



Newsletter

The Nyadire Connection (TNC), based in Pittsburgh, PA, is a faith-based non-profit volunteer organization that seeks to support and sustain the United Methodist Mission in Nyadire, Zimbabwe.

SUMMER MISSION TRIP

Two TNC **Volunteer in Mission Trips** will take place this summer. Mary Beth Zollars of CUMC, Phil Himmler, 1st Bethel UMC, and Kayla Mahalchak, St. Mary's Russian Orthodox Church, will depart July 15 to visit schools that will not be in session when the July 22 team arrives. The July 22 team, led by Rev. Kimberly Greway, is composed of Nathan Krause and Amy Scott, 1st Bethel UMC; Joan Bright of Johnstown; and Molly Michael of St. Thomas a Beckett. Both groups will work on on-going projects involving the Home of Hope, the school outreach program, the farm, micro-loans and improvements to the Home of Hope and Preschool. They will conduct a four day Vacation Bible School for the children of the mission. Each team member will carry two 50 pound suitcases of donated items, medical supplies, personal letters and gifts, supplies for the new Midwife Program and much more—not much room for their own clothes! The recently sent container should arrive in Nyadire in July, and the teams will help with distributing the contents - birthing kits, backpacks, medical supplies, and two Mission Utility Vehicles.

PROJECTS

WATER PROJECT

RUNNING WATER WILL BE RETURNING TO NYADIRE!

UMCOR, TNC, and the UMC of Finland have secured funding, and work on this urgent project will begin again soon. Reservoirs will be refurbished, pumps installed, and piping connected to deliver water throughout the complex. This no.1 priority project will change the lives of those on the mission when water from a faucet will replace water carried in a bucket!



New Farm Supervisor Hired

Ms. Nyabote is now on the job as the Nyadire farm supervisor. Former farm manager, Larry Kies, is willing to come to Nyadire regularly and assist as requested. Several Pittsburgh UM churches have donated funds for initial projects for this great and unused resource.

Looking Toward the Future

Work continues on a "TNC Guidebook/Operating Manual" clarifying TNC history, values, mission statement, organization structure, job descriptions, etc. The July Team will review a draft of this manual with Nyadire which includes a Lead Team, chairperson, program leaders & communication & finance directors.

HELP IS ON ITS WAY

Did you know that many girls in Zimbabwe miss school during their periods due to a lack of **sanitary products**? Kathy Surma is coordinating a group at Mt. Lebanon UMC to fabricate washable/disposable sanitary pads for girls. The pattern is readily available for other groups to make. Contact KSurma2008@gmail.com

One new isolette has arrived and another is ordered for Nyadire Hospital, much needed items for premature babies. Evas, a Nyadire Hospital nurse, holds her grandchild who shared an incubator with three other premies this winter.



Donations to TNC are tax deductible and will help to bring greatly needed services and help to Nyadire. Click on the button to the right to donate through **Pay Pal**. If you don't have a **Pay Pal** account, you may use a credit card. All electronic donations are made through a secure server. *For more information about The Nyadire Connection, see www.nyadire.org*



Micro-loans

In a country with almost 90% unemployment, there is limited opportunity for people to earn urgently needed funds. The concept of a **Micro Loan** is to make a small amount of money available to people with financially viable business ideas. Applications are submitted to the **Nyadire Micro Loan Committee** and if approved, the loan must then be repaid within 6 months. Loans are \$500 or less. The program was piloted in summer 2010 with two loans:

1. \$300 was loaned to **Simon** who used it to purchase a cow, slaughter it, and sell the steaks at a profit. These funds allowed Simon to keep his wife and children in school and he has also purchased another cow
2. \$350 was loaned to **Letitsia** who used it to purchase chicks, raise them to adult chickens, and profitably sell them as "broilers."

Both loans were successful, repaid on schedule, and the repaid funds have now been loaned again. We need your support to increase the available loan fund to \$5000 and greatly increase the number of loans.

"O"level textbooks

The Zimbabwe educational system requires students to pass milestone exams in order to advance, and one of the most critical milestones is "O Level". However, the preparation books required to prepare for these exams are very limited or simply not available. Many, many students might have to share one book. TNC is establishing a fund that headmasters of the **Home of Hope Outreach Schools** will use to purchase these textbooks. Books are needed for each subject and plans are to purchase books for one subject each year.

The target for the initial fund is \$5000 which will purchase **500 English Books**. Students that use the books will perform service work as recognition for provision of the books. For example, students might tutor younger children, help at the Home of Hope Orphanage, or do maintenance work at a school facility. Hopefully the program will expand to include more schools, more levels, and more subjects. Can you help us build this fund? Sandy McKnight (sandy_mcknight@hotmail.com) is program coordinator.

OTHER TNC PROGRAMS

GOOD NEWS

CONTAINERS - *Brother's Brother Foundation is shipping a container to Zimbabwe that will include items for Nyadire Hospital identified during the March mission trip. The goal is to equip the Hospital Lab. Container expected arrival in Nyadire is September.*

SEEDS OF HOPE - *Packets of seeds are being collected to be carried to Nyadire by the October team. If you have access to vegetable seeds or can solicit vendors for unsold packets, contact Jim Howell - jhowell@vebh.com*

HOME OF HOPE - *Each HOH child will receive a Bible (thanks to Christ UMC.) The children attend Bible Study conducted by Rev. Julius Tsiga, participate in Sunday School, attend Junior Church, and attend church for the entire school once a week at 7am.*

CHRISTMAS CARDS - *TNC is once again sending cards to the Nyadire Staff with \$20 included. Donations are welcome. Contact Lois Swestyn - lois@swestyn.com.*

HOME OF HOPE SCHOOL

SPONSORSHIPS *Backpacks will be sent in the next container to orphans in schools neighboring Nyadire. School supplies or used or new backpacks are always welcome as well as hands to fill them. Contact Elsa Zollars elsazz@verizon.net. And thanks to Christ UMC UMW for the teddy bears and Fairchance Community UMC for 50 backpacks.*



Third Annual Bridges Golf Outing

Thanks to **RGang members** and especially **Brian and Zana Adams**, for their efforts on a successful golf outing on June 11. TNC shared the profits with the Interfaith Hospitality Network.

The United Methodist Church of Finland has donated \$5824 for the care and school fees for the **hearing impaired children at Nyadire**.

The Rotary St.Clair/Bethel Breakfast Club awarded **TNC \$250**.

Inmates at Allegheny County Jail are writing letters to **nine Home of Hope Outreach children**.

Bishop Nhiwatiwa dedicated several new programs at the Nyadire Mission enabled by TNC - construction of new hospital storeroom, upgrade to operating theatre with three OR tables, surgical lights, and new autoclave.

Dave Sevick received the **Jefferson Award** for his work in ComputerReach - providing computers to developing counties. He visited Nyadire in 2010 and set up the Internet Cafe with Apple IMACS that he helps to refurbish at Good Will Industries.

