Weekly Lenten Calendar 2021
The Nyadire Connection
Sister Rut Rut Scholarship

Many of you have been sponsoring orphans in the Nyadire region with school fees, uniforms and supplies for over a decade, since TNC started working in Zimbabwe. What happens to these children now that they are maturing into young adults?

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<td>Pray for all high school graduates to be able to follow their dreams.</td>
<td>Give 25¢ for every school you have attended. (don’t forget Sunday School) The Nyadire kids go to primary and high school on the mission.</td>
<td>Give 25¢ if you have lights in your classroom. The Nyadire kids have no lights in their classroom.</td>
<td>Give 25¢ for every car/van/truck that your family owns. In Nyadire to own ONE car is a luxury.</td>
<td>Give 25¢ if you do not have school in the summer. At Nyadire schools are closed April, August, and December</td>
<td>Give 50¢ if in elementary school you only spoke/speak English in all subjects. Nyadire kids are fluent in English and Shona.</td>
<td>Give 1¢ (up to $1) for every book you have in your house. Nyadire kids love to read picture books, chapter books, novels, and National geographic!</td>
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**SISTER RUT SCHOLARSHIP** - This program assists students pursuing university or vocational training. Sister Rut (“Ruth”) Lindgren was a missionary nurse from Finland who made Nyadire her home, living there for 35 years. As a nurse, she drove the rugged roads into deepest parts of the region to deliver vaccines and clinic-based care to villagers. She became a mother by adopting and raising several Zimbabwean orphans. An orphan herself, Sister Rut had a deep love for the least of God’s children. Many TNC members developed a lasting friendship with her, describing her unwavering commitment, a spirit of love and service, and a woman with true courage. The Sister Rut Scholarship was created to honor her legacy.

Comprehensive student applications for funds are reviewed by a TNC committee. Students awarded a scholarship are expected to maintain passing grades, conduct community service, such as tutoring younger students, and to submit detailed receipts for expenses. Committee members track students’ progress through their studies.

Currently, 15 students are receiving support through this program. Degrees are being sought in the fields of medicine, engineering, teaching, accounting, finance and information technology. All university programs require an internship for the third year. Four students are enrolled in vocational training, like Hotel and Catering. A TNC member is also funding an agricultural scholarship to be used at Africa University and other schools that may be available to some of the Nyadire and outreach school students.

See this link for the story of one former Home of Hope resident who is now in the scholarship program, doing an internship as a seamstress: [https://www.umnews.org/en/news/zimbabwe-orphan-pays-it-forward-during-pandemic?fbclid=IwAR0JOooKjSoQN4RiPV_k99FENp62TIQh-9QMSrfl94EgrytBm14CwZ8pE](https://www.umnews.org/en/news/zimbabwe-orphan-pays-it-forward-during-pandemic?fbclid=IwAR0JOooKjSoQN4RiPV_k99FENp62TIQh-9QMSrfl94EgrytBm14CwZ8pE)

**TATENDA!**
Imagine living in complete silence - not hearing the chirping of a bird, or the sound of an approaching train. How would you communicate with your parents, siblings or friends, if you were unable to hear their words? Many deaf people rely on using sign language, which is like a special code using motions of the hands and other body parts to spell out words or phrases to convey meaning.

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<td>Pray for all students who are deaf or hard of hearing to have equal opportunities like their school peers.</td>
<td>Give 35¢ if your teacher ever told you or your class to “BE QUIET.” The Shona word for quiet is “NYARARA.”</td>
<td>Give 25¢ if you have ever heard the BOOMS and felt the VIBRATIONS of fireworks. Those who are deaf can feel the vibrations of loud sounds.</td>
<td>If you couldn’t hear, what sounds would you miss? Give 1¢ for each sound you would miss up to 50¢.</td>
<td>Give 25¢ if your grandparents or parents have a hearing aid. Give 50¢ if they don’t use it.</td>
<td>Give 10¢ if you know how to mute your TV. Give 20¢ if you don’t.</td>
<td>Give 25¢ if you said true. Give 35¢ if you said false. (the answer is true)</td>
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**Hearing Innovation** - Deaf or hard of hearing people also rely on other physical cues when communicating, and may read a speaker’s lips to help follow what they are saying. Without help and training, it can be an extremely isolating condition.

At Nyadire United Methodist Mission, there is a special school for children with hearing loss. This school is one of only three in the country offering specialized care and instruction for these children. Students enrolled in the school not only master Zimbabwean sign language, they also learn life skills such as arts and crafts, market gardening, welding, fashion & sewing, and carpentry. The opportunity for these kids to attend school allows them to develop friendships and build self esteem. Rather than being limited by their hearing disability, they are able to develop an identity encompassing all of their attributes.

