

TNC Meeting Minutes - July 26, 2021

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Next TNC Meeting - Monday, Aug 30 - again via ZOOM

TNC Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2021 - meeting via ZOOM

I. Opening Prayer

II. General

- A. Zimbabwe reported 46,442 COVID cases and 1736 deaths a month ago at our last TNC meeting. This was a 12X increase from the previous month, but as of 7/26, cases have increased to 97,894 and deaths to 3094. This is an increase from 7778 cases in one month to 51,452 cases in one month. The COVID spike which began in early June continues and is rising rapidly primarily driven by the "South African Variant". On July 19, a Zimbabwe Travel Advisory was increased to the highest "Level 4, Do Not Travel". Strict curfews, intercity travel, quarantines, testing, etc are all now in place. As per the CDC - "Even fully vaccinated travelers may be at risk for getting and spreading COVID-19 variants".

- B. The head nurse is one of 21 at Dendera who have tested positive for COVID and there is generally great exposure concern throughout the country. Nyadire hospital has 84 who have tested positive. Approximately 7% of the population has been vaccinated and more vaccinations are proceeding at a slow pace.

II. Health -

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

- 1. BBF loaded and shipped the container on June 23. Expected arrival at Beira, Mozambique is 8/15 so probable arrival at Nyadire is early Sept. Rev Austern Chepiri is managing duty free certification and customs clearance.

- 2. TNC contributed 258 boxes which generally included:
 - a) 38 boxes of backpacks, school supplies, science/agricultural books (for distribution), jackets, weed whacker cord, seed storage bags, and a sewing machine for the HOH.

- b) 17 boxes of reading books, teaching supplies, & Hearing Innovation supplies for the HOHO program
 - c) 55 boxes medical supplies including shower & toilet chairs, crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, IV stands, gloves, diapers, shoe covers, syringes, dental supplies, blood pressure cuffs, books for the nursing library, knitted blankets/caps, nebulizers, stethoscopes, bandages, paper stock, sterilizer pouches, and more.
 - d) 1600 Sutures specified by Dr Larry and purchased from Global Links
 - e) 43 boxes for the Girls Empowerment Program including 11 sewing machines, female hygiene supplies and sewing supplies.
 - f) 70 boxes of eyeglasses for the Eyeglass Program
 - g) 6 boxes of Theology Books, church robes, devotional materials
 - h) 19 boxes of handmade knitted blankets and caps for newborn babies.
 - i) 2 boxes of TNC Christmas Cards and blank envelopes
 - j) 3 boxes of Hearing Innovation supplies
 - k) 4 boxes of tools including a chain hoist, engine analyzer, socket set, tire patch kits, and misc hand tools.
- l) In addition to these boxes, TNC included seven "Pop Up Classrooms" purchased from Computer Reach (\$10,700), each with 8 computers, a projector, screen, tables, chairs, 220 volt wiring strips, and transport cart.
- m) BBF filled all remaining space in the container primarily with furnishings for Mashambanhaka Clinic, plus various other items. This included school desk chairs, benches, office chairs, exam tables, reception chairs, cabinets, medical tables, walkers, crutches, thermal blankets, mattresses, 63 boxes of medical supplies, feminine hygiene pads, sewing accessories, and pallet of books.
3. TNC paid \$10,000 to BBF for container shipment and all services.
 4. BBF 2020 Annual Report is available. The priority focus continues on sustainability and support in 4 areas - 1) Infrastructure Solar; 2) Infrastructure WASH; 3) Disaster Response; 4) Education.

