

# SUSAN AITCHISON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2017/ 2018



Annual September meeting with Susan, Tefera (chairman of committee) and Teshale (fund organiser)



Welcome Ben Abeba lunch for students with Teshale

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Once again, we held a meeting in September 2018 and most of our students were able to attend. This gives the students a chance to meet, discuss and share their experiences.

In 2017-2018 we supported 46 students and paid to them the equivalent of £12,600. The students have been receiving 600 birr per month since the fund started which is approximately £18. It has been agreed that the payments this year are increased to 700 birr (£21).

6 students graduated from University this year. One has been privately sponsored through the fund and has achieved his Masters degree in Management. Many thanks to Pat who has agreed to keep supporting the other young people on the fund. 4 students have been awarded their BA degrees. Yengusie has graduated with a BSc in Construction Technology after 5 years of study. In her spare time, she has been studying for a degree in accounting! This won't be completed until June 2019 and we have agreed to continue her support for this year.

3 of our grade 10 students were unsuccessful in gaining a place in preparatory school. Habtemariam Ezra decided not to continue education and has now left the fund. Mengistu Yiman and Lemleme Shumye have both started at college and we will continue to support them.

Thanks to everyone's generosity, we have been able to accept 6 new students into the fund. This means we are supporting 46 students in 2018-2019. Please accept the grateful thanks of all the students. You are making a huge difference to the hopes and aspirations of these young people.

The fund could not operate without the team of people who give their time to ensure the smooth operation. Many thanks to June, Margaret and Morag who keep everything running in Scotland and to Tefera, Habtamu and Teshale who look after everything in Ethiopia. Thanks also to Simon, in London, who donates his time and his computing skills to keep the website updated.

*Susan Aitchison*



BIRHANU TEFAYE  
MSc Management



ESHETU TEGEGNE  
BA Management



HZBALEM TEKEBA  
BA Geography and  
Environmental Studies

## CONGRATULATIONS to the 2018 GRADUATES



FRIHIWOT WOLDIE  
BA Geography and  
Environmental Studies



HIWOT MULUGETA  
BA Marketing and  
Management



YENGUSIE MEKONEN  
BSc Construction  
Technology and  
Management Engineering

## CONTINUING STUDENTS at UNIVERSITY

20 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 700 birr with 2 performance related bonuses paying up to 400 birr each.



ABAY TESFAW GESESE  
AGED 21 years  
MEDA WELABO UNIVERSITY  
Nursing  
4<sup>th</sup> Year



ADNA HABTU  
Aged 22 Years  
DEBERE MARKOS UNIVERSITY  
Economics  
3rd Year



ANGUACH FENTIE  
Aged 22 Years  
JIJIGA UNIVERSITY  
Engineering  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year



DAGNACHEW MELKNEW  
AGED 23 years  
HARMAYA UNIVERSITY  
Software Engineering  
5<sup>th</sup> Year



DEMEKE TESFAW  
Aged 21 Years  
WOLLO UNIVERSITY  
Engineering  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year



DINKU AYENEW  
Aged 25 Years  
ADIGRAT UNIVERSITY  
Agriculture  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year



EZRA TSEGANEW  
Aged 24 Years  
AMBO UNIVERSITY  
Management  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year



FIKRU GETA BAYE  
Aged 23 years  
ADIGRAT UNIVERSITY  
Civil Engineering  
5<sup>th</sup> Year



GETACHEW ZEMENE  
Aged 23 Years  
ARBA MINCH UNIVERSITY  
Engineering Science  
1<sup>st</sup> year



GETAHUN FENTAW  
Aged 25 Years  
GONDER UNIVERSITY  
Engineering  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year



GETNET ADANE  
Aged 23 Years  
DEBRE MARKOS UNIVERSITY  
Software Engineering  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year





**MAREG ABEBE**  
Aged 20 Years  
RAYA UNIVERSITY  
Mathematics  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year



**MEKONNEN CHANE**  
Aged 24 Years  
GONDER UNIVERSITY  
Law  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year



**MULUGETA SETEYE**  
Aged 21 Years  
ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY  
Electrical Engineering  
2<sup>nd</sup> year



**NURUHUSIAN UMER**  
Aged 22 Years  
WOLLO UNIVERSITY  
Engineering  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year



**SALEAMLAK BISETEGN**  
Aged 20 Years  
BAHIRDAR UNIVERSITY  
Management  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year



**TADESSE BIRHANU**  
Aged 27 Years  
SEMERA UNIVERSITY  
Accounting  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year



**TEDDY W/GABRIEL**  
Aged 22 Years  
WOLLO UNIVERSITY  
Architecture  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year



**TIBEBU AMHA**  
Aged 22 Years  
BAHIRDAR UNIVERSITY  
Engineering  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year



**TILAYE BISET**  
Aged 21 Years  
MEKELE UNIVERSITY  
Vetinary Medicine  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year

## COLLEGE STUDENTS

8 of our students are at College this year.

2 of the students we supported at school, Lemleme and Mengustu, unfortunately did not achieve the required mark to move to University. They have both joined college and we will continue their support.

All the students will get 700 Birr per month.



