

PRISONER PROFILE

Prisoner Name: **Mussie Yemane**

Location: **Eritrea**

Arrested: **October 2006**



Arrest and background

Christian worker Mussie Yemane (pictured) was arrested in October 2006 and has now been in prison in Eritrea for more than 11 years. His wife, Senait, who served for a period of time as an evangelist with the Kale Hiwot church, had to flee the country because of her church activities.

When someone is persecuted such as being imprisoned because of their faith in Christ, his or her family also suffer. With their father in prison and their mother forced to live outside Eritrea Mussie and Senait's children have had to be cared for by their grandparents in Eritrea. Mussie's father-in-law has also spent time in Me'etr prison for his faith and had to have his leg amputated due to poorly controlled diabetes. Mussie's brother Semere also spent 10 years in prison for his faith, before being released just over a year ago.

Prior to his arrest Mussie worked alongside Aregaheign Weldeslassie, an Eritrean-born American citizen who came as a missionary to Eritrea with his family. Aregaheign served as Director of The Nehemiah Project in Asmara, helping to train and equip pastors for ministry.

A long-term supporter of the Eritrean struggle for independence during his time in the US, Aregaheign possibly believed his support for the government would help keep him safe and allow him to continue in ministry in his beloved Eritrea. He was in his early 60s when he was taken from his home and detained by security officers in 2006. Mussie and Aregaheign worked closely together and both were passionate about serving the Church in Eritrea.

Like thousands of others who have been imprisoned in Eritrea, Mussie and Aregaheign have never been charged. It is extremely difficult to get up-to-date information about specific prisoners in Eritrea and there has been very little news about either of these men. Aregaheign is imprisoned in Karsheli prison and Mussie remains incarcerated in the 5th police station, Asmara.

They need our prayer and support.

PRAY:

1. Thank God for sustaining Mussie this far. Pray that he will delight in being known to God as His precious son.
2. For Mussie's and Aregaheign's release and that they will remain faithful to the Lord during these difficult times. Pray for physical, mental and spiritual health.
3. Pray for good health and God's provision for the grandparents.
4. Please pray also for Senait and the children and that the whole family will be reunited very soon.

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