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

1. Seventy (70) cartons of eyeglasses and related supplies are included in the current container being sent to Nyadire.

2. Head Nurse Primrose from Dendera tested positive for Covid a few days ago. She has been fully vaccinated and is now feeling better. She is one of the leaders of our eyeglasses clinics when they resume.
3. Regarding transportation for our clinics when they resume, Primrose's husband Jim, has an open flatbed truck which he uses for work. He has offered to provide transportation for our clinics for a fee. This may be the most likely option in light of the problems with the old ambulance that we have been using in the past. Will continue to see if other options are available.
4. Have had follow up conversations and a meeting relative to St. Paul's "Faith Geer Memorial Eyeglasses Program". Still need to meet with the new pastor, will reach out to her soon. Several at St. Paul's are going to try cleaning the glasses as a test. The goal is to clean those collected prior to providing them for measurement and processing.
5. The Lions Club of Oakmont, who collect lots of eyeglasses, are going to also test methods for cleaning them prior to delivering them for measurement and testing.
6. At the Lions Club meeting, a senior member donated \$40 for our Eyeglasses program. This will be forwarded to TNC by the Lions Club treasurer, Don Beynon.
7. Evaluating an eyeglasses mission trip to Appalachia, since travel to Zimbabwe and Malawi is not currently recommended. Spoke to Phil Himmler about Appalachia Service Project (ASP), in which she participated. Planning to make a day or two trip to Greene County PA, into WV and perhaps KY to evaluate.

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

1. Pittsburgh/Nyadire
 - a) Most activities are on hold due to the continuing COVID restrictions. The hope is to create a purchasing team to evaluate local purchase of supplies, but this must wait until COVID restrictions are relaxed.
2. Refurbishment of sewing machines continues.

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

1. Dr Larry confirms that PCD has received TNC's transfer of \$3000 for medicines to be used in July/Aug/Sept and that Nyadire will soon collect their order. Wilson Nhamoinesu provided the Medicine Tracking and Consumption report updated thru June.
2. In response to the rapid increase in COVID, Dr Larry advises that Nyadire and all clinics need latex gloves, gowns, surgical masks, hand sanitizer, face shields, over shoes, test kits, & vaccines. There is also great pressure from the demanding work, and transport is needed to follow up with contact tracing.
 - a) Dr Larry is developing a proposal for purchase of PPE to be used at Nyadire hospital and the 6 clinics. TNC will review, but expects to provide funds.

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

1. Mashambanhaka Clinic; Summary of Rev Chepiri's June report:
 - a) There was 9% progress during the month on Phase II - it is now 80% complete
 - b) The main clinic toilet block is 70% complete, up from 25% as of the end of May
 - c) The Waiting Mothers Home toilet block is 40% complete, up from 25%
 - d) General Service work (water tanks, waste management pits, water reticulation) remains at 95% complete
 - e) Delivery of bricks, sand and aggregate by the communities improved significantly
 - f) Work planned for July includes:
 - (1) Cooking sheds and Blair toilets for staff housing
 - (2) Excavation, brickwork and plastering of waste management pits
 - (3) Painting, electrical work, plumbing and tiling of the main clinic toilet block

- (4) Brickwork, roofing, plastering, plumbing, electrical work and painting of the Mothers Waiting Home toilet block
- (5) Renovations of the existing clinic and staff housing
- (6) Fencing and solar panel erection for the borehole
- g) There may be a need for a Phase 2.6 to capture the cost of the removal and decommissioning of the existing borehole mono-pump and related column pipework. This work was overlooked in prior budgets and schedules - more details and a budget revision will be provided in the near future
- h) The estimated completion date for the project is now 8.31.21
- i) Total estimated cost of Phase 2 remains at \$144,597 and total project cost at \$257,458 however as noted above, a cost variance is expected for the cost of decommissioning the existing borehole
- j) Payments for the project from TNC during June totaled \$41,679.21:
 - (1) Halstead Brothers for building materials: \$22,711.49
 - (2) J Mann for steel pipes & welding rods: \$7,173.72
 - (3) Driptech for borehole pumpset and solar panels: \$4,076.50
 - (4) Paid to consultant for fabrication and welding of steel poles and fencing for borehole: \$7,717.50
- k) Through June 30, 2021, TNC has funded \$112,862 for Phase 1 and \$144,597 for Phase 2 for a total of \$257,458
- l) TNC authorized an additional payment of \$4,400 to the labor contractor on July 26, 2021, bringing total payments for Phase 2 to \$148,997 and total payments for the overall project to \$261,858
- m) The overall estimated cost of the project has increased from \$266,597 to \$268,612. This increase appears to be related to the decommissioning of the existing borehole - we have asked for clarification of the increase.
- n) TNC sent \$6600 to "Orange Health" for the purchase of 20 manual hospital beds for Mashambanhaka. There was some delay in the wire transfer but Nyadire is now scheduled to collect and deliver the beds to Mashambanhaka.

