

TNC Meeting Minutes - July 27, 2020

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Next TNC Meeting - Monday, Aug 31 - again via ZOOM

TNC Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2020 - remote meeting via ZOOM

I. General

- A. COVID cases in Zimbabwe have increased dramatically in the last month and are now at 2817 cases and 40 deaths (as of 7/29). In response, the Lockdown has been extended and is aggressively controlled. 105,000 people have been arrested for violating health measures including 1000 arrests for not wearing a facemask. A curfew is in place from 6pm until 6 am. Some argue that the curfew and tight enforcement is also to prevent anti-government protests which were expected this week. As a comparison, Allegheny County including Pittsburgh has 7593 cases and 229 deaths. Pennsylvania which has slightly less population than Zimbabwe has 114,000 cases and 7197 deaths (as of 7/29).

- B. Nyadire Hospital has reported 4 positive COVID cases, all students at the Teachers College who had been away on internships and returned for exams. These students are now in isolation at the hostel.

- C. Schools were scheduled to open at the end of July, but that has now been indefinitely delayed.

- D. Zimbabwe's neighbor, South Africa is also experiencing a rapid rise in COVID cases and deaths. As of late July, South Africa has the world's 5th highest number of cases at 460,000 with 7257 deaths (as of 7/29). SA did implement a \$23 billion economic relief package, but there are extensive concerns that corruption has undermined effectiveness. As of 7/29, the USA has 4.44 million cases with 152,000 deaths.

- E. An April report by the United Nations rated Zimbabwe as one of the top global centers for food insecurity in 2020. Many report that hunger is a greater death threat than COVID. The World Food Program states that 5.5 million Zimbabweans (about 1/3 of the population) need food assistance

and they are soliciting donations to support delivery of 265000 tons of food by mid-2020.

II. Health -

A. Container Shipments - (Drew Harvey & Rev L. Mukundu)

1. No shipments to Zimbabwe are currently planned.
2. StarTrack Freight confirmed receipt of \$1240 from TNC as payment of in-country handling fees for the last two containers sent to Nyadire.
3. BBF has received several grants which are used to acquire COVID19 PPE equipment that is primarily distributed locally. BBF has recently worked with the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City and sent a medical container to Malawi.

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

1. Before continued plans for the Eyeglass Program can be developed, D Ziegler continues to await clarification of Zimbabwe program leadership.
2. Four TNC people (Drew, MBZ, Marie, Molly) have quantities of collected eyeglasses ready for Don Z., and Mission Vision. D Harvey will contact Don Z to determine how they might be delivered

C. Girl Empowerment Pad Program - (Bonnie Lawson & Charity Horiro)

1. Pittsburgh
 - a) All sewing machines have been repaired. In the process of printing manuals. Met with Phillip Jones of BBF to discuss options for machines and future projects. He has agreed to attempt to modify a solid balance wheel to accept a hand crank. If this is successful this will open up more options for hand cranked machines. Phil is proposing a meeting with BBF to explore options and potential expansion of this program to other regions. He has provided several machines to BBF for their program. Like our programs, everything is on hold.

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

1. TNC transferred funds to company PCD for purchase of drugs to be used in the 3rd quarter. On July 8, Nyadire purchased 478 items for 195,650 RTGS.
2. Cost of drugs is 136% higher than the previous quarter so the quantity is correspondently less. The majority of drugs purchases are for Pain and Blood Pressure. As shown on the first quarter consumption report, the highest used items continue to be Gloves, IV fluids, IV antibiotics, and general IV medications.

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

1. Mashambanhaka Clinic
 - a) The June progress report was received from Rev Austern Chepiri on July 6 along with numerous construction progress photos..
 - b) The delivery of local aggregate and bricks by the communities improved slightly, but shortages continue to slow progress. Overall project completion is now 85%. An interim payment to the contractor was transferred from TNC.
 - c) The Mashambanhaka Environmental Health Technician monitors the building contractor to ensure that social distancing and wearing of masks is in compliance with lockdown requirements.
 - d) Phase 1 includes construction of 3 new buildings - the OPD/Maternity Delivery ward, the Waiting Mothers facility, and one of the 2 bedroom duplexes which provides staff housing. Cooking sheds, blair toilets, and washing lines are also included. Cost of the scope of work currently approved is \$115,00. Total project cost is \$266,597. TNC will discuss with Rev Chepiri to determine if any additional available

funds should be used on a portion of PHASE 2 work before the contractor leaves the site.

