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Reading of Life Story (English/Amharic)..... ሳሚ ላቀው/ Samuel Lakeou

Message from a friend/ቃል ዓርኪ

.....Brook Lakew/ብሩክ ላቀው

Message from DEHAI Community

ቃል ማሕበረ-ሰብ ደሃይ(ብትግርኛ)

ቢንያም ተኸለ/Biniam Tekle

ጊዴዎን ኣባይ/Ghidewon Abay

Acknowledgements & Announcements

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Samuel Lakeou

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DR. EPHREM TEKLE

(OCTOBER 5, 1956 – NOVEMBER 11, 2013)

Dr. Ephrem was born on October 5, 1956 to his parents the late Ato Tekle Ukbayohannes Malu and Weizero Yihdega Ghebreselassie Woldetensae in the town of Kombolcha, North-Central Ethiopia. He started his elementary schooling at the Collegio La Salle in Asmara, Eritrea and completed middle school at the Sandford English (Community) School in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. For High School he went to the prestigious General Wingate Secondary School in Addis Ababa. In the mid 1970s, after the start of the Revolution, Ephrem left Ethiopia for Djibouti and continued to France where he made several life-long friends. In 1979, he immigrated to the United States settling in the Washington Metropolitan area.

The diligent student that he was, he was a recipient of the Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) program at the University of District of Columbia (UDC) for four years, which enabled him to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry (Summa Cum Laude, 4.0 GPA). He continued with his graduate education, first at Georgetown University and then transferred to the University of Texas at Arlington earning a Master of Science degree in Chemistry and a Ph.D. in 1989. Ephrem's Ph.D. was in Physical Chemistry. Ephrem then joined the staff at National Institutes of Health's (NIH) Biochemistry and Biophysics Center in Bethesda, Maryland where he was tenured in 1997 and worked there until his untimely passing. He was loved and respected by his colleagues.

On July 1, 2000, Dr. Ephrem joined Ms. Elizabeth Negussie in Holy Matrimony and on October 21, 2001 God blessed them with a precious gift, their son Nathan. By his devotion to Nathan, Ephrem was an exemplary father to many.

Ephrem was truly a polymath person. Though a physical chemist by training, he was also an Engineer and an avid programmer. In addition to these intellectual achievements, Ephrem was also a wonderful human being.

No adjectives are sufficient enough to describe him. He was a loving and devoted son, husband, father and brother, a dedicated and diligent scientist, a humble and modest servant of his Eritrean-American community, as well as a kind and patient friend and an outstanding mentor. He was a man of integrity and honor who stood firmly to his principles. He was also an avid photographer, blessed with the patience to wait until he gets the right perspective, good lighting and the right moment.

Besides devoting his time to his family and especially to Nathan, Ephrem's dream for retirement was to start a Mathematics and Science Academy in Eritrea to inspire future scientists and mathematicians. He believed scientists are made early on and they should be groomed starting at the middle school. Alas, the Creator's plan for him turned out to be different and he suddenly left us on November 11, 2013.

Ephrem is preceded in death by his father Ato Tekle in 1995. He is leaving behind his mother Yihdega, his wife Elizabeth and his only son Nathan. He is also survived by his sisters Tsehay, Almaz, Maaza, and Ghebriela and his brothers Samuel, Yonas, and Tedros and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Ephrem was uniformly loved and respected by people who crossed paths with him – family, social friends and professional colleagues. He will be dearly missed by all as well as his world-wide Dehai-Eritrea Online community whom he selflessly served for nearly two decades. The void Dr. Ephrem leaves behind is hard to fill but his gentle and humble spirit will live on forever.

So long beloved Ephrem rest in peace.

November 19, 2013

EULOGY FOR A UNIQUE FRIEND

We meet here today to honor, pay tribute, express our love and admiration, and bid farewell to Ephrem. In doing so, we hope we can comfort his family who have been deeply hurt by his untimely death.