- o) Violet Mutasa has suggested that we consider more extensive and drought resistant landscaping for each of the rebuilt clinics. Perhaps this can be done by the communities or schools as a "competition".
- p) Two issues raised for discussion with Rev Chepiri:
 - (1) Is ZESA adequately reliable at Mashambanhaka or should some amount of solar back-up be considered?
 - (2) Could the existing borehole be used as a back-up rather than de-commissioned?
- q) Dedication of Mashambanhaka by Bishop Nhiwatiwa will be Nov 2. Ralph Duckworth hopes to attend as well as Charlie Moore and others from Baltimore/Maryland. MB Zollars, Marjorie Dold and others from TNC are also considering the trip. Much depends on how the current increase in COVID develops.

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

1. Dr. Tanyanyiwa advises that COVID cases are increasing daily at Nyadire. Statistics:
 - a) Nyadire Hospital - 445 COVID tests with 84 positive
 - b) Chindenga - 754 vaccinations; 47 COVID tests with 24 positive
 - c) Chikwizo - 684 vaccinations; 53 COVID tests with 13 positive
 - d) Dindi - 457 vaccinations; 92 COVID tests with 24 positive
 - e) Dendera - 1230 vaccinations; 51 COVID tests w/ 21 positive
 - f) Nyahuku - 294 vaccinations; 14 COVID tests with 9 positive
 - g) Mashambanhaka - 436 vaccinations; 41 COVID tests with 17 positive
2. Joyce Sihwa, now living in the UK, provided and shipped 3 Fetal Dopplers to the maternity ward at Nyadire Hospital in honor of her mother.

III. Education and VIM Trips (Molly Michaels)

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

1. As the EWB students are away from CMU until Sept and activity in Zimbabwe is slow due to COVID restrictions, it has been difficult to finalize the Digester purchase order. However, the students recently sent a list of remaining questions to the vendor, Blessing Jonga & Lewis Makurumure. As soon as specifications and financial transfer details are finalized, the students will submit a report to national EWB, and the purchase order should then follow.
2. There will be one 25 cubic meter digester located at the Primary School which will be fed with an expected 104 kg/day of cow waste collected throughout the mission. Food waste (primarily sadza) of approximately 18 kg/day will supplement the feed.

B. Sister Rut Scholarship Program (MB Zollars)

1. Funding strategies are being explored to keep the Scholarship Program afloat.
2. Three new candidates are looking to begin university studies in September. Applications have not yet been received. All three are well-known to the Committee and are excellent students, Blessing Mabii, Rutendo Mupfawa, Praise Mushamba.
3. All tertiary schools are announcing fee increases as the economy opens up again.
4. Students are busy turning in their log sheets for their Community Service. Service includes: cleaning churches and yards, tutoring primary school children, volunteering at homes for the elderly.
5. Scholarships:
 - a) Tinashe Mapfumbidze(MSU) is staying in Gweru. His classes are now on Google Classroom.
 - b) Tsungirai Makoni will start her 4th year of study in Actuarial Science at the University of Zimbabwe on 12 April 2021.

