

BEWUNETU ALEM



From Rural Hardship to Healing Lives

I am writing this as a thank you to everyone who is involved with the Susan Aitchison scholarship fund.

I was born in a rural village called Kedelit in Geter Media Kebele. I began my education with determination but with very limited resources. When I reached secondary school, I had a 2 1/2 hour walk each way. In addition to the travelling, there was little money to support me and I suffered from many health problems including debilitating headaches which continued into my first year at University.



After completing Preparatory school in Lalibela, I was accepted to Salale University to study BSc nursing. University life brought new pressures.....academic intensity, financial strain and ongoing health concerns.

To survive, I did tutorial work with students and daily labour jobs when available.

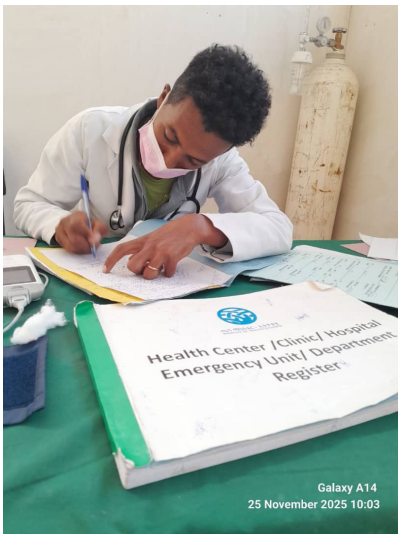
Everything changed when I was accepted into the Susan Aitchison scholarship fund. For 4 years I received continuous financial support which allowed me to concentrate on my studies

I completed my university studies with — —

CGPA of 3.96

Highest performing student at Salale university

Awarded a gold medal in BSc Nursing



Today I work as a professional nurse at Lalibela Health Centre, serving the same community where my journey first felt uncertain.

I am now married and am the proud father of a beautiful daughter.



The money from the scholarship fund changed my life forever. In addition to working in the community, I will work in any way I can with the scholarship fund committee to support the students who are now receiving help.