Words are simply not enough to describe the inextricable wisdom and grace of a gentle giant like Ephrem. He lived a quiet and simple life; he gave so much to his family, his community, his friends, and his work and asked for very little in return.

He was exceptionally unique, humble, modest, kind, and selfless person. There is a saying in Tigrigna (Ephrem's mother tongue) that roughly translates: a name is a clue. His parents, inspired by the Almighty, named their first son, Ephrem, which in the Hebrew language (also in Tigrigna and Amharic) means fruitful or productive. That was exactly what Ephrem was: a doubly-triply productive and hard working person.

Ephrem was not only an excellent scientist, but also an engineer, an excellent web developer, and system administrator, a community volunteer, an aspiring photographer, and a big dreamer. Frankly many of us have no sufficient adjectives to describe Ephrem. Ephrem the student and Ephrem the scientist was dedicated and devoted seeker of truth. He talked, walked and lived science. The pursuit of knowledge for Ephrem was a continuous endeavor and proved that to the last breathe of his life. Ephrem was not a man of small ideas; though he lived and worked in the small-scale world of molecules he also loved the bird's eye view and the big picture. His passion for quality education was also unmatched. He believed, if we wanted to make scientists out of children, we need to inspire them before their high school years. As such his retirement dream was to start a science and mathematics center in Eritrea.

Ephrem was also a dedicated servant to his community and people. He worked without saying much and by completely shunning the trappings of applause and lavish praises. Without a doubt the level of his dedication and contributions to his fellow Eritreans demanded endless accolades, but that was not Ephrem.

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In the ongoing struggle to transition our society to the digital age, Ephrem has left an indelible imprint. His dedication to our society's effort to establish communication channels and forums essential for its members has been unprecedented. One can see these entire distilled in one world—DEHAI-Eritrea Online Community. For over two decades Ephrem was the body, soul and spirit of DEHAI.

Ephrem was the quintessential gentleman, a friend you could lean on at all the odd hours of the day. He was an advisor and a cherished confidante who will be greatly missed. He was a doting father and every conversation centered on his beloved son Nathan and through his exemplary love and care he has taught us how parents in general, but particularly fathers should take care of their children.

We will miss our conversations, his shy laughter and his wisdom and guidance. With time, the pain of losing Ephrem might lessen, but not our love and respect. We are all lucky to have known and worked with Ephrem for all these years and our lives are now richer for having him as a friend, colleague and compatriot.

It would be impossible to detail what Ephrem meant for us as members of the Eritrean community in the Diaspora in these few minutes, but for now it suffices to say that the legacy he has left us in DEHAI will inspire many young Eritrean men and women at home and abroad to strive for higher levels of contributions to their respective communities abroad as well as the homeland.

It is unfortunate that such veneration has to be expressed at a time when we say farewell. But as the saying goes the life of those who depart is in the memory of those that are left behind, we will cherish and find solace in the great memories he left behind and in the source of inspiration he was.

From his DEHAI-Eritrea Online Family

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(5 ጥቅምቲ 1956 — 11 ሐዳር 2013)

