

SUSAN AITCHISON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2016/ 2017



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The scholarship fund was set up in 2009 and supported 10 students to remain in the education system. During the 8 years we have supported 76 students. 21 have successfully completed with a University degree, 5 now have a Diploma and 4 have completed grade 10 in the education system, which would otherwise have been impossible for them. This September, at our annual student meeting, we invited all past and present students. It was an excellent meeting where our graduate students, now in employment, spoke of their experiences and gave strong words of encouragement to those still in the education system. It was rewarding to see so many, successful, young people, very grateful for the opportunity we have been able to give them.

Please excuse the cap and gown. They awarded me a doctorate of something--- this really belongs to all of you who give the support.

In 2016/2017, we supported a total of 44 students and paid to them the equivalent of £15,000.

On behalf of all the students we are helping, I thank everyone who has donated to the fund.

Thanks to the Lilly Foundation for their generous donation to the scholarship fund. Special thanks are due to those who have spent time and energy organising fund raising activities. Doris Hogan, in Belgium, yet again organised a very successful fund raising event. Prestwick Bridge Club organised their first fund raising event and I was lucky to spend a very enjoyable afternoon there.

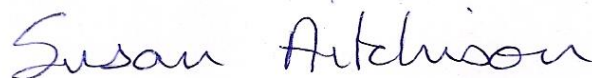
Special thanks also to Sarah Johnson, in America, who funded for some of our students to have their own computer.

Many thanks to our committees, June, Margaret and Morag in Scotland and Tefera, Habtamu and Teshale in Ethiopia. They all contribute their time to ensure the smooth operation of the fund.

For copy of the full report, information about our new students and information on the progress of our existing students, please visit our website --

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Many thanks to everyone.

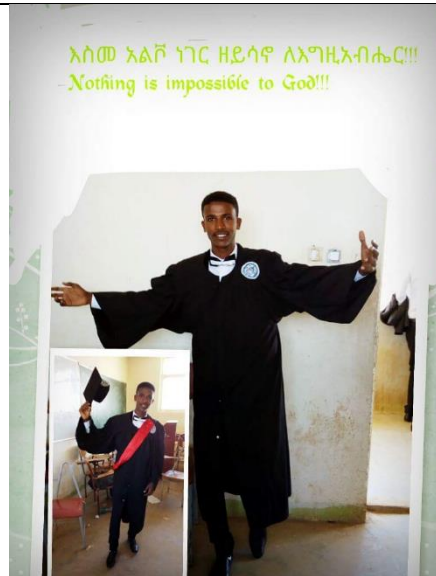
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2017 GRADUATES



SAMRAWIT MISGAN
Level 4 Diploma Clinical Nursing

BIKIS SETEGN
BA Management



KIBREALEM BISIT
BSc Nursing

CONTINUING STUDENTS at UNIVERSITY

23 of our continuing students are in the University system this year. It has been agreed that all these students will get a monthly payment of 600 birr with 2 performance related bonuses paying up to 400 birr each.



ADNA HABTU
Aged 21 Years
DEBERE MARKOS UNIVERSITY
Economics
2nd. Year



YENGUSIE MEKONEN
Aged 23 years
AXUM UNIVERSITY
Engineering
5th. Year



FIKER GETA BAYE
Aged 22 years
ADIGRAT UNIVERSITY
Civil Engineering
4th. Year



ABAY TESFAW GESESE
AGED 20 years
MEDA WELABO UNIVERSITY
Nursing
3rd. Year



DAGNACHEW MELKNEW
AGED 22 years
HARMAYA UNIVERSITY
Software Engineering
4th. Year



ESHETU TELEGNE
Aged 21 Years
BAHIR DAR UNIVERSITY
Management
3rd. Year



FRIHIWOT WOLDE
Aged 21 Years
DEBRE BIRHAN UNIVERSITY
Geography and Environmental Studies
3rd. Year



HZBALEM TEKEBA
Aged 20 Years
GONDAR UNIVERSITY
Geography and Environmental Studies
3rd. Year



GETNET ADANE
Aged 22 Years
DEBRE MARKOS UNIVERSITY
Softwear Engineering
2nd. Year



ANGUACH FENTIE
Aged 21 Years
JIJIGA UNIVERSITY
Engineering
2nd. Year



TEDDY W/GABRIEL
Aged 21 Years
WOLLO UNIVERSITY
Architecture
1st. Year



DEMEKE TESFAW
Aged 20 Years
WOLLO UNIVERSITY
Engineering
1st. Year



DINKU AYENEW
Aged 24 Years
ADIGRAT UNIVERSITY
Agriculture
1st Year



EZRA TSEGANEW
Aged 23 Years
AMBO UNIVERSITY
Management
1st. Year



GETAHUN FENTAW
Aged 24 Years
GONDER UNIVERSITY
Engineering
1st. Year



TIBEBU AMHA
Aged 21 Years
BAHIRDAR UNIVERSITY
Engineering
1st. Year



HIWOT MULUGETA
Aged 21 Years
AXUM UNIVERSITY
Marketing
3rd. Year



TILAYE ADNEW
Aged 20 Years
MEKELE UNIVERSITY
Vetinary Medicine
2nd. Year



MAREG ABEBE
Aged 19 Years
RAYA UNIVERSITY
Computational Science
1st. Year



MEKONNEN CHASE
Aged 23 Years
GONDER UNIVERSITY
Law
1st. Year



NURUHUSIAN UMER
Aged 21 Years
WOLLO UNIVERSITY
Engineering
1st. Year



SALEAMLAK BISETEGN
Aged 19 Years
BAHIRDAR UNIVERSITY
Management
1st. Year



TADESSE BIRHANU
Aged 26 Years
SEMERA UNIVERSITY
Accounting
2nd. Year

COLLEGE STUDENTS

6 of our students are at College this year.

