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Dear Diocese of The West,

Thank you very much for your generous giving in 2020 to Gobezie Goshu Home in Ethiopia. The kindergartners benefited until the schools had to close due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but the teachers were paid through the end of the school year in June. The elderly, however, in increasing numbers, benefited from your help throughout the year.

Tigray Province – in fact, all of Ethiopia as well as neighboring countries and numerous other countries as far as India – suffered from a massive infestation of desert locusts in 2020. For Ethiopia, it was the worst locust plague in 25 years. This resulted in widespread loss of precious crops, including those grown on the GGHE charity's property.

Last year, GGHE also lost its four cows – to mad cow disease – resulting in the loss of needed income from the sale of milk.

The latest tragedy to befall Tigray Province (of which Adwa is one of the main cities) has been the four-month-long civil war. Since the beginning of November, tens of thousands of Tigrayans have fled and sought refuge in neighboring Sudan. Millions remain in Tigray – destitute, starving, subjected to military excesses by Ethiopian as well as Eritrean forces. Despite the central government's lockdown of telephone and internet communications of Tigrayans with the outside world, we have managed fortunately to learn that our dear friends, Tsige Gobezie and her Administrative Assistant, Abraham Teklu, are alive and trying to continue helping their fellow Adwans.

The situation in Tigray has escalated to a humanitarian crisis, a desperate fight for survival. The elderly and the children are particularly vulnerable to severe malnutrition.

We are very grateful for your kind support of the Gobezie Goshu Home. We hope that you can continue to reach out and help the young and elderly Adwans who are all in desperate need due to circumstances beyond their control.

Thank you. May God bless you for your generous donation.

Gratefully yours,

Olga K. Howe

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