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ብትምህርቱ ንኡድን ትጉህን ብምንባሩ ነቲ ካብ ዩኒቨርሲቲ ዋሽንግተን ዲሲ ንብሉጻት አፍሪቃውያን አሜሪካውያን ዝውሃብ ብMinority Access to Research Careers (MARC) ዝፍለጥ ናይ አርባዕተ ዓመት ማህደራ ትምህርቲ ረኺቡ 4.0/4.0 አምጺኡ ብዝልዓለ መዓርግ ብስነ-ቕመማ (ኬሚስትሪ) ብዲግሪ ተመሪቑ። ናይ ድሕረ-ምረቕ ትምህርቱ ንምቕጻል ፡ ብዩኒቨርሲቲ ጆርጅታውን ጀመሩ ናብ ዩኒቨርሲቲ ቴክሳስ አብ አርሊንግተን ተቐይሩ ናይ ማስትሪይትን ናይ ዶክትሬት ዲግሪታት ረኺቡ። ናይ ኤፍረም ዶክተሪይት ብፊዚካል ኬሚስትሪዩ ነይሩ። ድሕሪ ትምህርቱ፡ ብ1989 አብቲ አብ ቦተስዳ (ቤተ-ሳይዳ) ሜሪላንድ ዝርከብ ናይ ኤን.ኣይ.ች (NIH) ማእከል ባዮኬሚስትሪን ቦዮፊዚክስን ስራሕ ጀመሩ። ስጋብ ዕለተ-ዕርፍቱ ኸአ ብትግሃትን ተወፋይነትን ሰራሑ። ኤፍረም ከም ናይ ስነ-ፍልጠት ሊቅ፡ አብዚ ሒዶት ሊቃውንቲ ጸለምቲ ዝርከብዎ ማእከል እናሰርሐ ኸሎ ብመሳርሕቱ ብኣድናቕትን ፍቕርን ይነብር ነይሩ።

ኤፍረም አብ ባሕቲ ሓምለ 2000 ፡ ምስ ወ/ት ኤልሳቤጥ ንጉሰ ቃል ኪዳን አሲሩ። አምላኽ ንሓዳሮም ብፍረ-ኸርሲ ባሪኽዎ ኸአ ፡ ብ21 ጥቅምቲ 2001 ንናታን (ነይቱ) ወዶም ወሊዶም። ኤፍረም ቦቲ ንነይቱ ዝነበሮ ፍቕርን ሓልዮትን ንኹሎም ዝፈልጥዎ አብነታዊ ወላዲ ነይሩ።

ኤፍረም ኩልንተናዊ ብልሕን ክእለትን ዝተዓደለ ሰብዩ ነይሩ። ዋላጔ እቲ አብ ቤት ትምህርቲ ዝተማህሮ ስነ-ቕመማ (ኬሚስትሪ) ይኹን፡ አብ ልዕሊኡ ብሓርኩትኩቱ ዘማዕበሎ ፍልጠት፡ ብሉጽ መሃንድስን ተወዳድሪ ዘይነበሮ ናይ ኮምፒውተር ክኢላንዩ ነይሩ።

ብቸንዱ ግን ኤፍረም ከም ሰብ ሕያዋይን ለዋህንዩ ነይሩ። ንምግላጹ ዝበቐዑ ቅጽላት ዘይርከብዎ፤ እሙን ውላድ፡ ሓልዲን መፍቅርን ኣቦን በዓል ሓዳርን፤ ተመኒኻ ዘይርከብ ሓውን ብጸይን ነይሩ። ብጸዕሩን ትግሃቱን ኣብነታዊ ሊቅ፡ ትሑት፡ ምቕሉል፡ ደኸመን ተሓሊለን ዘይወጸ ኣገልጋሊ ህዝቡን ሃገሩን፤ ኣብ ዝኣመኖ ወለቕ-ዘለቕ ዘይፈልጥን፤ ኣብ መትከሉ ጽኑዕን ነይሩ። ብተወሳኺ እታ ዝበለጸት ስኢሊ ንኸረክብ ኢሉ ዝበለጸ ማእዝንን ህሞትን ብዓቕልን ትዕግስትን ዝጽበ ክኢላ ሰኣላይዩ ነይሩ።

ባህጊን ትምኒትን ኤፍረም ኣብ ዝሓጸረ እዋን ጥሮታ ወጺኡ ግዚኡ ንስድራቤት፡ ብሕልፊ ግን ንናታን ክውፊ ምስኡ ድማ ካብቲ “ናይ ስነ-ፍልጠትን ሓሳብን ሊቃውንቲ ክትረክብ ተደሊኻ ፡ ተማህሮ ኣብ ማእከላይ ደረጃ ከለዉ ኣኳሊምካ ክትጸልዎም ኣሎኻ” ዝብል እምነቱ ተበጊሱ ፡ ንኤርትራ ኣትዩ ናይ ስነ-ፍልጠትን ሓሳብን ማእከል ክከፍትዩ ነይሩ። እንተኹን፡ ፍቓድ ፈጣሪ ኹይኑ ፡ ንስራሕ ምስ ወጸ ከይተመልሰ ፡ ብሃንደበታዊ ሕማም ብ11 ሕዳር ፡ 2013፡ ኣብ ቤት-ሳይዳ ፡ ሜሪላንድ ዓሪፉ።