- c) *Campion Mujuru* (University of Zimbabwe) is back at UZ taking exams (for the end of last semester).
- d) *Lovemore Mbozvi* has found an attachment with *Mashava Mines* near *Gweru*. He is studying *Mining Engineering*. His work apparently exposes him to dust and toxin exposures and more PPE is needed
- e) *Bernard Madyauta* has begun his next semester at the *University of Great Zimbabwe*.
- f) *Fungai Chigumbura* has completed his exams, and is beginning his first semester of his second year.
- g) *Maryleen Dandira* (*Nyadire Teachers College*) has finished her teaching practice at *Nyamhara Primary* and is looking forward to her next term at *NTC*.
- h) *Lorraine Kapembeza*: *Africa University, Accounting*. *Lorraine* successfully completed her second semester. She will report to campus for the first time in *August*.
- i) *Ruth Makoni*: *HOHO/O-Levels/A-Levels: Catholic University, Business Management and Information Technology*; currently in second semester.
- j) *Takunda Pedzai*: *Midland States University, Human Resources Management*; has happily started 2nd semester.
- k) *Raymond Chimbwanda*: *HOHO/O-levels/A-levels: University of Zimbabwe; Financial Economics and Trade*; starting 2nd semester.
- l) *Stephen Chadamoyo*: *O-levels/A-Levels: University of Zimbabwe, (tuition only); Physiotherapy*; 1st semester exams delayed until *May*.
- m) *Panashe Mafemera*: *O-levels/A-levels: Bindura University, Peace and Governance (tuition only)* - beginning end of *July 2021*
- n) *Nyasha Given Katema*: (*HOH*) *O-levels/A-levels: Zimbabwe Institute for Legal Studies*. The school offers a variety of certificates and degrees, leading to careers from paralegal to lawyer. *Nyasha* will proceed from year to year, based on his interest, needs, and success.

7. WORK/STUDY:

- a) *Lindarose Chibinge*: *Lindarose* has enrolled in *Social Work* at *Midland States University* for a master's degree specializing in *Children's Rights and Protection*. *Lindarose* will receive a small monthly stipend

for her work at the HOH. It will be her responsibility to pay for her own tuition and other expenses associated with getting her master's degree. She has agreed to work at the HOH throughout her studies. Indications are that she is interested in staying at the HOH after completion.

8. TABUDIRIRA VOCATIONAL CENTRE CANDIDATES:

- a) Angeline Mujuru (Campion's sister) (HOHO): O-levels: Tabudirira Vocational Centre, Hotel and Catering, began 6 April 2021
- b) Lorraine Chipembere (Fradreck's daughter) (HOHO): O-levels: Tabudirira Vocational Centre, Hotel and Catering, began 6 April 2021
- c) Tinotenda Kadyautumbe (HOH): O-levels: Tabudirira Vocational Centre, Hotel and Catering, began 6 April 2021

9. AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP:

- a) John Sperry (VIM) has engaged with us in building an agricultural aspect of the Scholarship Program. Precious Muripo has been accepted at Blackfordby Agricultural Institute. Her registration fee and General Purpose Levy (accepting the offer) have been paid.

10. On hold:

- a) Josphat Nyatoro (HOHO): O-levels: changed intention to pursuing 3 more O-level subjects in order to attend Harare Polytechnic. His scholarship will be re-visited a year from now.
- b) Rodney Matonga (Rev. Forbes and Nyaradzai's son) is a leading candidate for an agricultural scholarship. He will be writing exams at Blackfordby Agricultural Institute in July (end of 1st year), where he is doing a diploma program (in contrast to a degree) in Agribusiness and Farm Management. After his exams, he will do a 9-month internship, at which time he will be awarded a diploma.

11. Finished:

- a) Winnet (HOH/Tabudirira) is now a seamstress, starting her business "Winnet's Fashions" with starting income from HOHO for school uniforms.
- b) Godknows (HOH/Tabudirira) has embarked on a venture of establishing a food stand in Mutoko and has also found a job at a food outlet in Mutoko.
- c) Beauty (HOH/Tabudirira) is taking her trade exams (30 July) in Hotel and Catering and is now employed at Suswe Lodges in Mutoko.

