

TNC Agenda - Aug 27, 2018

1. Prayer
2. General Zimbabwe Situation
3. Health - Mark LaRosa
 - Container Shipments; Eyeglass Program; Empowerment Pads; Medical Supplies; Rural Health Clinics; Medical/Doctor Support
5. Education / Volunteer in Mission Trips - Molly Michael
 - EWB; GCC; HI; Scholarships; VIM Trips; General
6. Orphans - MB Zollars
 - HOH; HOHO
7. Fund Development - Debbie Little
8. Promotions - Communications- T. Wesley
9. Finance - Richard Dickey
10. TNC Organization / Misc - D Harvey

Next Meeting - Sept. 24

TNC Meeting Minutes

Aug 27 2018 - CUMC - Room B113

I. General

- A. Election Challenge - The Zimbabwe Constitutional Court has upheld the election of President Mnangagwa stating that the challenge brought general concerns but not specific information as would be required to prove their case. President Mnangagwa was sworn into office on Sunday, Aug 26.

- B. TNC now considers 8 of our previous programs as either Inactive or On Hold. We will comment on any new developments, but generally will only track the 13 active programs now organized into 3 areas.

- C. Morris Taber passed away on Aug 3. Morris, along with his wife Ann, worked in ministry with Zimbabwe for many years with an emphasis on establishing libraries. Morris worked together with TNC on numerous projects such as sending a container filled with children's books to Zimbabwe.

II. Health - (Mark LaRosa)

- A. Container Shipments - (Drew Harvey & Rev L. Mukundu)
 - 1. The container which included many items for Nyadire arrived at Mutambara mission on July 7. Nyadire has collected but not yet distributed these items.

 - 2. The next container shipped to Zimbabwe will primarily include furnishing for Dindi Clinic and is scheduled to depart Pittsburgh Oct 15. We may have more items than the container will hold, and if so we will either prioritize and send remaining items in a later container, or if funds are available a second container might also be shipped. Items for the container in my suggested order of priority are:
 - a) Furnishings for Dindi - beds, cabinets, chairs, etc. as per provided list
 - b) 2 Birthing Beds purchased at a price of \$3000 each. One for Dindi and one for Munyanyari Clinic.
 - c) 2 Solar Powered Sewing Machines from GCC

- d) 100 Life Straws from Faith Community UMC
- e) Suture for Nyadire Hospital if available
- f) Survey Equipment for Africa University if received
- g) Eyeglasses from Don Z and donated eyeglasses from BBF
- h) 7 PET Carts
- i) About 100 boxes of Backpacks (HOHO & HI)
- j) Sewing machines and GEP materials
- k) Blankets and Caps from St Paul's UMC (~12 boxes)
- l) Medical supplies and other items at TNC Storage Unit
- m) 10 - 20 boxes of Educational Supplies
- n) Birthing Kits in bags as possible to fit into spaces available.

Priorities will be discussed and agreed upon.

3. BBF received \$750 as a grant from the Pittsburgh Foundation "for the Nyadire Connection for eyeglasses donated by Mission Vision." Funds were directed by the "Wellman Prozen Fund" and will be used toward the shipping expense of the Nyadire Ocean Container.
4. Dave Talbot & "Healing Hands Across Zimbabwe" will provide \$3000 to BBF for purchase of a Birthing Bed to be used at Munyanyari Clinic.
5. Brother's Brother Foundation will host a Gala celebrating it's 60 years of operation on Sept 20. Event will be held at Heinz Field and tickets, or tables, can be purchased thru the BBF website - <https://brothers-brother.org>

B. Eye Glasses - (Don Ziegler & Dr Larry Tanyanyiwa)

1. If possible, Eyeglasses Clinics will be conducted in the 2 Remaining Clinics ASAP. As part of these clinics, patients needing cataract and restorative eye surgery will be identified for treatment during a January trip.
2. Brother's Brother has a large number (an entire container) of reading glasses available and has asked Don Z for recommendations for effective distribution.
3. More donated eyeglasses always needed! Jim Howell will be contacted to determine if the Mt Lebanon Rotary Club might collect glasses for TNC.
4. Searching for Sponsorship Opportunities to cover expenses of Eyeglass Program