ኤፍረም ነኣሶኡ ነብስሂር ኣቶ ተኸለ ዑቕባዮሃንስ ስዒቡ፡ ኣብዛ ግናይ ዓለም ንወላዲቱ ወ/ሮ ይሕደጋ ገብረስላሴ፡ ንመርዓቱ ወይዘሮ ኤልሳቤጥ ንጉሱ፡ ነቲ እንኮ ወዱ ናታን፡ ከምኡውን ን4 ኣሓቱ፡ ጸሃይ፡ ኣልማዝ፡ ማኣዛን ገብርኤላን፡ ን3 የሕዋቱ፡ ሳሙኤል፡ ዮናስን ቴድሮስን፡ ንኢያሎይ ካብ ልቢ ዝፈትውዎ ኣዝማድን የዕሩኸን ንድሕሪት ሓዲጉዩ ዝሰናበተና ዘሎ።

ኤፍረም ብኸሉ ብዝምድና፡ ብዕርክነት፡ ብስራሕን ሃገራውነት ዝተላለይዎ ንኡድን ፍትዊንዩ ነይሩ። ኤፍረም ኣብ ልቢ ኩሎም ዓጽመ-ስጋን ፈተውትን፡ ብሕልፊ ኸኣ በቲ ንኣስታት 20 ዓመት ብደሃይ ኣቢሉ ዝገበሮ መዘና ዘይብሉን ዘይርከቦን ተወፊይነት ዝተጠቐሙ ኣብ ልቢቶም ኣብ ምሉእ ዓለም ዝርከቡ ኤርትራውያን ዓቢ ሃንፍ ሓዲጉዩ ዝሰናበተና ዘሎ። ብስጋ ደኣ ይፈለዩኖምበር እቲ ምቕሉል መንፈሱን ታሪኹን ንወርትግ ኣብ ልብና ነባሪዩ።

ደሓን ኩን ፍቱው ኤፍረም። ኣምላኽ ኣብ ገነቱ ይቀበልካ።

ሓላል ዝኸሪ ንሓላል ብጸይ

ንኤፍረም ዝመስል ሓላልን ፡ በዓል ሓላል ታሪኽን መሰናበቲ ዝኸውን ቃላት ክትረክብ ሓያልዮ። ንሓልዮት ፍቕሩ፡ ንጽፊት ስርሑ፡ ንብልሒ ኣእምሮኡ፡ ንዘይጽንቀቕ ዓቕሉ፡ ንህዱእ ኣካይድኡ፡ ምቕሉል ተወፍይነቱን ፡ ኣብነታዊ ሃገራዊነቱን ዝበቐዑ ቃላትውን የብልናን። “ሽም ይመርሕ ጥዋፍ የብርህ” ከም ዝብሃል፡ እታ “ኤፍረም” ትብል ቃል ፡ ብቋንቋ እብራይስጥን፡ (ዋላ ብትግርኛን ካልኣት ኣዝማይም ሴማውያን ቋንቋታትንውን እንተትኸውን)፡ “ብዙሕ ዘፍሪ፡ ፍርያም” ማለትያ። ኣማን ብኣማን ፡ ኤፍረም ፡ ስርሑ ዝምስክረሉ፡ ብዙሕ ዘፍረየ ፡ ሰፊሕ ልቦናን፡ ዓሚቑ ፍልጠትን ዝተዓደለ ርጡብ ብጸይዮ ነይሩ።