C. Hearing Innovation (Molly Michael & Tendayi Mushapaidze)

- 1. Funds, \$390, were transferred to Emerald Hill for education fees of Charles Niwita. However the transfer failed and we await clarification of banking information.
- 2. "Boarding Kits" for the HI students - These kits will include toiletries, socks, and items that boarding students always need as school begins. M. Michael plans to distribute a flyer that will ask for collections and the kits could then be carried over by future VIM teams.
- 3. Not yet confirmed, but the Thanksgiving August Event initially planned at BCUMC will probably be cancelled.
- 4. The Vacation Bible School at CUMC raised funds for the HI program, which are being matched by CUMC Outreach. Total is expected to exceed \$2000.
- 5. Two book recommendations: "Nervous Conditions" by Tsitsi Dangarembga and "When a Crocodile Eats the Sun" by Peter Godwin.

D. VIM Trips - Molly Michael & Rev Mukundu

- 1. Charlie Moore of Baltimore/Washington has organized a trip in November for dedications at Mashambanhaka (Nov 2), Dindi (Nov 2), and Hanwa (Nov 4). Bishop Nhiwatiwa and other church leaders will partici-

pate. Jim Gourley and Sue McCann will be on this trip as well as other members of Charlie's group. Ralph Duckworth expects to join and possibly others from TNC . Charlie has purchased tickets for himself and wife Carol as the price was good and it can be exchanged with a small fee to another date. Other travelers are waiting to see how the COVID situation develops.

2. Please advise M. Michael if you are interested in joining, Leading, or Co-Leading a team in 2022.

E. Misc

1. Sarah Flower of Avonworth Middle School provided a "Pen Pal Video" of 10 students saying hello and asking questions of the Nyadire students. M. Michael has forwarded to Charity Horiro and hopefully Nyadire students will be able to respond.

[Avonworth To Nyadire](#)

IV. Orphans - (MB Zollars & Emmanuel Chiimba)

A. Overall:

1. UM Article regarding TNC's Anniversary included wonderful coverage of the Home of Hope.
2. School terms: No news on when Term 2 will begin or end due to lockdown; Term 3 (4 October-17 December)
3. Precious and Winnet have recovered from COVID.

B. HOHO - Marie Hunt & E. Chiimba

1. ON HOLD: pricing, purchasing, and distributing of the backpacks and school supplies in Zimbabwe. A person has not been identified to take on this task.
2. Term 2 school fees have been not been sent.
3. Outreach Committee:
 - a) Chairperson: Noreen Chitengu (Manhamba Primary)

- b) Vice Chair: Tawanda Muswe (Rudawiro Primary)
- c) Secretary: Esnath Zimbira (Nyadire Primary)
- d) Treasurer: Nicodemus Bandira (Nyadire High School)
- e) Finance Secretary: Fiona Chironoma (Nyakabau Primary)

4. STEM in Nyadire:

- a) Maddie Gioffre continues to develop the program for a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) event at Nyadire as developed and implemented by Maddie's volunteer organization S.Y.STEM. Maddie, Drew, Violet, and MB meet regularly via ZOOM to review. Expectation is that 2 individuals from S.Y.STEM will join a TNC team in summer, 2022 for an event emphasizing coding skills. Maddie is working with a professor at CMU who has a STEM curriculum that will be utilized, and possibly integrated into Nyadire/HOHO schools. Maddie will be presenting this concept to S.Y.STEM's board soon for approval and will advise.

- b) Travel to Nyadire will most probably occur mid-2022. Maddie has been in contact with Stephen Tsou (previous volunteer to Nyadire & researcher at CMU) and Professor David Cosby (CMU) who has established a Computer Science Academy to train teachers of MS and HS students. Other possible connection: Grove City College

C. HOH - MB Zollars & E. Chiimba

- 1. July/August funds sent, along with formula for the orphaned baby. An extra \$100 per month is now budgeted for all the new hungry mouths. As of July 1, TNC now sends \$3650/month for the HOH budget.