Tewolde was at Metu University last year but became unwell and left the course. At this point his support from us stopped. This year he has started a tour guiding course at the local college and is also doing a management course by distance learning. It has been agreed to restart his support. All the students are supported with 600 birr per month.



ASHENAFI YIMAN
Aged 19 Years
LALIBELA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
Front Office
2nd. Year



GASHAW MEKONEN
Aged 18 Years
LALIBELA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
Front Office
2nd. Year



CHERNET GETAY
Aged 20 Years
ALAGE AGRICULTURAL
COLLEGE
Plant Science
1st. Year



TEWOLDE MELKAMU
Aged 20 Years
LALIBELA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
Tour Guiding
1st. Year



GETAYE BELAYE
Aged 26 Years
ALKAN COLLEGE, BAHIRDAR
Accounting
1st. Year



MALEFIA MERSHA
Aged 21 Years
ALKAN COLLEGE, DESSIE
Accounting
1st. Year

CONTINUING STUDENTS SCHOOL

We have 10 continuing students still in the school system.



HABTEMARIAM EZRA BERHANIE
Aged 17 years
HIGH SCHOOL
GRADE 10



BETHLEHEM DEBASH
Aged 19
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GRADE 7



LEMLEM SHUMEYE
Aged 19
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
GRADE 12



GETACHEW ZEMENE
Aged 22
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
GRADE 12



YOHANNES SHAMBLE
Aged 11 Years
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GRADE 3



LIDIYA TADESSE
Aged 11 Years
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GRADE 6



BIMREW DEBASH
Aged 15 Years
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GRADE 8



BIZUYE TSEGAWU
Aged 18 Years
HIGH SCHOOL
GRADE 9



TIGIST ADNEW
Aged 16 Years
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
GRADE 11



RAHEL BIRHANU
Aged 14 Years
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GRADE 8

All the students are supported with 600 birr per month.

NEW STUDENTS

MULUGETA SETEYE Aged 20 Years



Mulugeta is from a very poor family in the village of Dibuko. He is one of 8 children. His father is a farmer and, when young, he helped his father with the animals. There was no money to support his education and he moved to Lalibela in order to find work as a labourer. The money he made supported him and his education. In the grade 10 national exams, he scored straight As and was awarded a certificate of very great distinction. Teachers at the preparatory school helped him through grades 11 and 12 by giving him pens, paper and often buying him a cup of coffee or tea. He did well in the grade 12 national exams and is now studying engineering at Addis Ababa Institute of Technology. It has been agreed to support him with 600 birr per month.

MENGISTU YIMAN Aged 17 Years

Mengistu is from the village of Erfa, 35 Km from Lalibela. He is one of 7 children. His family are subsistence farmers. The reason I came to Ethiopia was to help start a school in the village of Erfa. Mengistu was a student in the very first grade 1. Without a school in the village, Mengistu probably wouldn't have accessed any education and would have lived his life as a farmer. He is now in Lalibela, in grade 12, and hopes to go to university next year. He walks home every weekend and brings food back to keep him for the week.

He needs money to pay for a rent room while at school. It has been agreed to support him with 600 birr per month.



The Bude Methodist church, in England, are continuing their sponsorship of young people studying in the medical field. The Susan Aitchison scholarship fund is managing payments to the students on their behalf.

BIRHAN MELESE BELETE Aged 20 Years

Birhan is now in her 3rd. year studying medicine at St. Paul's Hospital, which is a teaching hospital attached to Addis Ababa University. She is doing exceptionally well and is enjoying her work.



BIRHANU HAILU DEMISSIE Aged 18



Birhanu is from a small village called Debuko. His family are subsistence farmers and have no money to support him. He has gone through the school system by working as a labourer when not at school. In the grade 10 National exams, he scored straight 'A's and was awarded his certificate with 'very Great Distinction'. He did exceptionally well in his grade 12 National exams and has now started studying Anaesthesia at Gonder University.

YALEW ABEBAW TESHOME Aged 22Years

Yalew is also from a very poor family in Debuko. He completed to grade 12 this year but just missed out on a university place. He has started training to be a Health Officer at the Alkan College in Dessie.



SEFIE KELEMU Aged 22 years



Sefi is from a village called Sorba which is 30 Km. from Lalibela. She is one of 6 children and has elderly, very poor, parents. She completed her elementary education in Sorba. Her parents then wanted her to marry a local farmer that she didn't know. Sefi did not want this and wanted to continue with her education. She therefore moved into Lalibela and has managed to complete grades 9,10, 11 and 12. Unfortunately she did not get a place at University. She is now in her 2nd. year of nurse training at Medical College in Dessie