2. The solar water pump at Dindi Clinic failed, possibly due to vandalism, leaving the clinic without water since mid April. This has been a major problem as nurses spend much of their day walking for water, and specifically during the COVID crisis, it is very difficult to maintain sanitary conditions without water. TNC and Charlie Moore agreed to split the cost of a new pump and TNC then wired \$3815 directly to company Samansco for the pump and accessories. The pump was installed on July 25 and water is now running again at Dindi! Livingstone Garikayi provided photos of the installation.
3. The water pump at Chikwizo is electric and requires a generator for power. However, there are no funds to purchase generator fuel, so the clinic has no water. Hannah Mafunda and Rev Austern Chepiri will travel to Chikwizo to determine what can be done. Possibly, the pump can be converted to Solar.

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

1. At the request of Nyadire Teacher's College, 5 students were tested for COVID19 and 4 are positive. These students had returned to the college from assignments, and were mixing and mingling at lectures, meals, and lodging. All four are now isolated in the hostels, and other students are also quarantined there.
2. Because of these positive cases, 208 people who may have contacted the students have been tested so far and the test results are pending. More positive cases are expected. Nyadire personnel have been trained on managing COVID19 and they do currently have PPE (much facilitated by Hannah Mafunda and the Health Board). However with this increased testing and exposure, the stock of PPE is very low. Dr L Tanyanyiwa is providing an estimate for replenishment of supplies.

3. Doctor salary stipend funds for July/Aug/Sept transferred on July 3.

III. Education and VIM Trips (Molly Michaels)

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

1. Fall classes begin at CMU on Aug 31. The 3 EWB student leaders (Melina Driscoll, Fanqi Yi, Yuxiang Nie) have all decided to return to campus. EWB meetings will be held virtually.
2. A Biogas summary report was sent to Nyadire in May which presents different options. The Nyadire mission currently has about 1/3rd of the cattle needed to produce adequate biogas for cooking all meals at the primary school. EWB awaits a response from Nyadire, but this is complicated by the Lockdown and other issues. Two of the key people are currently away from Nyadire. If a decision can be made, implementation planning can begin when CMU classes resume.

B. Sister Rut Scholarships (Molly Michael)

1. Mifi gadget seems to be the best way for scholarship students to have economical access to internet. Two of the students are in the process of acquiring them and trying them out.
2. The Rotary Annual Chicken Dinner hopes to be held the 1st Saturday of Oct.
3. During lockdown: ON HOLD: 10 students currently in program, 4 at Tabudirira, 1 at Nyadire Teachers College, and 5 at various universities.
4. Graduation at Nyadire Teachers College will be postponed for Kudakwashe Mbozvi and Progress Mutandwa. Graduation fees were sent.
5. Tabudirira students (Beauty, Alice, Winnet, and Godknows) are now home at the Home of Hope. Godknows Mapika is doing his attachment (internship) at Nyadire Teachers College.
6. Tinashe Mapfumbidze is staying in Gweru during the Coronavirus shut-downs, doing work online.
7. Tsungirai Makoni's attachment in Harare has resumed.

8. Champion Mujuru has indicated that his exams will be the end of July. He had been able to do his online studies at NTC.
9. Lovemore Mbozvi's program of Mining Engineering will be totally online.
10. Bernard Madyauta is back in Harare & doing classes via Google Classroom.
11. Fungai Chigumbura is in Harare doing online studies, via Google Classroom.

12. ON HOLD: Elina Nyabote has agreed to assist in the Scholarship Program. We are reviewing the process for tuition payments, funds for accommodations and food, and other needs. Students will send their receipts, results, and logs for community service to Elina.