- 2. Emmanuel has asked for prayers that the new employee at the HOH will be accepted well into the Home of Hope Family. The interviewing panel chose Emmanuel's son, Tinashe Chiimba.

3. Emmanuel is working on a possible storage shed for harvested crops. He also commented that a new internet booster tower is being constructed near the maintenance area which will greatly improved connections.

V. Fund Development (Debbie Little)

- A. Two committees are working to acknowledge TNC's 15 year anniversary (2006 - 2021). They are a "Celebration" committee and a "Forward 15" committee. Although we initially intended to include guests from Zimbabwe at the event, that now looks unlikely due to COVID restrictions.
- B. "Celebration" - Debbie Little is leading this planning team.
 1. Committee - Debbie Little, Drew Harvey, Tim Wesley, Sue Bower, Carole Butler, Tracy Ekstam, Deborah Swineford, Kim Koser, Bonnie Lawson will help with set up
 2. Purposes of the Event - Celebrate the Anniversary, Roll out any new strategic plan, Get more churches involved in TNC (Friend-Raising)
 3. Date - Sunday Nov 14 at 6pm
 4. Format - Not a sit down dinner, keep it simple and not an expensive/ catered affair, Monetary goal is to at least cover cost, including travel expenses of possible guests from Zimbabwe.
 5. Venue:
 - a) Dutilh UMC in Cranberry Township, Newly expanded and reconstructed Fellowship Hall, Large parking lot. Dutilh kitchen ministry (Dutilh's TNC team) to prepare appetizers and desserts (all finger food)
 - b) For 60 people cost estimated at \$5/person; tickets will be sold for a profit If we sell more than 60 tickets, another appetizer will be added to the menu. Dutilh will need an estimated head count 2 weeks out and a final head count 4 days before the event, Nov. 10
 6. Fundraising

- a) M. Michael will create the ability to sell tickets via "Event Bright". Individual tickets will be sold for \$25; package of 8 tickets will be sold for \$160. Goodwill offering will be taken to cover travel costs if guests from Zimbabwe are able to attend.
 - b) Crafts will be sold - will need one or more volunteers to set up & "man" the table. There will be a Chinese auction (raffle tickets) and silent auction (bidding on a clipboard); Carol Butler and Debbie Little will co-chair the auction; donations of gift baskets, gift certificates, art, tickets etc. will be needed
7. Program - Brief introduction of TNC to date, with pictures. Because of COVID, it is unlikely that guests from Zimbabwe will be able to attend. Videos and photos will instead be shown as part of the presentation of the new TNC strategic plan. Possible music from Nyadire choir
8. Plan to Involve New Churches
- a) Debbie, Ralph and Tim held an excellent meeting with Pastors Tom and Jim (Dutilh pastors) on June 29. Plans:
 - (1) Contact specific churches - Ingomar, Sewickley, Bakerstown Rd (Rt 8), Shadyside as well as Pastor Jim will initially contact the new DS. New minister at St Pauls has a history with TNC.
 - (2) Dutilh is planning a sermon series on "servanthood" in Nov. so perfect timing.
 - (3) At Dutilh's July dedication, highlight Mashambanhaka, and celebrate Mashambanhaka dedication again in November. Dutilh will have a TNC "month" for 3 weeks in November, culminating in the anniversary event. Tom thinks we should get 60 attendees from Dutilh alone.
 - (4) Dutilh would like to send another VIM trip in 2022, possibly with our youth

(5) Write letter to pastors of 7 TNC churches asking them to bring 1 or 2 pastors they know from other churches and the missions/outreach committee chair from the other church. Follow up calls to those 7 pastors.

