

# Ethiopia

## In Memoriam

### REMEMBERING OUR PRECIOUS COLLEAGUES

This issue is dedicated to our colleagues who tragically lost their lives on March 10, 2019.



Sara  
Chalachew



Sintayehu  
Aymeku



Getenet  
Alemayehu



Mulusew  
Alemu

## Sara Chalachew

SEPTEMBER 6, 1983 – MARCH 10, 2019

Sara Chalachew was born in Hawassa to Frewoini Haile and Chalachew Melese. She spent her elementary and high school years in Hawassa, and graduated from Hawassa University in 2006 with a degree in accounting. She moved to Addis Ababa in 2009 to further her career. A finance expert, she was completing her Masters degree and only had a few more steps before she was chartered. She recently worked as Senior Project Officer for grants.

Sara was a devoted daughter, sister and friend. She truly lived life to the full through simple pleasures, chatting with friends and family, travelling, snacking, having fun and spending time with her nearest kin. She was a pillar of strength to her all her family members who survive her – her mother, sisters, brother and grandmother.

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Sara enjoying time by the lake in Hawassa where she was born.

# Sintayehu Aymeku

FEBRUARY 20, 1974 – MARCH 10, 2019

Sintayehu Aymeku was born in Addis Ababa, the oldest child of Aymeku Ayane and Kelkay Eshete. A procurement professional, he received his Masters degree from Aspen University, USA. After completing his education, he worked in Washington, DC, as a Business Project Development Officer until 2014.

He came back for his family and resumed work in Addis Ababa with various international organizations until he joined CRS in 2016 where his latest position was Procurement Manager.

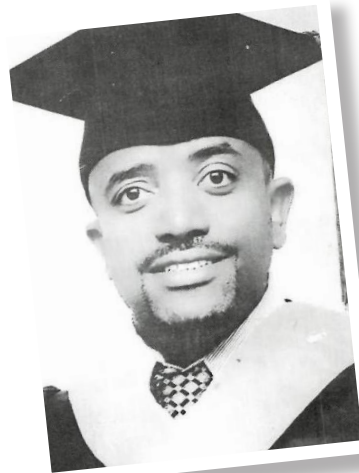
He dearly loved his family and he is survived by his wife, Helen Tilahun, whom he married in 2004, and his three daughters: Yom, and the twins Tsinat and Bement Sintayehu. He is also survived by his mother and siblings.

Sintayehu was known for his calm demeanor. Family, friends and colleagues were often heard saying about him: “Never a bad word came out of his mouth.”

“My husband is my life I do not prefer to go anywhere leaving behind even his cemetery,” says his widow Helen Tilahun. He is dearly cherished by all his family, friends and colleagues.



Sintayehu relaxing at the CRS Ethiopia Christmas party.



Sintayehu had a Masters degree and aspired to climb the career ladder even higher.

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***“My husband is my life.”***

— Sintayehu's widow, Helen Tilahun  
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## SARA CHALACHEW

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The strong love she had for her mother residing in Europe was not hindered by time or distance. She truly loved to help people. She was most often seen with packed foods in her hands to go and visit the poor and the sick. She lived and obeyed her religious beliefs and practices by loving others. “She would always feed me first before she ate,” says her long-time friend and colleague Sophanit Getachew.

On that fateful morning, on the way to the airport, she did what she loved most for the last time: giving out food to the poor!



Sara relaxing in her home.

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***“She was so caring, honest, kind and patient, and a positive thinker.”***

— Sophanit Getachew, friend and colleague  
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# Getenet Alemayehu

OCTOBER 9, 1968 – MARCH 10, 2019

Getenet Alemayehu was born in Addis Ababa to Alemayehu Wondemagenehu and Bizunesh Tolla. The only boy in the family, he is dearly loved by his mother and one elder and four younger sisters.

He married Rahel Libskal in 2001. On October 12, 2002, their only daughter, Nuhami Getenet, was born. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts in 2006 from Addis Ababa University and worked for various international organizations. He started working for CRS in 2009 and his recent position was Senior Project Officer for Procurement and Compliance.

He is survived by his wife Rahel, daughter Nuhami and his mother and sisters. Getenet enjoyed spending time outdoors with his daughter, hanging out with friends and having fun. He energized everyone close to him with his sense of humor.

Getenet loved his family. “He always said nice things about his family wherever he went,” says his wife, Rahel.

“He loved to sit among us and enjoyed listening to our loud chats,” says his younger sister, Ferehiwot Alemayehu.

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***“He always said nice things about his family wherever he went.”***  
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— Getenet’s widow Rahel Libskal



Doing what he loved to do: entertaining staff. Getenet’s sense of humor brightened the day.



Colleagues said Getenet was usually seen walking around smiling at everyone.

# Mulusew Alemu

FEBRUARY 2, 1980 – MARCH 10, 2019

Mulusew Alemu was born in Dessie, to proud parents Alemu Abi and Aregash Tesfaye.

He attended high school at W/ro Siheen school in Dessie and obtained a degree in accounting from Addis Ababa University in 2013.

Mulusew took pride in working as an auditor for various professional auditing firms before joining CRS in 2015 as Finance Officer. His recent position was Senior Finance Officer.

Mulusew is survived by his mother, Aregash Tesfaye, his sisters Meseret, Berhane and Fetlework, and his brother Beza.

He loved his family selflessly; when his late father was sick he went the extra mile to the extent of sacrificing his career and requesting a resignation to attend to his dad.

“He always bought something that he thought would please me and knelt down and asked me to put my hands on him and bless him,” says his elder sister Meseret. “He was an angel in disguise,” she added.

Many of his friends and family agree that he was a man who never raised his voice to anyone and was a kind-hearted human being.

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***“He was an angel in disguise.”***

— Mulusew’s elder sister Meseret  
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Top: Mulusew (second from right) with CRS international colleagues in Nairobi. Above: Good times with colleagues: Mulusew in front (left) with Sintayehu behind him.



Taking a selfie!



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