

*Afewerki shows
a picture of his
wife Fekadu with
their daughter.
Inset: Afewerki
and his family.*



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Afewerki Negassin's wife, Fekadu, and their son were arrested after attending a prayer meeting. Afewerki was also later arrested. They were imprisoned locally, then in remote Mektel-Abet, where temperatures regularly exceed 40°C. Prison conditions were poor and prisoners were often beaten. 'All the women were ill, especially my wife. She didn't eat or drink for a week, and after my release it was three months after her death that I heard that she'd died after being denied treatment for an unspecified illness,' says Afewerki. 'I cried and cried. But I know that my wife was a hero Christian.' There was a strong chance he would be rearrested, so he decided to leave the country. Miraculously, the family of five avoided border guards and land mines and now live in a refugee camp in Ethiopia.

Please pray that God would sustain Afewerki and the many Eritreans in Ethiopian refugee camps who have lost family members in Eritrean prisons and military camps.

Thank God that Release's partners can bring support and encouragement to Eritreans who have lost loved ones due to bereavement or long-term imprisonment.

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