5. Items for the Container Shipment (eyeglass readers, eyeglass cases, supplies) now being prepared.
 6. A physical inventory of eyeglasses and related items is needed at the storeroom in Nyadire
 7. Potential Future Eyeglass trips:
 - a) Sept 20 - Oct 4; Oaxaca, Mexico, SEAPC (South East Asia Prayer Center)
 - b) Nov 7-18; Malawi, Africa, Southminster Presbyterian Church
 - c) Dec 27-Jan 13; Nyadire, Engineers Without Borders
 - d) Jan?; Ghana & Nyadire, Project The, Dr. Jenney Yu (Intro thru BBF)
 - e) Feb (1 week); Honduras, BMDMI
 - f) Date ??; Haiti, Zion Church, Cabot PA, "Through God's Eyes"
 8. Don Z Speaking Engagements:
 - a) Sept 4 - Oakmont Presbyterian Church, Monthly Men's Breakfast
 - b) Nov 20 - Oakmont Lion's Club Dinner
 - c) ?? - United Methodist Churches - specifically TNC Network Churches
 9. Desire to create a short video
- C. Girl Empowerment Pad Program - (Bonnie Lawson & Charity Horiro)
1. Pittsburgh Based Activities:
 - a) Sara Dickey attended a women's retreat at Camp Allegheny and learned they had produced 150 girls empowerment pad kits. She has connected this program with Bonnie Lawson.
 - b) Preparations for the September 9th sewing party are underway. A Facebook fund raiser was held and close to 600 dollars was raised (before fees). These funds were used to purchase PUL (new source), flannel and soap.
 - c) Linda Ambroso prepared a press kit and made contact with her media sources to promote the sewing party. The event has been posted in numerous Facebook groups. Emails have been sent to churches and other supporters.

- d) A temporary sewing machine repair workshop was established. Of the eleven machines awaiting repair, six have been completed and packed for shipment. There are four to six additional machines that have not been collected.
- e) Working with Charity and Crescencia to establish priorities for the program. I have asked each of them to review the progress of the program and develop plans for the future.
- f) Preparation for October shipment: This will be a large shipment that reflects the input from both Charity and Crescencia. Manual machines are in short supply but some very nice electric machines have been donated that will help support the school vocational program needs and the clinics.

2. Nyadire Based Activities:

- a) Hospital/Clinic Based Programs: Crescencia reported the following: The GEP is a wonderful program. Our mothers are benefiting a lot from it and wish to continue with it. At Dendera we are extending the program to high school girls and church ladies to empower the women also. This will help to include the girls out of school. This means the need for more kits and another manual machine for the Dendera clinic.
- b) School Based Programs: Charity provided a summary report (see details in earlier reports) and the individual reports from the schools. Charity reports that the new curriculum advocates practical work, so the sewing machines are helpful in the implementation of the new curriculum. Six schools participate in the program. She reports that the health books are a blessing to the children and that they are self-explanatory. Charity is coordinating the request/design of storage options at each school.

3. Shipments: Crescencia and Charity has been following up on the status of the last shipment. It contains a machine for Dindi and 500 educa-

tional books for the school program in addition to kits and sewing supplies.

4. Workshops/Presentations Scheduled:

- a) September 9th: 3 pm to 6 pm. Sewing party at MLUMC.
- b) Fall Sewing Party: Senior Project Ava Ekstam (Dutilth UMC). Date to be determined.

D. Medical Supplies - (Irina Sheyko & Wilson Nhamoinesu)

1. \$3000 was transferred directly to the Nyadire Hospital account so that they may purchase drugs from suppliers other than PCD. Receipts and invoices are required as this revised method is evaluated.
2. No update - Awaiting word from Wilson that recent money was received and drugs are being ordered.