ኤፍረም ፡ ሃሙን ቀልቡን ፡ ንስራሕ እምበር ንዝና ኣድሂቡ ዘይፈልጥ ፡ ካብቶም እግርኻ ስጋብ ዝርብርብ ከይድካ፡ ዓይንኻ ስጋብ ዝጥንቁር ደሊኻ ዘይርከቡ፡ በጻብዕቲ ዝቐጸሩ ፍሉያት ሰባትዮ ነይሩ። “ረኣዩለይ ስምዑለይ” ከይበለ፡ ብምቕሉል ትግሃትን በዘይተጉላባ ልቢን ንህዝቡን ሃገሩን ዘገልገል ምሩጽን ብሉጽን ወዲ ህዝቢ። ኤፍረም፡ ኣብዚ ሕብረተ-ሰብና ናብቲ ከም ቋሕ-ሰም ዘየላቡ ናይ ድጅታላዊ ዘበነ ሓበሬታ ንምስግጋር ዝግበር ዘሎ ቃልሲ፡ ዘይሃስስ ኣስር ገዲፉዩ ዝሓልፍ ዘሎ። ናይዚ ኣስርዚ ገጽር ኣብነት ደሃይያ።

ኤርትራውያን ፡ ጽምዋ ሓበሬታ ከይብሕተና፡ ንዳርጋ ዕስራ ዓመታት ደምበ ሓበሬታ ደሃይ ከየጸመወትን ከየባተኸትን ንክትቅጽል፡ “ከቢዱኒ፡ ረብረብ፡ ኣብርዮኒ” ዝብላ ቃላት ከይወጽኣኣ ፡ ስጋብ ዕለተ-ዕርፍቱ ከቢድ ሓላፍነት ጸይሩ ኣሓንቂቐና። ኣብ ውሽጥን ኣብ ደገን ዝርከብ ኤርትራዊ ፡ ብዛዕባ ሃገሩን ኩነታቱን እዋናዊ ሓበሬታ ክሰንቕን ፡ ምእንቲ ሃገሩ ክሕለቕን ፡ ክምክትን ዘኸእሎ መድረኽ ዝመድመደን ዘጣጥሐን ጻዕረኛ ዜጋዮ። ድሃይ ዝኣክል ፡ ዓስርተታት ኣሾሓት ዝሳተፍሉ መኣዲ ሰረዑ ዓንጊሉና። በዚ ንማይ-ቤት ደሃይ ዝጸረ ፡ ነቕ ዘይብል ዓንዲ ማእከልን ጸዋር ገመልን ነይሩ።

ብቲ ኻልእ፡ ኤፍረም ፡ ለይቲ ይኹን ቀትሪ ተኣማሚንካ ክትድገፈሉ ትኸእል ጽኑዕ ጸግዲዩ ነይሩ። ናይ መብዛሕትና ብደሃይ ኣቢልና እተፋለጥናዮ፡ እሙን ዓርኪ ፡ ርጡብ ኣማኻሪን፡ መዘና-ኣልቦ መሳርሕትንዮ ነይሩ። ብሕልፊ ብሕልፊ ፡ ብቲ ንነይታን ዝነበሮ ኣባታዊ ፍቕርን ሓልዮትን፡ ልቢ ኹልና ማሪኹ፡ ናይቲ ወለዲ ምስ ደቆም ክህልዎም ዘለዎ ርኽብ ዘይርሳዕ ኣርኢያን ኣብነትንዮ ነይሩ።

እቲ ኤፍረም ንድሃይ ዘበርከቶ ርጡብን ጽፉፍን ሞያ ብደቓይቕ ጸብጺብካ ዘይውዳእ ፡ ኣውዲሉ ዘሕድር'ዩ። እቲ ሓዲግዎ ዝኸይድ ዘሎ ሃጓፍውን ማንም ክትክእ ይክእል'ዩ ኢልካ ዘይሕለን'ዩ። እንተኸኣ ፡ እቲ ኣረኪቡና ኸይዱ ዘሎ ሕድሪ፡ ንነፍሲ ወከፍና ፡ ክኸውን ክኸውን ግን ንመንእሰያት፡ ኣብ ትምህርቲ ትግሃት፡ ኣብ ስራሕ ጽፈት፡ ንሃገርን ህዝብን ብትሕትናን ምቕሉልነትን ምግልጋል ከኣ ርእሲ'ምበር ጭራ ከምዘይገብረካ፡ ይምልኣልካ'ምበር ካብ ዝኸኣ ይኹን ዘየጉድለካ ሓላል ህይወት ምጃኑ ዓቢ ትምህርቲ'ዩ።

