

Asharan Orphanage

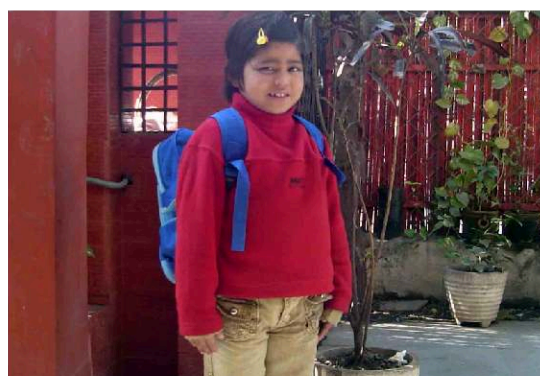
New Delhi

This has been a busy quarter for Asharan as we had new children join our midst and also some leave us for better lives and loving parents elsewhere. Let us share their stories with you.

Our New Children



We named the first baby of Asharan in its new premise, Jemimah which means 'little dove'. She is a symbol of a new start and came as an answer to the prayers for the orphanage.



Asharan has opened a drop-in center in East Delhi for the lost and abandoned children there. Anju and Arshi are the first children who came through the center. Arshi has a long story to tell and was very talkative. In contrast, Anju is quiet but her fractured leg tells us a lot. Her answers to most questions are 'I don't know'. But one thing is certain; both of them refuse to return home. Now, after a month, Anju's plaster has been removed. She loves being with the staff and children at Asharan. Every morning, she runs to greet the staff with a cute smile and a big hug. She enjoys playing with other children and loves the food that is prepared for all the children. It is a joy to see her change so fast.

Statistics

DETAILS	Boys	Girls	Total
No. of children at the start of October	5	8	13
Admissions	0	6	6
Restored to biological family	0	2	2
Indian Adoption (Interim Custody)	0	1	1
Non Resident Indian Adoption	0	1	1
International Adoption	0	2	2
No. of children at the end of December	5	8	13

Fond Farewells



Rumi and Reshma, siblings who have been with Asharan from January 2007 have been adopted by Sharon Hendricks. Their mother died on the streets and they came to our orphanage. They struggled with bad health in the beginning but recovered and enjoyed their time here at Asharan.



"I would stay here for a day and then return to my mom" is what 3 year old Shivani said when she first came to Asharan. But after all efforts to trace her family failed, she stayed with us for over a year. She was adopted by M Night Shyamalan and his family and left for her new home in the US on 14th December.



Tanvi longed for a family but her journey was painful and hard as she had Hepatitis B. She had to wait 2 and a half years before she could be adopted. She was taken in by a wonderful woman named Avis who had earlier adopted a girl from Asharan. Though it was difficult for her to leave everything she has known behind, she went happily to be with her new mother.

Though it is sad to part with these beautiful children who have enriched our lives, we wish them all the best with their new families. We are happy that they have found loving families to take care of them and give them better lives.