ASHENAFI YIMAN  
Aged 20 Years  
LALIBELA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL  
Front Office  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year



CHERNET GETAY  
Aged 21 Years  
ALAGE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE  
Plant Science  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year



GASHAW MEKONEN  
Aged 19 Years  
LALIBELA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL  
Front Office  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year



GETAYE BELAY  
Aged 27 Years  
ALKAN COLLEGE (BAHIR DAR)  
Accounting  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year



LEMLEM SHUMYE  
Aged 20 Years  
ALKAN COLLEGE (BAHIR DAR)  
Accounting  
1<sup>st</sup> Year



MALEFIA MERSHA  
Aged 22 Years  
ALKAN COLLEGE (DESSIE)  
Accounting  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year



MENGISTU YIMAN  
Aged 18 Years  
DEBRE TABOR FEKEDE COLLEGE  
Economics  
1<sup>st</sup> Year



TEWOLDE MELKAMU  
Aged 21 Years  
LALIBELA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL  
Tour Guiding  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year

## CONTINUING STUDENTS at SCHOOL

We have 7 continuing students still in the school system.



**BETHLEHEM DEBASH**  
Aged 20  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
GRADE 8



**BIMREW DEBASH**  
Aged 16 Years  
ADDIS ABABA CISTERCIAN  
SECONDARY SCHOOL  
GRADE 9



**BIZUYE TSEGAU**  
Aged 19 Years  
HIGH SCHOOL  
GRADE 10



**LIDIYA TADDESSE**  
Aged 12 Years  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
GRADE 7



**RAHEL BIRHANU**  
Aged 15 Years  
HIGH SCHOOL  
GRADE 9



**TIGIST ADNEW**  
Aged 17 Years  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL  
GRADE 12



**YOHANNES SHAMBLE**  
Aged 12 Years  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
GRADE 4



## NEW STUDENTS

ADDIS BIRARA Aged 18 Years



Addis is from a poor farming family in Galasot which is a small village about 35 Km from Lalibela. It is a family of 8 boys. The oldest 6 boys have not had education and all work as farmers. Addis is in grade 10 at secondary school in Lalibela. He scored good marks in grade 9. His ambition is to study medicine.

It has been agreed to support him with 700 Birr per month.

BIRHAN ZEWDU Aged 21 Years

Birhan is from Bilbala, 30 Km. from Lalibela. He has 3 brothers and 3 sisters. He is the middle child. His parents divorced when he was 5 years old. The father gives no support and the mother doesn't keep well and cannot work. Birhan had a year out of school due to financial problems. The school then offered support with uniform and school materials. He has now reached Bahir Dar University and has completed first year of a degree in civil Engineering. He is struggling financially at University and is asking for help. He passed the school national exams with 'great distinction' and has passed his first exams at University 'First class with distinction'.



It has been agreed to support him with 700 Birr per month.

HANA BEDRU Aged 20 Years



Hana lived in Addis Ababa but when her father died, 6 years ago, the family moved to Lalibela. She has 1 brother and 2 sisters. All the children attend school. Her mother works as a daily labourer and struggles to support all the family. Often, they go to school without having had any food. Hana has been finding it financially difficult at University. Hana is studying Textile Engineering at Bahir Dar University and is now in her second year.

She relies on her friends in the dormitory giving her old clothes and materials for University. It has been agreed to support her with 700 Birr per month.



## NEW STUDENTS

TADISO FENTAW Aged 20 Years

Tadiso is from the village of Degosach and is disabled from the waist down. He started his education in the village and after grade 2 moved to Lalibela. He passed his grade 10 national exams with 'very great distinction'. He is now in grade 12 in the preparatory school and hopes to go to University next year.

It has been agreed to support him with 700 Birr per month.



YIRGA HABTE Aged 13 Years

Yirka is the 4<sup>th</sup>. of 5 children. There are 8 people in the house—5 children +parents+grandfather. They had a farm in a village called Lewz, close to Lalibela. The government took a lot of the land and the farm is now too small to support the family. They were given compensation, but this is now all gone. The older children have had no education. They work on the land and as daily labourers when the work is available. Yirka sometimes must miss school if work is available for him. He wants our help to stay in the education system. He was ranked 2, in his class, in the grade 4 exams. He is now in grade 5.

It has been agreed to support him with 700 Birr per month.



ZURIASH ABEBE Aged 15 Years

Zuriash's parents are divorced and the father gives the family no support. The mother works as a daily labourer. There are 9 staying in the house. Zuriash is obviously very clever and has an ambition to study medicine.

She is now in grade 9 at the High school in Lalibela.

It has been agreed to support her with 700 Birr per month.



The Bude Methodist church, in England, is continuing its 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 21 Years



Birhan is now in her 4<sup>th</sup>. 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. The photograph was taken when she was doing paediatric training.

BIRHANU HAILU DEMISSIE Aged 19



Birhanu is now in his second year at Gondar University. He is studying Anaesthesia.

YALEW ABEBAW TESHOME Aged 23Years



Yalew is now in his second year at Alkan College in Dessie. He is studying to become a Health Officer.

SEFIE KELEMU Aged 23 years



Sefi is now in her 3<sup>rd</sup>. year of nurse training at medical college in Dessie.