



December 2022 - Season's greetings from Rainbows4children

Dear friends,

As we approach the end of 2022, we would like to wish you all the very best for the Festive Season and hope you have a happy and healthy New Year.

It has been another challenging year for Rainbows4children, but thanks to kindness and generosity, we have been able to support the children at the Nicolas Robinson School, their families and the staff during the ongoing war in Ethiopia.

In close coordination with the school leadership, we have:-

- Provided daily food and classes for the children.
- Enabled the school to grow vegetables, providing much-needed vitamins for the children.
- Provided emergency medical support and food for those in desperate need in our wider school community.
- Paid the school staff their salaries, and our sponsored families have received their monthly payments for 2020, 2021 and 2022 school years.
- Helped almost 10,000 people in the wider school community through this crisis.

This is all thanks to your generous support.

Children at the Nicolas School aged 3-16 have attended classes. We hope that if the fragile peace agreement holds, the children in grades 7-12 will soon be able to return to school as well.

There had been a reluctance to return to school due to drone attacks in the past two years. Fortunately, these appear to have stopped in the wake of the peace agreement, and so parents are more confident to let their children gather in larger numbers again.

The Tigray region has been almost totally devastated by the war. What was once a thriving economy has been destroyed. Most people, especially government employees, have not received salaries for more than two years.

As school resumes, we will keep you informed on progress and our plans to keep its status as the best school in the Tigray region and one of the best schools in Ethiopia.

We thank you all for your great support and patience during the past two years and hope to have more encouraging news soon. As soon as it is possible and safe to return to Mekele, we will do so.

Meanwhile, please continue to support the school. We are expanding our sponsorship programme to enable students, whose families have become impoverished by the war, continue and complete their education at the Nicolas Robinson School.

Please enjoy our short video summary: <https://youtu.be/u3Rq2HFyutY>

The school staff and students join us in passing on their best wishes and thanks to you all.

With all our best wishes for the Festive Season and a very Happy New Year!

Kathryn and Max