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The Nyadire Connection

For several years, Pittsburgh area churches have supported the United Methodist Mission in Nyadire, Zimbabwe in a variety of ways.

After eighteen United Methodists traveled to Nyadire in July/August 2006, they formed The Nyadire Connection (TNC) which seeks to organize and facilitate on-going support for Nyadire United Methodist Mission in Zimbabwe.

TNC is organized into six committees: Leadership, Communications/Special Projects, GBGM Coordination, Hospital Operational Support, Hospital Staff Support, and Home of Hope Orphanage.

This newsletter helps to keep informed those interested in Nyadire. Please email the editor with the emails of those who wish to receive the monthly newsletter.

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St. Paul's Prescription for Life

By Thomas Greway

Deep within the rural landscape of Zimbabwe, 8400 miles away in southeastern Africa, you will find Nyadire United Methodist Hospital. Through this hospital, healthcare is made available to approximately 500,000 men, women and children within the immediate service area. For those unable to travel to the hospital, outreach nurses go to surrounding villages to provide infant and children's immunizations such as the polio vaccine.

Nyadire Methodist Hospital serves as a beacon of faith, love and hope in a country challenged by hunger, drought, a struggling economy and infectious diseases including malaria. The hospital ministers to persons who otherwise would receive no medical care. Although the hospital continues to function, the hospital is severely limited in the treatment that it provides due to a shortage and in some cases a complete lack of medications.

The St. Paul's UMC Mission Committee has chosen for its Lenten Mission Project to provide funds to enable the hospital to purchase medications. Lenten calendars offer a daily donation suggestion: "Donate a dime for each

prescription bottle in your home."

Ordinary water bottles were turned into "prescription bottle" donation banks with labels indicating the prescribing doctor (Dr. Y. B. Sick) and the side effects (more effective and available medical care in Nyadire).



Collection bottles will be distributed in the children's Sunday School classes the Sunday before Lent and will also be available for adults.

Donation bottles will be returned on the Sunday after Easter. The goal of St.

Paul's Lenten Mission Project is to raise \$5,000 for medications for Nyadire Hospital.

Please know that even a small contribution in United States dollars will provide substantial care in Zimbabwe. During the mission trip to Nyadire last August I witnessed a four year old boy with burns over 18% of his body. The total cost for his two week stay in the hospital was \$3.60 United States dollars. Your contribution, large or small, will help this beacon of faith, love and hope to continue to glow in rural Africa.

Small Group Traveling to Zimbabwe

On March 25th, the leadership of The Nyadire Connection (TNC) will travel to Zimbabwe to meet with Zimbabwean UMC leaders.

They will arrive in Harare and travel immediately to Mutare to meet with leaders of Fairfield Orphanage and of Africa University.

In discussions with the leadership of Nyadire, it was decided that as the Home of Hope expands, it is to be based on the Fairfield Orphanage model.

The three will then travel to Harare to meet Bishop Nhiwatiwa and other Conference personnel.

Finally, the team will spend several days in Nyadire itself. There they will gathering additional information for the committees of TNC working at home, meet with Nyadire leadership, discuss future mission trips to Nyadire, and record Zimbabwean music to make a cd to sell as a fundraiser.

Shoe Ornament Success!

By Elsa Zollars

On Jan 31st, the Nyadire Connection received word from Bishop Nhiwatiwa on that the Home of Hope Orphanage in Nyadire was in dire straits due to the economic struggles in the country.

By February 6th, 17 cartons of shoes, clothing, school supplies, toiletries, food, and even basketballs were packed and on their way by container to Zimbabwe.

All the children at the orphanage will have school shoes, underwear, socks, pajamas, fleece jackets, shirts, paper, pencils, pens, erasers, sharpeners, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, hand sanitizer, and even some candy along with tuna fish, powdered milk, and peanut butter.

Since Dr. Muchie Masunda recently organized several basketball teams at Nyadire, basketballs were added at the last moment.

As Rev. Tom Funka recounted the favorite Nyadire affirmation: "God is good, all the time; All the time, God is good." I was to witness this over and over as I went about buying many of the items to be shipped.

To be more specific, Sara, the manager of the Payless Shoe Store at South Hills Village, helped me with all the different sizes we needed for the 19 children. She did a search of other Payless Stores when her stock was inadequate, then offered to pick up four pairs at the Robinson store and bring them to the South Hills Village location.