TNC has developed a sponsorship program called The Hearing Innovation (HI) Program to help support these special students. Most of the 24 children in the program board on the premises. School fees must be paid, and uniforms are mandatory. In 2016, only one child had a hearing aid. In the ensuing years, donations to TNC have enabled the children to receive thorough ear, nose and throat examinations plus hearing tests. Nine students now have hearing aids and the school has purchased special student assessment tools and provided advanced teacher training. The divide between these students and their hearing peers was closed slightly when a TNC VIM team took them on a safari and a trip to Great Zimbabwe, the ruins of a magnificent ancient trading empire. They had never been on a field trip! Future goals are to equip all students with a Solar Hearing Aids, hold a parent workshop and provide students with another ENT exam.

To learn more, or to sponsor a HI student or even take a trip to Nyadire, please email Molly Michael (mollyalice.michael@gmail.com).

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Rural Health Clinics

Have you ever needed to go to a medical express clinic when you felt sick or fell and got hurt? In the US, we are used to hopping in a car and zipping to see a nurse whenever we need to - we can even do virtual doctor appointments on Zoom! Most people in rural (rural means out in the country, away from cities) don't own a car. If they need to see a doctor, they must walk many miles to get to a clinic. Pregnant women usually walk to a clinic a month or more before their babies are due. They live there, cooking meals in an outdoor hut, until it is time for the babies to be born - so they are sure to be there in time.

For more info on Natalie and Jesse’s project go to... https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/the-adventure-for-clinics#/
Be sure to click on the link “continue reading”.

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<td>Pray for all people needing medical assistance that will be helped at the clinics.</td>
<td>Give 10¢ if you know someone who has had malaria. Give 25¢ you don’t.</td>
<td>Give 50¢ if you have seen an ambulance.</td>
<td>Give 50¢ if you rode in a car for your last trip to the doctor.</td>
<td>Give 10¢ each time you flushed a toilet today.</td>
<td>Give 5¢ for each time you turned a switch today and a light came on.</td>
<td>Give 25¢ if you did not thank God yesterday for being healthy.</td>
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<td>Many, many Zimbabweans have had malaria.</td>
<td>At Nyadire ox carts are often used as ambulances. (see picture on back page)</td>
<td>In rural Zimbabwe most people do not own a car. They must walk</td>
<td>TNC’s hope is to have flush toilets at the clinics.</td>
<td>Clinics have limited or no electricity.</td>
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RURAL HEALTH CLINICS...Nyadire Hospital is responsible for six rural health clinics, each serving up to 8,000 people in the local community. These clinics are the primary medical care facility for people with malaria, cholera, hepatitis, AIDS and other infectious diseases. Most villagers don't own vehicles, so they must walk many miles to get to the clinics. A high percentage of women deliver their babies at these clinics. Pre- and post-natal counseling is provided, as well as immunizations for babies and children. Despite their critical importance, the clinics have been in various stages of disrepair, with no running water, flush toilets or electricity, and not enough space to properly serve their patients.

Several years ago, TNC began a program to renovate the clinics, in partnership with Nyadire and the Zimbabwe Ministry of Health. Since then, four of the six clinics have been refurbished and are now providing significantly enhanced medical care to the local populations.

WHAT WE DO...TNC has joined with the Nyadire mission and the Zimbabwe Ministry of Health to fund and coordinate the renovation projects, which cost about $320,000 per clinic. TNC has enabled Nyadire to contract with a local builder who, in turn, hires a local work force to rebuild each clinic. Throughout the construction process, TNC and Nyadire representatives regularly monitor and communicate to ensure quality control and on-time, on-budget projects.

Typical renovations have included:

- Separate male and female wards, examination and treatment rooms, a drug storage room, a pre-and postnatal care ward. Most of these facilities did not previously exist at the clinics
- Housing for the nursing staff as well as newly constructed waiting mothers' dormitories and cooking huts
- Clean water and an upgraded electrical system
- A security fence around the clinic
- An incinerator and waste disposal facility

SWEAT EQUITY: The local villagers have shown tremendous commitment to the building of the clinics, providing more than 75,000 handmade bricks for each clinic site. Each brick is hand made in sets of three and fired in a kiln made by stacking the bricks into a dome. One community was so eager to see their clinic built, they provided bricks two years in advance of their projected start date!

A THANK YOU - Hannah Mafunda, Health Coordinator of the Zimbabwe Episcopal Area Health Board, has been a local partner and a major champion of the clinic project. Hannah shared these words of thanks for TNC’s efforts:

“As a Zimbabwean and a Christian, it gives me unspeakable joy to see those rural patients getting healthcare service at a clinic like Chikwizo and Nyahuku. It gives me pleasure seeing those folks getting treated in dignified, private, clean and state of the art facilities. I do not want to tell those people that Jesus Christ loves them but I want them to see the love of Christ in those clinics when they are being treated.”

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