

This town is highly looted small shops, Hospital, clinics, schools, private residence houses, small farmer's huts. This is the town where numerous sexual abuses of girls and women took place. Though, the Catholic Church is not present, our social and development office are working to give humanitarian help in this difficult moment.

3. Chtina Teklehaimanot Boza kebele Dabat woreda which is found in northern Gonder and affected also with the existing civil war. Many innocent civilians were massacred. Our office staffs had a chance to visit the place and the situation is unimaginable with its lasting pains for the people in the region. With faith as Christians, we still believe that God intervene for this painful experience.

4. DESSIE & KOMBOLCHA – 175 km from Dessie to Kobo and 23 km to Kombolcha

As we discovered that in Dessie there were more than 200,000 Internally Displaced Peoples (IDP's) who came from KOBO, WOLDIYA, MERSA and the surrounding villages. We were able to manage to help only 1200 of them food and non-food items. We were also able to help 130 Catholics from KOBO with food items and cash. Around 30 young children, and old people were accommodated in the Church compound where the **Capuchin Fathers** and the **Ursuline sisters** are trying to help with the limited resources they have providing them with shelter and meal in Dessie Town Parish Church.

The generosity of the Dessie town people towards the displaced has been amazing and very encouraging. People were collecting food and other non-food items door to door to save lives. Both towns fell under the control of TPLF soldiers by the end of October. This has happened after a serious battle between the government army and TPLF forces. This has affected many people especially the elderly, mothers and children. Many lives lost, many displaced, and property looted. The Capuchin friars and the Ursuline sisters working in Dessie have remained in their convents and they are safe but sharing the suffering of the people.

As the infrastructures of communication are destroyed there is no direct telephone connection with our religious personnel in Dessie. As the information reached me in the usual way from someone just left Dessie; when TPLF soldiers arrived in Dessie, came into our compound and went to our parish church and asked to open the storeroom where the food supplies were kept and was taken away. As mentioned above, once again many people fled to save their lives from Dessie and Kombolcha towns and went to the possible places such as **Debrebirhan, Debremarkos, Bahir Dar**, Addis Ababa and other nearby small towns.

The Community of the Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) in **Kombolcha** who are running the Youth Center and helping the University chaplaincy ministry, were forced to run away for their own security. Fr. Silas left for Addis Ababa Saturday 30th of October 2021 morning and arrived safely on that same day.

Fr. Bonaventure remained at home and on Sunday morning while he was preparing to celebrate the mass in the Parish, some soldiers of TPLF came to their compound and took most of the equipment in the living room of the priests, anything they think to be important and worth to carry all the way to Tigray, including the land cruiser vehicle of the Fathers. They used the vehicle and filled it with all the looted equipment / materials. They also told him (Fr. Bonaventure) that they will come back to collect the remaining properties in the compound like computers, things in the library ... etc., which are all brand new bought for the purpose of the youth center. Then they did it as planned.