9. Publicity - Tim Wesley developing a publicity plan to promote at 7 TNC churches, with all prior VIM teams, and through newsletter & website. Will also prepare an anniversary edition of the newsletter which might be nicely printed as a take-home commemorative for the event.

10. HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- a) Sell tickets, particularly to people not yet involved with TNC. Send Debbie deborah.little0@gmail.com your mailing address and let her know how many tickets to send you (if you don't sell them all, that's fine, just don't include them in your head count)
- b) Consider purchasing a package of 8 tickets in order to invite guests from other churches
- c) Send Debbie your head count by Nov. 1 and final count (if different) by Nov. 4 deborah.little0@gmail.com
- d) Make sure your pastor(s) attend and that they bring a pastor and outreach/missions chair from a new church
- e) Volunteer to set up, "man" and take down the craft sale
- f) Donate for the auction: gift baskets, gift certificates, tickets, art, etc.; Carol and Debbie will arrange a south hills pickup in advance of the event
- g) Questions? Call Debbie at 412-951-4340

C. "Forward 15" - Chuck Billerbeck is leading a team that will work with Nyadire to establish a vision for the next 15 years, and also a strategic plan that optimizes and sustains TNC for the future.

1. An Agricultural Strategy Board has been established by the Zim UMC which sets strategy for how the church can best utilize the properties at all locations. Rev Mukundu provided TNC with a proposal for Nyadire that will refurbish the old river pumping station and bring irrigation to 100HA of newly cleared land.
 2. An effective group call was held on July 14 with Rev Mukundu and Rev Gurupira. We expect to hold such review calls on a regular basis.
 3. In addition to agricultural strategy, the team hopes to work together with Nyadire on how our two organizations might optimize future work.
 4. The strategy team presented a leadership proposal to a TNC group via Zoom on July 19. The working plan is to establish a lead team of a chairperson, vice-chair, finance director, and a member at large. After 1 year, or more, of service the vice chair would assume the chairperson position. A "pool" of future vice-chair candidates would also be maintained and nominations are requested for who might be in this pool. More work needed before anything is finalized.
 5. Next "Forward 15" meeting - Thursday, Jul 28.
 6. The objective is to present both the Nyadire future vision and an updated TNC organization at the Nov 14 Celebration Event. The hope is that people from Zimbabwe would join this event and make part of the presentation, but the uncertainty of COVID restrictions makes this hard to plan and therefore unlikely. Videos may be the back-up.
- D. Western Pa Clergy Spouses Retreat (Aug 28,29) - Debra Swineford will promote TNC at this event. T. Wesley will provide Debra with brochures and Debra hopes to display the standing TNC photo board (probably now at St Pauls UMC)

VI. Promotion / Communication - (Tim Wesley)

- A. Promoting TNC's 15th anniversary (2006-21)
 1. UM News feature story and videos...just published, with top billing.
[TNC celebrates 15 Years](#)

2. In addition to the 15 yr anniversary story, Kudzai Chingwe also provided a gallery of photos and an approximate 50 page booklet of her work and interviews.
 3. Starting communications plan for anniversary event
 4. Pitched story to Post-Gazette
- B. Published July newsletter
- C. New TNC overview presentation posted on website
- D. Communicating with network churches
1. Nov. 14 event
 2. Newsletter
 3. UM News story

VII. Finance - (Richard Dickey)

- A. As of 06/30/2021, TNC had \$108,528 in restricted funds and \$46,461 in unrestricted. Preliminary, not final, results for 07/19/2021 has \$108,713 in restricted accounts and \$31,918 in unrestricted.
- B. Chuck Billerbeck is working with Richard Dickey and CUMC to simplify and optimize TNC's financial procedures. The objective is to enable much of the process to be conducted remotely, to minimize the dependence on CUMC, and to ease the transition for future financial leaders.
- C. Specific upcoming expenses to be paid in late Sept from Unrestricted Funds include 3 months of drug purchases & doctor salary stipend, purchase of PPE equipment, and the Anniversary event in Nov.
- D. At the request of Rev Forbes, TNC sent \$2400 to repair the church vehicle which has not been operational for an extended time. Repairs include new tires, suspension parts, body work, fuel pump, engine service, and painting. Vehicle will be complete the week of July 26 and should provide several years of good service to the church.