Mary Beth Zollars packing shoes

Kelly at Kohl's rescued me from the myriad underwear packages I had heaped on the floor, helping me with sizes, then going in the back for those that were lacking. After one last trip to the back, she returned with a coupon for an addi-

tional discount.

Hardly managing those large bags when I left the store, I felt I was at least 10 feet tall, witnessing God's energy in action. One more trip to Kohl's furnished the jackets, shirts, and pj's with the offer of another additional discount.

My granddaughter, Cara, helped me shop for the school supplies and toiletries, so I was careful to listen to statements like "Oh, they'll really like this."

When Mary Beth Zollars and Kimberly Greway returned from another run to Payless with additional non-school shoes, Cara took great delight in trying on several pair with the same kind of sentiment.

On very short notice, dental hygienists Diane Morris and Juli Kelly and dentist Dr. Eric Rackley donated and delivered toothpaste and toothbrushes to be included in the shipment.

All purchases were made possible through the funds from child sponsorship and money raised by selling the shoe ornaments.

Such an odyssey. From "urgent" to "sent." *God is good, all the time; all the time, God is good.*

Focus on Nyadire Staff: Dr. Muchineripi Masunda

Dr. Muchineripi Masunda, better known as Dr. Muchie, has just completed his first year at Nyadire Hospital.

Born in KweKwe, a small town in the middle of Zimbabwe, Dr. Masunda finished medical school at the University of Zimbabwe in 2003.

He learned about the position at Nyadire from a colleague at Mtoko Hospital which is the closest hospital to Nyadire Hospital.



Most of Dr. Masunda's free time is spent playing basketball. He has been playing competitively for

10 years and loves the adrenaline rush he gets from a good game. Appropriately, Dr. Masunda is 192 centimeters or 6 foot 3.5 inches tall.

Recently, Dr. Masunda organized two basketball teams at Nyadire—a women's team and a men's team. They are called the *Nyadire Mission Center Crocodiles*. The mission center itself gets its name from the Nyadire River which is infested with crocodiles. The teams' colors are red, blue, and white.

Some assistance with shoes has already come from *Hoops 4 Hope* (www.hoopsafrica.org) which is based in southern Africa. With the help

of *The Nyadire Connection*, Dr. Masunda hopes to build a new basketball court at Nyadire and to extend the teams' ability to travel to tournaments.



Dr. Masunda also enjoys working with the children at the Home of Hope Orphanage at Nyadire. Over Christmas he took the kids for a picnic at a nearby (non-crocodile infested) river and treated them to boat rides.

Aside from Dr. Phil, Dr. Masunda's favorite TV show is, again very appropriately, *Grey's Anatomy*.

Home of Hope Orphanage: Catherine Manyika

By Mary Kay Miller

Catherine Manyika has been living at the Home of Hope since 2003. Her exact age is not known, but she is believed to be between 10 and 11 years old. She is in the 4th grade. Both of her parents are deceased.

She was picked up at Murewa Growth Point by police after being seen by people



ple picking food from waste bins. She was taken to Murewa Hospital, which, in turn, approached the Department of Social Welfare for help.

One day after Vacation Bible School, Catherine accompanied me to the small village of Tamutza, near Nyadire. Because I had injured my foot I had done very little exploring. Mentioning this to 'Mother' Nancy Kapfunde, she offered Catherine to be my guide.

With great compassion and taking my hand, Catherine chose a route where we could negotiate the small river by stepping on a series of flat stones, allowing easy passage. Upon arrival at Tamutza, Catherine pointed out the



bottle store, a saloon, and a general store of sorts, where I rewarded her with a treat of her choice. This happened to be a roll of cough drops! Later, Nancy told me that Catherine had shared the cough drops with the other orphaned children. Catherine will always hold a special place in my heart.

New Briefs

- An answered prayer: A **new doctor** has been assigned to Nyadire. Coming from The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), the new doctor arrived in early February with his wife and five children. He began work in early February and Nyadire is very happy to have him. Next month, we'll have more information about the new doctor.
- The **Home of Hope** Committee has secured **30 sponsors** for the orphans living at the Home of Hope. That means that only 10 more people are needed to pledge \$30 per month to support an orphan. If you want more information or would like to sponsor a child, contact Mary Beth at mbzollars@aol.com.

Zoom In on Zimbabwe

Did you know?

