

# SUSAN AITCHISON SCHOLARSHIP FUND



September 2024 student meeting

With Teshale, Fund Manager

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Unfortunately, there is still unrest in the Amhara Region which makes the support we give to the students even more important. I hoped to attend the student's meeting in September but it was still impossible for me to attend. Teshale organised and conducted the meeting himself. I am delighted that 40 of our students managed to attend.

We started in September 2023 supporting 51 students. Abbey Desale made the decision to leave the education system and is no longer being supported by the fund. Three of our students graduated from University. We therefore had 47 continuing students. It was agreed to accept one new student into the fund. This means we started in September 2024 supporting 48 students. 11 students are in University, 12 at College and 25 are in the school system.

The Ethiopian Government made the decision to devalue the Ethiopian Birr. Last year the exchange rate was 63.34 Birr to the pound. At the moment, the exchange rate is 152 birr to the pound. Because of this, we have increased the student monthly payments from 1,100 Birr to 2,000 Birr. This is still the equivalent of approximately £18 per month. I am aware it is little but it is enough to enable the students to remain in the education system. Last year 769,040 birr was distributed which is approximately £12,000.

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 Joan who keep everything running in Scotland and to Tefera, Habtamu and Teshale who look after everything in Ethiopia. Welcome to Sandra who has agreed to join the Scottish committee thus giving a more youthful input to the decisions made. Thanks to Getnet for the support he gives to the Ethiopian committee. Thanks also to Simon, in London, who donates his time and his computing skills to keep the website updated. Thanks to Isobel for verifying our annual accounts.

Many thanks for all the support you give to the fund. The number of young people we can support is directly related to the money we have in the bank.

*Susan Atchison*

## CONGRATULATIONS to the 2024 GRADUATES



GETNET ADANE  
MSc.  
Software Engineering



FIKRTE MELKNEW  
BSc.  
Clinical Pharmacy

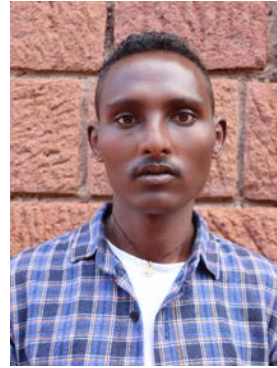


BEWUNETU ALEM  
BSc.  
Nursing

## STUDENTS in UNIVERSITY



**HAILU WENDIMNEW**  
Gondar University  
5th. Year  
Law



**TSEGANEW TELAKE**  
Woldia University  
4th. Year  
Economics



**AWEKE ADDISE**  
Woldia University  
4th. Year  
Computer Science



**TEWODROSE MOGOES**  
Woldia University  
3rd. Year  
Law



**MOGES HABTAMU**  
Debark University  
3rd. Year  
Agro Economics



## STUDENTS in UNIVERSITY



**GETU BISET**  
Woldia University  
2nd. Year  
Bio Technology



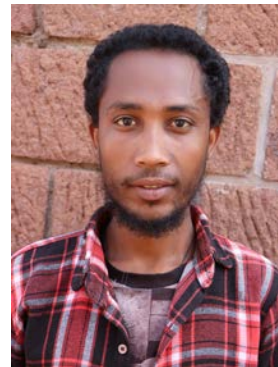
**ADDIS BIRARA**  
Debretabor University  
2nd. Year  
Computer Science



**BIMRU DEBASH**  
Kotbie University  
2nd Year  
Leadership and  
Management



**GETASEW AYALEW**  
Bahir Dar University  
2nd. Year  
Material Science and  
Engineering



**MOGES FENTAW**  
Woldia University  
2nd. Year  
Pre - Engineering

## COLLEGE STUDENTS

This year, we have 9 students attending College full time



**BIZUYE TSEGAW**  
Alkan College  
Debra Markose  
3rd. Year  
Accounting



**DESTAYE MOLLA**  
Dessie Dream College  
2nd. Year  
Accounting



**TRINGO ABERA**  
Yeju College  
2nd. Year  
Accounting



**TIGIST NEGA**  
TVET College  
2nd. Year  
Agriculture



**BETELHEM DEBASH**  
TVET College  
2nd. Year  
DataBase level 4



**RAHEL BIRHANU**  
TVET College  
2nd. Year  
DataBase level 4



**DAGEM SHIMELES**  
College degree programme to  
move into  
Computer Science



**GETASEW DESTAYE**  
College level 4  
1st. Year  
Computer Science



**YORDANOS MULATE**  
College level 4  
1st year  
Database



PREPARATORY SCHOOL Grade 12



LIDIYA TADESSE



GASHAW BIRARA



MEKIDES MULUYE

PREPARATORY SCHOOL Grade 11



YIRGA HABTE



TESFA ABEBE



GEBEYA ADANE



MESERET AMARE

HIGH SCHOOL Grade 10



TAFETU KASSA



SELAMAWIT MAREG



TEMESGIN NEGASISAY

HIGH SCHOOL GRADE 9



EYOB BIRHANU



MAHLET TESFAYE



## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



**KIRIWOYNA ABEBE**  
Grade 8



**YOHANNES SHAMBEL**  
Grade 8



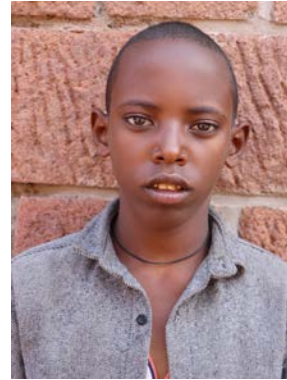
**REDEAT ASEFA**  
Grade 8



**BIRKU MENGIST**  
Grade 8



**ASREBEB TAREKE**  
Grade 8



**CHERNET FENTAYE**  
Grade 8



**YALEW SEWBIHON**  
Grade 7



**YISAQ MOLLA**  
Grade 6



**TAMRU JEGNIE**  
Grade 6

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



MELKAM ALEMU  
Grade3



YIHANSE TADESSE  
Grade3



BIRUK MENBERE  
Grade 3



MEYA MELKAMU  
KG 2

## NEW STUDENTS

### TEMESGEN BAYE



Temesgen is from the countryside near Lalibela.

His father is a farmer and his mother is a housewife. He has 2 brothers and 1 sister who have never accessed education.

Temesgen completed grade 12 but did not score high enough marks for access to University.

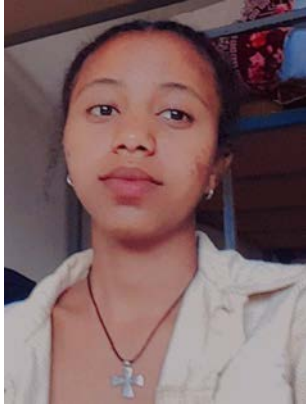
He joined Alkan University in Bahir Dar to study nursing. He found himself unable to cover the expense and was having to leave the education system.

We have agreed to help fund him through the remainder of his course. He will be supported through the Bude Methodist Church funding.



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.

ZURIASH ABEBE



ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY  
2nd. Year  
Dental medicine

TIGIST ADNEW



Dessie College of Tropical Medicine and  
Science  
5th. Year  
Pharmacy

FETLEWORK MEKONEN



North East College  
2nd. Year  
Laboratory Practices

TEMESGEN BAYE



Alkan College, Bahir Dar  
2nd. Year  
Nursing