ከምቲ ዝብሃል ፡ ህይወት'ቶም ቀዲሞምና ዝሓለፉ ፡ ብዝኸራ'ቶም ዝተረፍና'ዩ ዝቕጽል። ስለዚ ብኣብነታዊ ዝኸሪ ህይወቱ ንጸናናዕ። ዝኸበርኪ ኣደይ ይሕደጋ፡ ክብርቲ ኤልሳቤጥ፡ ክቡራት ዓጸመ-ስጋን ፈተውትን፡ ኣምላኽ ኣኸእሎ ይሃበና። ልዕሊ ኹሉ ግን ኣምላኽ ንናታን ዕድመን ጥዕናን ሂቡ ፡ ናይ ኣቦኡ ብልሕን ክእለትን ዓዲሉ፡ ክንዲ ሽሕ ይግበረልና።

ሰናይ ዕርፍቲ ብጻይ ኤፍረም፡ ደሓን ኩን።

ካብ ናይ ደሃይ ቤተሰቡ

ዶ/ር ኤፍረም ተክሌ

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ዶ/ር ኤፍረም ተክሌ በጥቅምት 5 ቀን 1956፡ በወሎ ክፍለ-ሃገር ፡ በኮምቦልቻ ከተማ ፡ ከአባቱ ከአቶ ተክሌ ዑቁባዮሓንስ ማለፍ ፡ ከእናቱ ወ/ሮ ይሕደጋ ገብረሥላሴ ወልደትንሣኤ ተወለደ። ዕድሜው ለትምህርት እንደ ደረሰ የአንደኛ ደረጃ ትምህርቱን ለመከታተል ወደ አስመራ ፡ ኤርትራ በመሄድ ፡ ኮሌጅ ላላለ በሚባለው አዳሪ ትምህርት ቤት ለአንድ ዓመት ተማረ። ከዚህ ብኋላ ወደ ኢትዮጵያ ተመልሶ፡ አዲስ አበባ ከሚገኘው ሳንድፎርድ የእንግሊዝ ኮሚኒቲ ትምህርት ቤት እስከ 8ኛ ክፍል የለውን ትምህርቱን ካጠናቀቀ በኋላ ፡ በጀነራል ዊንጌት ትምህርት ቤት ፡ የሁለተኛ ደረጃ ትምህርቱን ተከታትሎ፡ የኒቨርሲቲ ለመግባት በመዝጋጀት ላይ ሳለ፡ በኢትዮጵያ በተፈጠረው የኦብዮት ሁኔታ ምክንያት፡ ኢትዮጵያን ለቆ ፡ በጅቡቲ በኩል ወደ ፈረንሳይ አገር እንዲሰደድ ተገደደ። በፈረንሳይ አገር በነበረበት ጊዜ ፡ በርካታ ለዕድሜ-ልኩ የሚያስቡለት ጓደኞች ለማግኘት በቅተዋል። በ1979 ከፈረንሳይ አገር ወደ አሜሪካ መጥቶ ፡ ኑሮውን በዋሽንግተን ዲሲ አካባቢ መሰረተ።