E. Rummage Sale held on June 5 raised \$1661 for the HOH

F. Funds recently transferred

1. June 2 - \$5050 to the HOH account for HOHO and Scholarship Fees
2. June 22 - \$3800 to the HOH account for payment of O-Level exam fees and school fees that were in arrears.
3. June 22 - \$41, 678.71 for Mashambanhaka construction as follows:
 - a) Halsted Brothers \$22,711.49
 - b) J. Mann & co \$7173.72
 - c) Driptech \$4076.00
 - d) L. Garikayi; services \$7717.50
4. Jun 27 - \$3000 transfer to PCD for purchase of drugs for Jul/Aug/Sept.
5. Jun 28 - \$980 sent via World Remit as doctor salary stipend for Jul/Aug/Sept
6. Jun 28 - \$800 payment to Global Links for suture purchase initiated
7. Jun 28 - \$6600 payment to Orange Health for purchase of beds for Mashambanhaka
8. Jun 29 - \$250 to Kudzai Chingwe
9. Jun 29 - \$545 wired to Bindura University for payment of fees for Panashe Maferma.
10. Jul 4 - \$2400 sent via World Remit to C. Kuwana for repair of church vehicle.
11. July 7- \$390 transferred to Emerald Hill for payment Hearing Impaired education fees for Charles Niwita. Funds not yet received and being traced.
12. July 13 - \$8350 to the HOH for Jul/Aug budget, formula expense, work study fees for Lindarose, 2nd term school fees, and college travel expense for Precious. Monthly budget amount is being increased to \$3650/month.
13. July 14 - \$100 to Blackfordby College to secure acceptance of Precious Muripo.
14. July 20 - transfer of \$115 for education fees of Lorraine Kapembeza
15. July 26 - \$4400 to Mashambanhaka contractor, Nyakudanga Building.

16. July 26 - \$6602 to be reimbursed to MB Zollars for funds sent via World Remit for scholarship payment of education fees for 13 students.

VIII. TNC Organization / Miscellaneous - (Drew Harvey)

- A. Christmas Connection - Nyadire Christmas cards for 2020 are included with the upcoming Container Shipment. We do not expect to send additional cards for 2021. The insert for signatures for the 2021 Christmas Cards that will be sent locally to TNC supporters will be at Dutilh UMC this week.
- B. The Bethel Park "Chicken BBQ Meal" will be Oct 9 at Bethel Park High School and is expected to be take-out only. Ticket price increased to \$15 and sales will be difficult as many remain away from church due to COVID.

IX Recent and Upcoming Events

- Mar 1, 2020 - Construction begins on rebuild of Mashambanhaka
- early March, 2020 - Two TNC containers arrive at Nyadire
- May 2020 - Mar 2021 - Food distribution to Nyadire families
- Dec 2 - "Cash for Clinics" Webinar for Mashambanhaka Clinic
- June 5 - HOH Rummage Sale
- June 23 - Container shipment departs BBF
- June 26 - BCUMC craft sale - TNC crafts sold
- June 28 - TNC Meeting
- Jul 19 - DutilhUMC dedication of new construction, including Mashambanhaka
- Aug 28/29 - Western Pa Conference Spouses Retreat
- Sept 2021 - Target installation of BioGas Digester at Nyadire Primary.
- Oct 9 - Rotary Chicken BBQ Meal
- Nov 2 - Dedication of Mashambanhaka Clinic & Dindi Clinic
- Nov 14 - Event recognizing TNC's 15th anniversary