

NewsLetter

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My Journey

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My name is Bibek and I was born on 17 August 1996 in a hilly western region of Nepal called Lamjung: Shreebhanjyang Village Development Committee Ward no. 9, in Lamjung District.

My start in life was very difficult. My mother died due to a snake bite when I was in her womb at about seven months. After giving birth to me, she passed away. My father didn't care to look after me: "What will be will be, I won't care and look after him". When the news reached my grandmother from my maternal uncle's house, she decided to take care of me. My grandmother came to the place where I was born, and she left with me in her arms. All the villagers scolded and warned my grandmother saying "Why do you take this child with you? If some bad incident occurs, what will you do? You need to pay the costs if he passes away." But my grandmother didn't listen to their words, she just focused on my life and took responsibility for me.



11 years old. With brothers (Kiran and Pradip) and sister (Nilam). I'm standing beside my sister. 2007.

The condition of her family was not good. They had a hard time fulfilling the basic needs too (nutritious diet, good health facilities, good education, and clothing) because they didn't have enough land to grow. And getting a job was also difficult.

Later, in 2002, Slisha provided me with an educational sponsorship of NRs. 200 per month. And from April 2007, I became enrolled at Slisha Home. I was able to get an education up to grade 4 at Lamjung and my way of life changed after that.



10 years old. Playing with Sangeeta mom at Slisha Home. 2007

I was 10 years old, I was staying at Slisha Home and I was able to study further. This was literally beyond my dream. I had never and ever thought this would be possible for me. At Slisha Home, we were about 22 children from different districts (Lamjung, Rautahat, Ramechhap, Sindhupalchowk, Tanahun). At first, it was a hard time for me to be away from my grandmother, but at Slisha I got many brothers and sisters, and even a father and mother who took care of us like their own children. I had everything. All the basic needs for growth and physical development. I got a good education, a nutritious diet, good health facilities, and much more. I got the chance to get enrolled at a better private English school, i.e. the Conscience International Academy, Bhrikuti Secondary School. It was really hard to understand, read and write in English, but the tuition teacher helped us a lot in our studies.



13 years old. Painting on the wall. 2009.

With Dr. Yogi Bikashaanadha (Manokranti), I got the opportunity to be involved in meditation and yoga for improving health. Also, I got the opportunity to attend music class, art class, and other recreational activities like singing, dancing, playing indoor and outdoor games, and dramas. I learned many things with different volunteers from different countries like Switzerland (Sophie), Taiwan (Suling), America (Rachel), Ireland (Ellie, Ruth), Denmark (Rikke, Peter, Ida) and many more. I was able to pass SLC and +2 level education.



19 years old. Studying +2 level of education. 2015.

The most important turning point in my life was the change of my name. When I came to Slisha Home my name was Nirash, which means frustration and disappointment. Nobody felt happy by hearing my name. After my name was changed to Bibek, I myself changed a lot. I won second prize at a poem competition, which was organized by Sagarmatha Bal Griha. I participated in different art competitions organized by the Red Cross Society and different youth clubs. My art has also been selected for an art exhibition.

As per the rule of Slisha Home, we had to be independent after the completion of the study of +2 level of education. It was another turning point in my life. I started to work and continued my Bachelor of Education. At first, I used to work at a shop as a shopkeeper while I was studying for my 1-year level of bachelor's degree. Later, I worked at a school as a math and science teacher for about 5 years. After completing my bachelor's level education, I got the chance to be involved in Slisha/WAWCAS Program as a finance officer.

Literally, it was a very hard time for me to start in Slisha/WAWCAS Program. But I feel so grateful that I got such a good team and that everyone supported me to get better. I was trained in finance and accounting by Krishna sir and Sirish sir. I was also trained on how to communicate, how to reflect, and how to ask questions. They helped me a lot. And the other team members also helped me with the coordination and to be more familiar with the organisation. I got the financial management training which was a 3 days course.

Now, I'm feel much more comfortable and familiar with the work. I know no one is perfect, everyone is in the stage of learning, and I am also learning every day new things to build my confidence level and to get better.



Working at SLISHA as finance officer. 2023.

Had I not come to Slisha Home, I don't know what kind of situation I would have had to face and what kind of circumstances I would have had to go through. I am sure that I would not have had a good education which helped me get a direction in life. And I would not have had other basic needs too, like good clothing, health facilities, a balanced diet, and much more.

But this golden opportunity to be at Slisha Home changed my life drastically. I can identify and know the value of life. I am very thankful and grateful for all the love, affection, and care that I got when I was at home. I will never, ever forget all the things that I got. I am very thankful to Slisha which provides me with good work so that I can take care of myself. There are no more words within me to express my gratitude. I cannot explain it in words.

I was born for a purpose, and I am always trying hard to achieve that purpose.

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