

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you'd like more information on the Agriculture program, please contact our program leader,

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You can also visit  
The Nyadire Connection website  
at [www.nyadire.org](http://www.nyadire.org)

for further information on Agriculture  
and TNC's other programs.

We would be happy to add you to our  
mailing list for the TNC newsletter and  
our monthly meeting minutes. Thanks  
for your interest in TNC and our many  
programs.



**Farm Garden**

## TNC OVERVIEW

The Nyadire Connection (TNC), based in Pittsburgh, Pa., is a faith-based, all-volunteer, non-profit organization that seeks to support and sustain the Nyadire United Methodist Mission in northeastern rural Zimbabwe, Africa. The Nyadire Mission offers a hospital, nursing school, school system (preschool through high school), orphanage, teachers' college, farm, and many other services to the surrounding community.

TNC was founded in 2006 after a Volunteer in Mission team of 18 Pittsburghers traveled to Nyadire for three weeks. After returning from the mission trip, many felt that support to Nyadire should be ongoing and more in depth. Since then, TNC has developed partnerships and relationships among friends in the U.S., supportive Methodist churches and Nyadire, and has provided administrative, financial and spiritual support for numerous projects and ongoing programs.

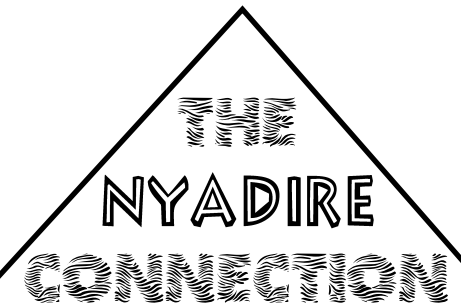
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## AGRICULTURE

The Nyadire Mission had a working farm prior to 2000, with about 150 acres cultivated. The mission farm grew maize (corn), cotton, and a variety of produce (cabbage, peppers, onions, greens, squash, carrots, beans, tomatoes, and cucumbers). The farm included a small dairy cattle herd, which enabled the mission to sell fresh milk and make yogurt; a beef cattle herd of 175 head; and a butchery that harvested more than 350 head per year.

Because of government land reforms in 2001, the mission lost its farm manager and activities dwindled. Today, the farm grows garden produce year-round and maize during the wet season but only produces a fraction of what was once grown, and there are no dairy cows left.



## WHAT WE DO



The program evaluates funding requests from the mission for agricultural-based projects and works with people there to develop the requests into a business plan that includes a cash flow analysis. If a project is funded, the business plan becomes the implementation guide.

Water is a limited resource and climate change is making summer rains unpredictable. A major future project will involve a new water pumping system from the Nyadire River to allow the irrigation of more land to reduce the risk of crop failure due to drought. This type of system will cost \$200,000-\$300,000 to install.

We are also trying to implement newer production technology such as no-till planting to reduce energy inputs and conserve soil.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

TNC offers a variety of ways you can become involved in the Agriculture program:

- Make a financial contribution
- Lead a fund-raising event to benefit the program
- Participate in a mission trip to help assess and administer projects
- Solicit contributions from foundations and other charitable organization
- Join the Agriculture program committee

To provide financial support for the Agriculture program, please send your donation to:

The Nyadire Connection  
c/o Christ United Methodist Church  
44 Highland Road  
Bethel Park, PA 15102

Checks should be made payable to The Nyadire Connection, and please put Agriculture in the memo line. Please also include your name, address, email address and phone number so that TNC can acknowledge your tax-deductible contribution with a receipt.

