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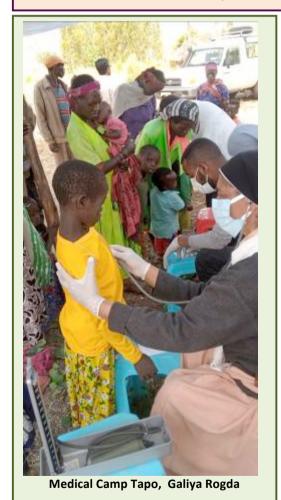## ST VERONICA WELFARE COMMITTEE, P.O. BOX 5098, WEST END, 4101
APPEAL FOR FUNDS TO ASSIST THE BETHANY FATHERS IN ETHIOPIA
PROVIDE MEDICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE TO
THE UNDER-PRIVILEGED GUMUZ PEOPLE IN GALIYA ROGDA

Despite progress in reducing poverty, one quarter of Ethiopia's 115 million people continue to be poverty-stricken. Many of the 30 million remaining poor have become even poorer as food prices rise – a situation which will be difficult to address with the current civil war. *'Despite improvements, Ethiopia still has relatively low rates of educational enrolment, access to sanitation, and attended births, and challenges remain around investment in the health, safety and education of women and girls.'* **World Bank Report 2020**

The situation has improved in Nekemte, Ethiopia, where the local populations of Sire (Gabasambatha and Legamara) have benefitted from the work of the Bethany Delegation receiving medical care and on-going support, plus assistance in constructing wells and toilets, and establishing agricultural projects.

Whilst this work continues, the Delegation, under the guidance of Father Augustine, Ethiopian Mission Superior, has extended its reach into Galiya Rogda, Emdibir. There is no road access to the area populated by the under-privileged Gumuz tribe which has no electricity, education and health facilities or a ready supply of water. Malnutrion, child marriage, infant mortality and polygamy are common.

After conducting an initial medical camp in early February, the Fathers require funds to provide on-going health care, focusing on the care of the children and pregnant women, supplemented by non-formal education for women and the provision of day care for the children.

Medical Camp Tapo, Galiya Rogda

Above and Below: Tapo Medical Camp February 2022

To: St Veronica Welfare Committee – APPEAL FOR FUNDS TO ASSIST THE BETHANY FATHERS' DELEGATION IN ETHIOPIA TO PROVIDE MEDICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE TO GUMUZ PEOPLE IN GALIYA ROGDA

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