E. Rural Health Clinic Rebuilds - (Ralph Duckworth & Rev Austern Chepiri/Hannah Mafunda)

1. Rebuild of Next Clinics

- a) Construction work continues at Munyarari Clinic which is one of the 5 clinics administered by Old Mutare Hospital.
- b) DINDI - GBGM approved \$278,944.57 for the rebuild of Dindi Clinic. However, construction work cannot begin until the grant agreement document is received from the Global Health Unit. TNC is working with BBF to obtain clinic furnishings which will be sent via ocean container in mid October
- c) The Spanish NGO "Child Future Africa" visited Zimbabwe and Nyadire and reviewed the Rural Health Clinic Rebuild program. They plan to build some educational facilities and a small health clinic near Mount Darwin, Zimbabwe.

F. Medical & Hospital Support - (Sue Bower & Dr Larry Tanyanyiwa)

1. Neither BBF nor Global Links were previously able to supply suture according to types requested by Nyadire. In anticipation of the upcoming container shipment, we have again requested suture and whatever is available will be included with the container.
2. The power controller for the autoclave at Nyadire hospital has failed again. CHOSEN has quoted the supply of a new control power unit at \$295 and a line conditioner for approximately \$350. There have been numerous exchanges with ZACH to obtain the duty free certificate, but we currently await the certificate before parts can be shipped. TNC will fund the transaction.
3. Blessing (18 yr old Nyadire High School student):
 - a) Awaiting response from Dr Nyabereka & Dr Tanyanyiwa to recommendation for treatment made by 2 doctors from Three Rivers Orthopedic Association.
 - b) Don Z will continue to investigate, but Blessing may not qualify for the Shriners program which brings patients to the USA for treatment.

III. Education and VIM Trips (Molly Michaels)

A. Engineers Without Borders/CMU - (Drew Harvey & Rev L. Mukundu)

1. Students have returned and classes began at CMU Aug 27. Meeting dates for the EWB program are being established.
2. Six EWB students (Christina, Cathy, Meghan, Melina, Vikram, Ashley) plan to travel to Nyadire in late Dec.

3. The CMU/EWB team continues to wait on a response from Nyadire on several questions relative to the Bio Gas cooking project. Direction is needed before design of the project can progress.
4. Reports from Nyadire have not been received confirming that funds have been collected for the Solar Light Maintenance Fund.
5. The EWB student team is working to identify a Technical Mentor with specific skills and experience in Biogas.
6. The idea of developing an employment model by training students to perform specific coding operations looks viable only if we can find capable organizations that might be willing to expand to Zimbabwe. Three businesses would be required - 1) Web Application Training, 2) Western companies looking to contract coding work, 3) An employment organization that matches trained individuals to employers. D. Harvey will have a first call with the organization "Team4Tech" which utilizes tech volunteers to train on specific projects in underserved areas. <http://www.team4tech.org/>. There is also a Pittsburgh location of "Tech Elevator" which offers a 14 week Computer Coding "Boot Camp" at a tuition cost of \$15,500.

B. Grove City College Partnership (Mark LaRosa/Dr Markley & Rev L Mukundu)

1. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed and finalized between GCC and Africa University. Next steps are now being discussed, but there could initially be a "Professor Lecture" exchange, and/or a student led trip to Zimbabwe. We will discuss with GCC what the role (if any) of TNC should be for future developments.
2. Two Solar Powered Sewing machines which were designed and built by Prof Mike Brights engineering class are now prepared for shipment and will be delivered to BBF for inclusion with the next container.