13. New recipients:
 - a) Takunda Pedzai: Midland States University, Human Resources Management; tuition sent July 2020.
 - b) Raymond Chimbwanda: HOHO/O-levels/A-levels: University of Zimbabwe, Mining & Mineral Engineering
 - c) Lorraine Kapembeza: Africa University, Accounting; tuition sent June 2020.
 - d) Panashe Mafemera: O-levels/A-levels: University of Zimbabwe, Sociology, Market Research Analyst (tuition only)
 - e) Angeline Mujuru (Champion's sister): O-levels: Tabudirira Vocational Centre, Agriculture
 - f) Lorraine Chipembere (Fradreck's daughter): O-levels: Tabudirira Vocational Centre, Agriculture

14. Two new applicants for tuition only:
 - a) Stephen Chadamoyo: O-levels/A-Levels: University of Zimbabwe, Pharmacology
 - b) Ruth Makoni: HOHO/O-Levels/A-Levels: Catholic University, Computer Technology

C. Hearing Innovation (Molly Michael & Tendayi Mushapaidze)

1. No update

D. VIM Trips - Molly Michael & Rev Mukundu

1. No update

IV. Orphans - (MB Zollars & Emmanuel Chiimba)

A. Overall: School re-opening has been delayed.

B. HOHO - Marie Hunt & E. Chiimba

1. During lockdown: ON HOLD: work on the roof at Manhembra Primary School.
2. During lockdown: ON HOLD: Elina Nyabote has agreed to do the pricing of the backpacks and school supplies for Marie Hunt, so that these items may be purchased in Zimbabwe for the next round.
3. Funds for 2nd term are in bank account subject to "upkeep fees".

C. HOH - Debbie Soles & E. Chiimba

1. July/August funds were sent.
2. During lockdown: RESUMED: Nyasha Katema and Precious Muripo are taking math lessons to get a better score on their O-level exams.
3. HOH Rummage Sale will not be able to be scheduled at CUMC in 2020. Scheduling for 2021 is on hold.

D. Other

1. Sister Rut's children are well, some of whom will be helped with the TNC Hunger Relief Package.

V. Fund Development (Debbie Little)

- A. Considering the possibility of a "Virtual Fund Raiser" event with Nyadire patched in via ZOOM.

VI. Promotion / Communication - (Tim Wesley)

1. Published and distributed July newsletter
2. Website - Added Instagram link; send other updates to Tim
3. Brochures - Reaching out to network churches to display
4. Network churches - Established contact with communications person at each, and discussing ways to increase TNC awareness; if you have ideas for your church, send to Tim Tim will contact the pastor of Liberty UMC to insure they are included with the Network.
5. Lenten Calendar - exploring other uses
6. The Nyadire food program was featured in the July 2 United Methodist News - [Hunger Relief](#)
7. The addition of Solar to the two main water pumps at Nyadire was included in the July 24 United Methodist News which described improvements to water systems in Malawi and Zimbabwe - [Water Crisis News](#)

VII. Finance - (Richard Dickey)

- A. As of 06/31/2020, TNC had \$131,511 in restricted funds and \$37,576 in unrestricted. Preliminary, not final, results for 07/21/2020 has \$125,051 in restricted accounts and \$16,204 in unrestricted.

- B. Pay Pal problem - Due to a mistaken entry donation of \$10,000, Pay Pal charged a fee of \$291. After sending a written request, Pay Pal refunded this service fee.

- C. Funds recently transferred
 - 1. \$23,750 was sent to Nyadire via World Remit for purchase and distribution of food bundles for June and July.
 - 2. \$7300 sent to Nyadire via World Remit for purchase and distribution of food for August.
 - 3. \$1950 transferred on July 3 for payment of doctor salary stipend for July/Aug/Sept.
 - 4. \$3000 transferred on July 3 to company PCD for purchase of drugs to be used in July/Aug/Sept.
 - 5. \$6960 transferred on July 3 to the HOH account for the July/Aug budget support. An additional \$140 had previously been sent for school fees.

VIII. TNC Organization / Miscellaneous - (Drew Harvey)

- A. We discussed "In Person Meetings" when possible versus the continued use of ZOOM. People felt that ZOOM is more effective, easier for those who travel, and most meetings should continue via ZOOM, although we may have every 4th meeting in-person. D Harvey will inform CUMC.