ለትምህርት በነበረው ከፍተኛ ጉጉትና ችሎታ በዋሽንግተን ዲሲ የኒቨርሲቲ ተመዝግቦ ባስመዘገበው አስደናቂ ውጤት ለአራት ዓመታት ገነኛውን፡ የማርክ MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers) እስከላርሽፕ በማግኘት፡ በከፍተኛ ውጤት በኬሚስትሪ በቢ.ኤስ ዲግሪ ተመርቀ። የድሕረ-ምረቃ የኬሚስትሪ ትምህርቱ ፡ በጆርጅታውን የኒቨርሲቲ ጀምሮ ስያበቃ፡ በኋላ ወደ የኒቨርሲቲ ኦፍ ቴክሳስ አት ኦርሊንግተን ተዛውሮ ፡ በኬሚስትሪ የማስትረይትና የዶክትረይት ትምህርቱ አጠናቀቀ። በ1989 ቤተሰብ (ቤተ-ሳይዳ) ሜሪላንድ ከሚገኘው የኤን.አይ.ች (NIH) የባዮኬሚስትሪና የባዮፊዚክስ ማእከል ውስጥ ስራ ጀመረ። ብ1997 ላሳየው አኩሪ የሥራ ውጤት የሚያንጸባርቅ የቴንዩር ዕድል አግኝቶ፡ በሥራ ባልደረቦቹ አድናቆት ያተረፈ ሲሆን ፡ እስከ ዕለተ-ዕርፍቱ የኤን.አይ.ኤች ሠራተኛ ሆኖ በታታሪነት ሲሰራ ነበር።

በሐምሌ 1 ቀን፡ 2000 ፡ ዶ/ር ኤፍረም ከውድ ባለቤቱ ከኤልሳቤጥ ንጉሴ ጋር በቃል-ኪዳን ተክሊል ትዳር መስርተው በእግዚአብሔር ፍቃድ ወንድ ልጃቸውን ኔቱን ብጥቅምት 21፡ 2001 አትርፈዋል። ኤፍረም ለልጁ ለኔቱ በነበረው ፍቅርና፡ ያደርግለት በነበረው እንክብካቤ ለብዙ አባቶች በአርአያነት የሚወሰድ ነው።

ኤፍረም የነበረው የዕውቀት ጥማት ወደር አልነበረውም። በተማረው ትምህርት ፡ በኬሚስትሪ፡ ብቻ ሳይወሰን፡ በማሃድሰነት ሆነ ብኩም፣ጥፋተር ጥያቄዎች ጭምር የነበረው የዕውቀት ደረጃ አስደናቂ ነበር።

ኤፍረም ከሰው ጋር በነበረው መግባባትና ፡ ለሰው በነበረው ትህትና፡ የብዙዎችን ፍቅርና አድናቆት ያተረፈ ሲሆን፡ እንደ ልጅ፡ እንደ ባለቤት፡ እንደ አባት፡ እንደ ወንድም ይጠበቅበት የነበረውን ኃላፊነት ሁሉ ሳያቋርጥ ያሟላ ፡ የሁሉንም ታማኝ አገልጋይነቱን በጸጋ ተቀብሎ የሚኖር ደግ፡ ትዕግስተኛና ትሑት ሰው ነበር።

ከዚህ አልፎ፡ በመላ ዓለም የተሰራጨው የኤርትራ ዳያስፖራ ባጠቃላይ፡ በአሜሪካ ለሚገኘው የኤርትራ ማሕበረሰብ ደግሞ በተለይ፡ በደሃይ የኦንላይን ማሕበረሰብ (DEHAI Eritrean Online Community) በኩል ያበረከተው ወደር የሌለው አገልግሎት ለመቼም ቢሆን የሚረሳ አይሆንም። ኤፍረም ለቆመላቸው ዕላማዎች ሁሉ ሳያመነታና ሳይታከት እስከ ዕቅዱ ግብ ደረሰ የመጓዝ ተሰጥዎ ነበረው። ይህ ተሰጥዎም ደግሞ በሠራቸው ሁሉ ይንጸባረቁ እንደነበሩ የሚያቁት ሁሉ የሚመሰክሩለት ሐቅ ነው። በተጨማሪ ፡ ኤፍረም ፎቶግራፍ ለማንሳት የነበረውን ፍቅር የሚያቁት ሲገልጹ፡ አንዲት ፎቶግራፍ ለማንሳት፡ ይወስደው የነበረ ጊዜና፡ ያደርገው የነበረው ልዩ ጥንቃቄና ያሳየው የነበረው ትዕግስት የኤፍረም ረጋ ያለ ልዩ ጠባዩ የሚገልጽ ግሩም ምሳሌ ነው።