C. Scholarships (Molly Michael)

1. Sister Rut Scholarship Fund

- a) General program overview is complete as well as a draft application. Comments on the application are much appreciated!
- b) Essay questions will be added asking the applicant:
 - (1) How have they overcome hardships to meet their goals?
 - (2) How have friends & family helped them? Examples
 - (3) Have you heard of TNC and describe what you know?
 - (4) How do you envision your future in 5 years
 - (5) What service might you perform to acknowledge receipt of scholarship funds and how might this be reported and tracked?
 - (6) Considering the high rate of unemployment in Zimbabwe, how will you optimize your chances of employment after graduation? How does this situation affect your choice of study?
- c) A committee including individuals from Nyadire and Pittsburgh will be established to evaluate applicants and award scholarships. As a start, we expect to on fund one or two scholarships.
- d) Two steps required to begin the program:
 - (1) A crowdfunding program (possibly in Sept) and a Launch Party to raise initial funds. Stephen Tsou will help organize the Crowd Funding program
 - (2) Students currently receiving support will be asked to provide applications.
- e) M. Michael proposes that BCUMC donate \$1,000 from our Nyadire fund towards Scholarships
- f) MB Zollars put together wonderful cards for CUMC's Giving Tree for the Scholarship Program - thank you!

D. Hearing Impaired (Molly Michael & Tendayi Mushapaidze)

1. Hearing Aids are now at Nyadire with the HI Program. As students return to school, Audio Max will return to Nyadire and fit the devices
2. Sponsorships - Now have 15 and plan to "push" for more sponsors.
3. MB Zollars put together wonderful cards for CUMC's Giving Tree for the HI Program

4. Backpacks for the HI students are now boxed and ready for inclusion with the upcoming container shipment.
5. Funding (\$230) was received and will be sent for Everjoice to attend classes to obtain Sign Language Certificate.
6. Funds will be sent for Audio Max to visit Nyadire in Sept. to fit the SolarEar Aids/provide training
7. \$1,300 received for HI school fees from Annina of Finland.
8. HI Information will be provided at the Sewing Party on Sept. 9th at MLUMC & at Dutilh for Mission Sunday
9. Molly Michael will evaluate a "Rabbit Project" that was described in an article in the national UMW newsletter.

E. Misc:

- a) BBQ Ticket sales will be conducted at BCUMC
- b) Dr L Tanyanyiwa will be asked about the usefulness of the the Hippo Water Rollers previously provided. Photos or videos of the units being used would be most helpful.

F. VIM Trips - Molly Michael & Rev Mukundu

1. EWB will travel to Nyadire in late December, 2018
2. Molly Michael plans to lead a team in June or July 2019. Email sent and 9 new people responded they are interested in going.
3. Leaders are needed to organize additional teams for either fall 2018 or anytime 2019. If anyone else is interested in leading, Molly will start to advertise for volunteers.
4. An extensive Vacation Bible School should be held by one of the June/ July 2019 teams. CUMC youth might consider a trip to Nyadire. At the new HOH site, there are numerous construction opportunities such as a playground, a common meeting space, and an outdoor kitchen.
5. Trainings will begin in October.
6. A Dutilh VIM team plans to travel in summer 2019, and has sent out letters asking who is interested.

IV. Orphans - (MB Zollars)

A. Overall:

1. Funds are needed for a replacement HOH/HOHO vehicle. Emmanuel sent photos of two of the possibilities. Both are Toyota pick-ups; cost \$16,000. TNC is evaluating if funds might be available from several different accounts to raise the total amount needed.
2. Third term = September 4 - December 6.
3. There are delays in the start times of many educational institutions due to the elections.

B. HOHO

1. Now includes 325 kids
2. Funds (HOH & HOHO totaling \$19872) have been transferred for the third term.
3. Emmanuel has sent a detailed list of all of the children's names in the Outreach Program. This was a great aid in updating the lists.
4. New Primary school will be added (Rudawiro Primary School) with six double orphans. Twelve schools are located in the catchment area.
5. Rotary Grant = The Chicken Dinner is Saturday, September 29th, \$12/ticket.
6. CUMC's sponsorship renewal (and adding new sponsors) has started and will continue into September.
7. Backpack Packing Day was Wednesday, August 15th. Marie Hunt headed this monumental effort to pack around 250+ backpacks.