- B. Hunger Relief -
 - 1. The Nyadire Social Committee initially developed a food bundle list that feeds a family of 5 for a month at a cost of \$33. TNC provided funds to purchase this food for 329 families which was distributed on June 4 and again for 407 families on July 6.
 - 2. In order to extend our support as long as possible, the Social Committee has reduced the list to include only the basics of mealie-meal (4kg), cooking oil (3 liters), Beans (2 kg), and Sugar (2 kg). This reduces the cost from \$33/bundle to \$17/bundle.

3. TNC sent \$7300 via World Remit for this reduced food bundle for August and will do the same for Sept. Recipient families remain at 407. At that point, we will evaluate how we can proceed.
4. Mealie-meal is hard to find in Zimbabwe, but a supplier has been found that delivers to Nyadire and TNC sends funds directly to him.
5. Thank you notes have been sent to all supporters, including a request for additional donations to allow continued food support.
6. Strategy for raising additional Hunger funds was discussed:
 - a) Redirect, with donor communication, funds from specific accounts.
 - b) Initiate an appeal, perhaps in late Aug or Sept, specifically for ongoing hunger support. Possibilities mentioned - 1) Ask people who normally purchase a Rotary Chicken Dinner to donate those funds instead. 2) Organize an online event including representatives from Nyadire. 3) Find 407 families who commit \$17/month to feed a family in Nyadire. 4) Contact network churches and suggest a specific appeal to their congregation.

C. Christmas Connection - Christmas cards are now complete and stored with JM Simmons at CUMC. We will transport to Nyadire at the first opportunity. D Harvey has TNC cards that will be sent to US based supporters.

D. HOH crops, Poultry

1. Scott Sanford is working with Emmanuel Chiimba and Lincoln Nyamusara to clarify funds needed to add a second solar powered borehole at the HOH. A quotation was received totaling \$18,500 to drill the borehole, install the pump, add solar panels, and include 6 lithium batteries allowing irrigation 24 hours/day. The solar system will also power one HOH duplex. Some additional funds also required for additional drip irrigation. Although the profitability potential may not be high, the addition of this borehole is a priority as a first step to irrigate more acres and increase food production.
 - a) In addition to Maize, this irrigation would also enable other crops which could add badly needed protein.

2. A proposal has been received from E. Chiimba to initiate poultry (broiler) production utilizing the facility at the Nyadire farm. Emmanuel and Es-nath Arichara would jointly manage the operation. Scott Sanford awaits clarification of numerous issues, primarily around market and profit potential.

E. CRISIS RESPONSE?? -

1. Reports from numerous people as well as news articles confirm that food shortages throughout Zimbabwe are severe and getting worse. TNC is trying to monitor how dire the situation at Nyadire is in order to decide if all available funds should be directed to emergency response. We will send \$7300 to purchase basic food supplies for Aug and Sept and then assess how to go forward. As needed, we may redirect program funds, or conduct another funding appeal.
2. Possible Funding Priorities:
 - a) Additional food support at \$7300/month
 - b) Enable Chikwizo water system, possibly by adding solar - amount to be determined
 - c) Add solar powered borehole at the HOH to increase food production
 - d) Provide additional PPE for Nyadire Hospital - amount to be determined.

IX Recent and Upcoming Events

- Feb 17 - Mashambanhaka groundbreaking ceremony
- Mar 1 - Construction begins on rebuild of Mashambanhaka
- early March- Both containers arrive at Nyadire
- Mar 30 -Ongoing COVID19 Lockdown initiated throughout Zimbabwe.
- May 21 - 29 - Hunger Relief funding appeal and Nyadire food distribution
- June 3 - TNC Meeting
- June 4 - Food distributed at Nyadire for 329 families
- July - Scheduled completion of Mashambanhaka Clinic but now delayed
- July 6 - Food distributed at Nyadire for 407 families
- July 14 - Funds sent for August Food Support

- July 27 - TNC Monthly ZOOM meeting
- Aug 31 - TNC Meeting