kiran Livelihood Program: Skill training and livelihood support for women affected by HIV and cancer.

Palliative Care - Home-Based Care HIV (HBC HIV)

Praise Points

Praise God for:

- Two girls from Shalom's Invisible Girls Project (IGP) completed their 3-year General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) course at Herbertpur School of Nursing and have begun working in two of the EHA hospitals.
- Anuradha, a widow living with HIV, and her two sons are receiving their ART pension after persistent advocacy.
- Tashmeera's daughter, Madhu, living with HIV, is recovering after a suicide attempt.
- Ravi, the nephew of a widow living with HIV, being found safely after being kidnapped.
- Gulabsha, a Swedish Chamber of Commerce India (SCCI) scholar pursuing the Nursery Primary Teacher Training (NPTT) course, being offered an internship with SCCI upon completing her course.
- Sania from Shalom's Invisible Girls Project (IGP), pursuing 1st Year General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) at Herbertpur School of Nursing, securing 1st place in class.



Vandana and Komal with their GNM certificates



Babita (Shalom Team) helping Esther with GNM Application

Prayer Points

Pray for:

- Three Home-Based Care (HBC) families grieving the loss of their loved ones. Alisha (Lupus), Shyam Bihar (HIV with stomach cancer), and Vikas (Stomach cancer) passed away recently.
- Scholarship support through the Swedish Chamber of Commerce India (SCCI) for Mahera, Radhika, and Esther (IGP girls) to pursue higher education despite financial constraints.
- Afsana (transgender) and her family, who are constantly fighting with each other. Pray that they will understand each other.
- Laxmi, an adolescent girl living with HIV and orphaned, to adhere to ART and attend the Positive Girls Support Group.



Families Regional Get Together



Adolescent Class on Healthy Friendships



Adolescent Support Group

Palliative Care - Cancer and NCD

Praise Points

Praise God for:

- Provisional support was provided to 10 families affected by cancer,

Prayer Points

Pray for:

- Mehaboob (40 years), suffering from cancer of the buccal mucosa. He is experiencing severe pain and has been started on morphine.
- Usha Jain, suffering from metastatic breast cancer that has spread to her lungs. She is currently admitted to the hospital with high blood sugar levels.
- Shakuntala (55 years), suffering from cancer of the cervix - underwent a hysterectomy two months ago and is currently receiving chemotherapy and radiation therapy. She is experiencing severe treatment-related side effects.

- Three bereaved families grieving the loss of their loved ones. Ajeet (oral cancer - buccal mucosa), Heeralal (Neck cancer), and Shahnawaz (oral cancer - buccal mucosa) passed away recently.
- Bablu (50 years), suffering from cancer of the larynx. He is critically ill with an infection and ulceration at the tracheostomy site.
- Daud (42 years), with multiple myeloma, is currently undergoing chemotherapy.
- Pray for Ritika (14 years), suffering from leukemia. She is undergoing chemotherapy and is experiencing weakness and body pain.



Bablu



Mehaboob



Daud

Praise Points

Praise God for:

- Individual sales during this quarter that contributed to the artisans' income and livelihoods.
- Disha (daughter of a transgender woman) and her friend Janhvi joining the Kiran Skill Training Program.

Mother's Day Special

The Kiran Centre received an order to produce pouches as Mother's Day gifts. A total of 32 pouches were successfully handcrafted by the artisans and distributed to mothers as part of the Mother's Day celebration. This order provided valuable livelihood opportunities and additional income for the artisans while showcasing their skills and craftsmanship.



Crochet Rubber bands and key chains



Tailoring Classes & Mental Health Classes for Kiran Artisans

Prayer Points

- Pray for increased funding and additional donors to support and expand Kiran's livelihood program.
- Pray for the artisans' children as they seek employment opportunities that match their skills, interests, and aspirations.
- Pray for the health and well-being of the artisans and their families, as well as for their financial stability.
- Pray for new opportunities, partnerships, and orders for Kiran products so that the artisans can generate sustainable income.

New Product Launch

During this quarter, the artisans at the Kiran Centre designed and produced a new product - a laptop bag.



This initiative reflects their creativity and commitment to skill development while diversifying the livelihood program's product range. The new product has the potential to expand market opportunities and increase the artisans' future income.



Shalom Delhi is a unit of Emmanuel Hospital Association (EHA), a federation of hospitals and community development projects in North, Northeast, and Central India.

Spreading her wings through education

Radhika's story, in her own words:



"After losing my father to HIV at a young age, my mother struggled to raise me on her own. Without Shalom's support, I could not have completed my schooling. Shalom supported my education through school fees, stationery, and constant encouragement. Today, as I pursue my Nursery Primary Teacher Training (NPT) course with Shalom's continued support, I am filled with hope to pursue my dreams. I am deeply grateful to the Shalom team for making a significant difference in my life."

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