C. HOH

1. Wire transfer for Sept/Oct has been sent.
2. There are two new children at the Home of Hope. Anenyasha is a 5th grade boy and Nokutenda is a one-year old girl. May prayers and blessings surround all as they adjust to their new and loving family.
3. Administrator's House: The inside has been painted; only the outside painting needs to be done.
4. Lincoln Nyamusara (Electrician) worked with E. Chiimba to transfer the electrical meter to the new HOH site.

5. Four children will be taking their O-Levels and one his A-Levels this third term (starting September). Funds were sent to cover tutoring during the school holidays.
6. Godknows Mapika has been able to get his National ID! Hallelujah! Now he will be able to move forward in his plans to pursue the catering trade and attend catering school.
7. Backpacks are also being prepared for the HOH children and staff.
8. We continue to strive to find funds (\$16000) for purchase of a vehicle for the HOH. We have \$7000 and may utilize \$2192 from two inactive accounts and \$6150 from CUMC donated funds. This totals \$15,342. Prior to making a decision, we will reconfirm the vehicle cost estimate.

D. Sister Rut's children

1. No new news.

V. Fund Development (Debbie Little)

- A. Possible Crowd Funding program for Sister Rut Scholarship Fund?
- B. Vehicle Fund - Network Churches will be contacted with the suggestion that UMW groups/other organizations hold fundraising efforts to help with this vehicle purchase.

VI. Promotions - Communications (Tim Wesley)

- A. The general Trifold TNC brochure has been updated showing TNC's 3 focus areas and 13 programs. This will first be used for Dutilh's Mission Sunday on Sept. 9
- B. Reviewing other brochures and presentations to update information and ensure consistency with TNC's current programs
- C. Need to update TNC website with new organization structure, programs
- D. As the Zimbabwe elections have frequently been in the news, T. Wesley will work with D. Harvey on a topic and story for publication in one of the Pittsburgh papers.
- E. "TNC Month" packet. We will compile a packet to send to network churches who might want to consider hosting a "TNC Month" similar to what Dutilh has organized

- F. USC/Bethel Rotary Barbeque
 - 1. Created new flyer for distribution and sent to neighboring churches Phil Himmler's phone number will be included on the flyer to contact for tickets.
 - 2. Sent emails to neighboring churches to include in church bulletins, etc.
- G. Will post flyers in libraries, township bulletin boards
- H. Reserved a table at Prime Time Craft Fair on Dec. 1 to sell crafts
- I. Newsletter is being prepared
- J. TNC will generally organize two social gatherings/year. T. Wesley will identify people that are willing to host and organize each event, with the first directionally planned to be held before Thanksgiving this year.
- K. T. Wesley will evaluate publication opportunities with the various "In Community Magazines" across the region. They are frequently interested in articles particularly if someone in their community has traveled to Nyadire.

VII. Finance - (Richard Dickey)

- A. As of 7/31/2018 restricted funds were \$91,406 and unrestricted funds were \$17,737. Preliminary (not yet reconciled) results for 8/27/2018 show restricted at \$74,303 and unrestricted at \$15,242.
- B. \$19,872 transferred to the HOH account on Aug 27 to be used as follows:
 - 1. \$7100 - Operational budget for 2 months (Sept & Oct) at the HOH
 - 2. \$613 - School Fees for HOH children
 - 3. \$195 - Tutoring Fees for HOH children
 - 4. \$11,964 - School Fee Payment for Home of Hope Outreach students for the third term, 2018.
- C. \$24,000 was sent in May/June for completion of the HOH Administrator's house.
- D. \$1950 transferred June 26 for 3 months of Physician Support
- E. TNC transferred \$3000 to Nyadire hospital (rather than company PCD) on Aug 3 for purchase of medicines and drugs.

- F. TNC has received \$7000 as a donation toward purchase of an updated HOH vehicle but must raise an additional \$9000 before the \$16,000 vehicle can be purchased.
- G. As the programs for Pastor Partnership and O-Level Textbooks are now inactive, we have \$2192 available from these accounts.