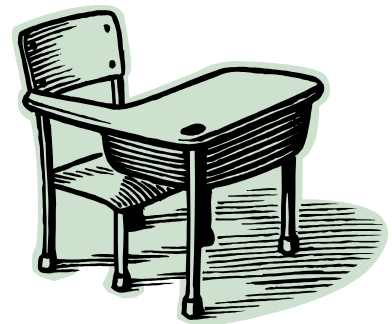
- Zimbabwe's inflation is the highest in the world?
- That Ndebele, one of the three official languages of Zimbabwe, has three letters that sound like clicks?
- That all verbs in Shona and Ndebele end in "-a"?

Shona Vocabulary

Sentences in Shona are formed from three parts: the subject, time indicator, and verb.

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| I | Ndi- | We | Ti- |
| You | U- | You | Mu |
| S/he/It | A- | They | Va- |

The time is indicated by a syllable in the middle of the sentence:



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| Present | -no- |
| Future | -cha- |
| Past | -ka- |

Infinitives of verbs begin with ku- and end with -a.

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|---------------------|----------------|
| To go = kuenda | Go = enda |
| To read = kuverenga | Read = verenga |
| To sing = kuimba | Sing = imba |
| To walk = kufamba | Walk = famba |

Put the three parts together to form a complete sentence:

I (present) read.
Ndi- no- -verenga.
Ndinoverenga.

You will go.
U- -cha- -enda.
Uchaenda.

Sign Up for St. Paul's Sewing Classes

St. Paul's UMC in Allison Park has decided to offer a variety of sewing classes with **all the proceeds going to Nyadire**. Classes range in skill level from beginner to advanced.

Email RipNFix@aol.com for more information or to request a registration form for a class. You MUST register to take a class so teachers can assemble materials for you. Most classes have limits

and some have minimums as well.

A donation of \$4 per hour of instruction is requested and is to be paid at the time of registration.

St. Paul's address is 1965 Ferguson Road, Allison Park, Pa 15101. Phone: **412-486-7006**.

| CLASS | TEACHER | DATE | TIME |
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| Beginning Crochet | Barb Greway | Monday Evening March 5, 12, 19, & 24 | 7:00-8:00 pm |
| Beginning Crochet | Barb Greway | Tuesday Morning March 6, 13, 20, & 27 | 10:00-11:00 am |
| Beginning Knitting | Darlene Farrell | Wednesday Afternoon March 14, 21, 28 | 2:30-4:00pm |
| Beginning Knitting | Darlene Farrell | Wednesday Evening March 14, 21, 28 | 6:30-8:00pm |
| Knitting with Double Pointed Needles | Bobbie Clare | Tuesday Evening March 27 & April 3 | 3:00-4:30 pm |
| Knitting with Double Pointed Needles | Bobbie Clare | Tuesday Evening March 27 & April 3 | 7:00-8:30 pm |
| Shuttle Tatting | Bobbie Clare | Thursday Afternoon March 8 & 15 | 3:00-4:30 pm |
| Shuttle Tatting | Bobbie Clare | Thursday Evening March 8 & 15 | 7:00-8:30 pm |
| Woven Tumbling Blocks Table Runner | Kate Hahn | Tuesday Evening May 15 - 6:00-9:30pm (Optional class if needed -May 22- 6:00-8:00 pm) | |
| Woven Tumbling Blocks Table Runner | Kate Hahn | Saturday Afternoon May 5- 1:00-4:30 pm (Optional class if needed - May 12- 1:00-3:00 pm) | |
| Button Bracelet | Joan Howenstein | Wednesday Afternoon April 18 | 2:00-4:00 pm |
| Hardanger Heart | Barb Greway | Monday Evening April 23 & 30 | 7:00-9:00 pm |
| Cross-stitch with the Master | Bob Slesman | Saturday Morning May 5 | 10:00am-noon |
| Making a Quilt | Pat Schranghamer | Saturday Morning March 24, 31 & April 14 | 10:00am- 12:30 pm |
| Machine Appliqué | Barb Greway | Tuesday Evening April 17 | 7:00-9:00 pm |
| Folded Ornament | Pat Schranghamer | Saturday Morning April 28 | 10:00am-noon |
| Introduction to Paper Piecing | Sue Rhodes | Thursday Evening March 22 | 7:00-9:00 pm |

Nyadire News and Articles Welcome!

This is YOUR newsletter! If you have updates about your projects or committees related to Nyadire or Zimbabwe, please let me know. If you receive a letter or an email from Nyadire with news you would like to share, please email me (kgreway@hotmail.com). If you want to advertise an upcoming event...send me an advertisement! Email me with your ideas, suggestions, or comments! Please also send pictures to be included in the newsletter. Email: kgreway@hotmail.com