ኤፍረም የጡረታ ዕድሜው ሲደርስ ለማሳካት ከነበሩት ዕቅዶች አንዱ፡ የወደፊት ሳይንቲስቶችና የሒሳብ አዋቂዎች መመልመያ የሚሆን ፡ የሒሳብና የሳይንስ ማዕከል በኤርትራ ውስጥ መመስረት ነበር። “ሰው ያስባል፡ እግዚአብሄር ይፈጽማል” እንዲሉ፡ ይህ ህልሙ በዕለተ-ዕረፍቱ ሕዳር 11 ቀን 2013 ተረስቶ የሚቀር ሳይሆን ለወደፊት የሚሳካ እንደሚሆን የሁላችን ምኞትና ጸሎት ነው።

የኤፍረም አባት አቶ ተክሌ ዑቁባዮሐንስ ብ1995 ያረፉ ቢሆንም፡ ኤፍረም ፡ እናቱን ወይዘሮ ይሕደጋ፡ ባለቤቱ ወይዘሮ ኤልሳቤጥ፡ አንድ ልጅ ኑቱን፡ እንደዚሁም አራት እህቶቹ ፣ ጸሐይ ፡ አልማዝ፡ ማዕዛና ገብርኤላ፡ ወንድሞቹ፣ ሳሙኤል ዮናስና ቴድሮስ ፡ እንዲሁም በርካታ የቅርብና የሩቅ ዘመዶችና ጓደኞች በዚች ቀን ሊሸኙት ተሰልፈዋል።

ኤፍረም ፡ ለደሃይ የኤርትራ የዓለም ዓቀፍ ህብረተሰብ ለ20 ዓመታት ሳይታከትና ሳያቋርጥ ያደረገው ወደር የለሽ አገልግሎት ለሚከተሉት ከባድ ኃላፊነት ትቷል፡ ሆኖም ግን ራዕዩ ለዘልዓለም ይኖራል።

ሰላም ዕረፍት ውድ ኤፍረም። ጌታ ብዝሃቱ ይቀበልህ።

A Poem of Remembrance



Think Of Me

I am not gone,
I never left,
Though through your tears,
You were bereft,
For I am waiting,
In the room next door,
Where one day we'll be together
Forever more.
Think of me in a flower,
Think of me in the rain,
Think of me when you hear,
The larks' sweet refrain,
Enjoy the warm sunlight,
I'll chase away the cold,
Cherish what we shared,
And your heart will never grow old.
For this is my love, That I bestow on you,
To be always there,
In what ever you do,
Walking in the breeze,
Or watching the clouds sail by
Just remember me,
I never did die.

- Andrew Grubersk

Pall Bearers

SAMUEL TEKLE

GHEBREHIWET G/YOHANNES

YONAS TEKLE

SAMUEL LAKEOU

TEDROS TEKLE

MAEREG TADESSE

Don't Grieve For Me Now I'm Free

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone will stay that way,
I found that peace at close of day.
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I, too, will miss.
But not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life has been full, I've savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all to brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief,
Lift up you hearts and share with me,
God wanted me now,
He set me free.

~Author Unknown

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ካብ ርሑቕን ቀረባን መጸእኹም፡ ናይዚ መሪር ሓዘና ተኻፈልቲ ኩይንኩም፡
ንዝገበርኩምልና ምጽንናዕን ፡ ንዘርእኹምና ሓልዮትን ኩሉ ካብ ልቢ
እናመስገና ፡ ሕሰም ኣይትርከቡ ንብል።