VIII. TNC Organization / Miscellaneous - (Drew Harvey)

- A. The youth of Faith Community/Riverview UMC raised funds for purchase of 100 "Life Straws" which they are donating to TNC. D. Harvey will receive these straws on Sunday, Sept 2 at the service of "Faith on 68 UMC". Straws will be included with the container shipment to Nyadire and will be used at the Rural Health Clinics.
- B. Await communication with Nyadire on a number of issues.
- C. TNC now considers the following programs to be "Inactive": Pastor Partnership, Christmas Connection, Rotary, Farm, Micro-Loans, and O-Level Textbooks. Programs are now organized under Health, Orphans, and Education, with Education including VIM Trips. The Clinic Rebuild program is on "Hold" awaiting the rebuild of Dindi Clinic to determine how future rebuilds will be managed.
- D. Several ideas are being discussed, but no clear succession plan for future TNC leaders has yet been identified.
- E. The BP/USC Rotary Chicken BBQ dinner will be Sept 29. TNC is again selling tickets and everyone's help is needed.
- F. Christmas Cards - Cards will be carried to Zimbabwe with next available traveler which may not be until late December. TNC provided \$2100 to fund Nyadire's 2017 Christmas Party and will send \$2500 to fund this year's party. This will be the last Christmas celebration funded by TNC as

the program will then become inactive. The CUMC card ministry will continue to make cards that will be sent to TNC supporters. Pat Cook will circulate a list asking for updates.

- G. Steven Tsou met with Keith Murphy and Rev William Meekins to discuss support opportunities for the Healthy Village Institute in McKeesport. A TNC team worked at Healthy Village at the conclusion of the crowdfunding project.

- H. Frank Sheldon lived at Nyadire from 1948 - 1954 as his parents were missionaries there. His father, John Sheldon, was one of the doctors. Frank contacted us for general information and is planning to visit Nyadire in October or November.

IX. Recent and Upcoming Events

- Apr 30 - July 7; Ocean container departs BBF and arrives Mutambara.
- July 14 - Rev. Duncan Charwadza of Zimbabwe speaks at CUMC
- July 12-15; TNC info table at Mission University
- July 19 - TNC Organizational Work Session
- July 30 - National Election Day in Zimbabwe
- Aug 15 - HOHO Backpack Packing Party
- Aug 23 - Zimbabwe Constitutional Court to announce decision relative to the challenge of National Election Results.
- early Sept - HOH children move into new facility
- Sept 4 - D. Ziegler speaks to Oakmont Presbyterian Men's Breakfast
- Sept 9 - GEP Sewing Party, MLUMC (3pm to 6pm)
- Sept 20 - BBF 60 yr celebration Gala
- Sept 20 - Oct 4; D. Ziegler to Oaxaca, Mexico w/ SEAPC
- Sept 29 - Rotary Chicken BBQ Dinner
- Sept - Possible Eyeglass trip to Mexico with SEAPC by Don Ziegler
- Oct - Eyeglass trip to Malawi with Southminster Presbyterian by D. Ziegler
- Oct 15 - Target shipping date for BBF container to Nyadire/Dindi
- Oct or Nov - Possible trip by Don Z to conduct eyeglass clinics
- Nov 7 - 18; D. Ziegler to Malawi to conduct Eyeglass Clinics

- Nov 20 - D. Ziegler speaks to Oakmont Lion's Club Dinner
- Dec 1 - CUMC Prime Time Craft Fair
- Dec 8 - MLUMC Craft and Cookie Fair. TNC will sell crafts
- Dec 29 - Jan 13 - Probable EWB monitoring trip of Nyadire Solar Lights
- Jan, 2019 - Possible trip to Ghana and Nyadire by Don Ziegler with CCIH
- Feb, 2019 - Possible trip to Honduras by D. Ziegler w/ BMDMI

Next TNC Meeting - Sept 24

6:30 pm. Room B113 at CUMC