

MERRY CHRISTMAS



By Shivan

## GREETINGS FROM EL SHADDAI FAMILY

Wishing you a Christmas wrapped in joy and a New Year glowing with hope! As this beautiful season arrives, we send our warmest love and greetings to all our donors, sponsors, Trustees, and dear friends who stand beside us.

This year felt like a journey of grace, each day filled with small miracles; in our homes and shelters, children found laughter, women discovered strength, men regained dignity, and warm meals were shared like hugs on a plate.

As we celebrate this festive season, our hearts are deeply grateful for your steadfast support. Your kindness and generosity have carried our mission forward and brought hope to the children and communities we serve. Thank you for walking with us through every challenge and blessing because of you.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas and a joyful, healthy New Year ahead.

Anita & Matthew  
Co - Founders

Thank You



## Lend a hand. Build a home. Share a hope.

With your support, our Girls' cottage is nearly complete. The foundation is strong, the walls are up... only the final touches remain.

We now need help to finish the **interior work and beds**, so this building can finally become a safe, loving home where our girls can **sleep, study, work, and dream**.

If your heart leads you, please help us cross the finish line. Your kindness will help them not just have a roof, but a place to truly **belong**.



You can mail your cheques to us

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if you'd like to contribute building materials, beds, or furniture.

## A Journey from Loss to Light 'Raghvendra'

Our story began in Margao, at the Stepping Stones Day Care Shelter under El Shaddai. As children, my brother and I walked through those doors simply hoping for a little help, a meal, some guidance, a safe place. We didn't know then that those small steps would become the foundation of our entire future.

Life changed suddenly and painfully when our mother passed away. Her loss broke us. My brother, my father and I were left shattered, afraid and unsure of what tomorrow would bring. The world felt dark, and we didn't know where to turn. But in that darkest moment, El Shaddai stepped in like a ray of hope. They didn't just support us, they embraced us, protected us, and gave us a home. From the day care center my brother and I were moved to El Shaddai homes, where every basic need was not just met, but we were lovingly cared for. We received Education, Shelter, Clothing, Nutritious food, Guidance and discipline, Love, care, and emotional support!

Everything we had ever dreamed of, everything we had once feared we would lose, we found there. With their support, I continued my studies with dedication and completed my 10th and 12th. Every page I studied, every step I took, was strengthened by their unshakable belief in me. When it was time to build my own future, I carried the values, confidence, and strength that El Shaddai had instilled in me. I joined Hyatt Centric Candolim Goa as a trainee, nervous, excited, and determined to make the most of the opportunity. I worked hard, learned constantly, and held on to the lessons life had taught me. Today, I am proud to stand as the Team Leader of Front Office at the same hotel. Every achievement, every milestone, every success is rooted in the kindness, support, and love I received from El Shaddai. From a child with an uncertain future to a confident young leader. This journey is not mine alone; it belongs to my brother, to the people who believed in us, and to those who lifted us when we had no strength left to stand. El Shaddai didn't just change our lives...they became our family. And above all, we are deeply grateful to God, to Didi, and



to Dada, whose unwavering love and guidance shaped us into who we are today. Our story is one of loss, hope, resilience, and grace. A story that proves that even when life takes everything away, love and kindness can rebuild a future far brighter than we ever imagined.

Discover more inspiring stories  
of transformation like  
Shilpa's and Ragavendra's

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## HER JOURNEY BEGAN WITH HARDSHIPS, BUT HOPE GAVE HER WINGS ~ SHILPA RATHORE

"I, Shilpa Rathore, was born in Karnataka into a family facing significant financial struggles. My parents, though loving, were unable to provide me with the comforts and opportunities that every child deserves.

Unfortunately in order to support my family when I was very young, I was sent to be a house helper where I was not happy and life was difficult.

It was during this challenging period that I was introduced to El Shaddai Charitable Trust. At the age of 9, I found solace and refuge in El Shaddai, where I was given a chance to rebuild my life. The trust provided me with a safe home, offering food, shelter, clothing, and, most importantly, access to education. I thrived in this nurturing environment and completed my schooling until the age of fifteen.

El Shaddai further empowered me by providing an opportunity to pursue a career in hotel management through an internship, which I successfully completed over three years. This training laid the foundation for my professional journey, and I began my career with esteemed establishments such as Taj and Grand Hyatt Goa Resort.

Today, I am proud to work as a chef in the Maldives, a testament to the resilience and determination that El Shaddai helped instill in me. I am forever grateful to El Shaddai Charitable Trust for transforming my life, and offering me a chance to create a brighter future for myself. Their unwavering support has been instrumental in shaping the person I am today, and I will always be thankful for their kindness and generosity."



Because of you, children like Shilpa and Ragavendra found hope, courage, and a chance to rise. Thank you for being the reason their dreams have become a reality.