

## TNC Meeting Minutes - Mar 30, 2020

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## TNC Meeting Minutes

### Mar 30, 2020 - remote meeting via ZOOM

#### I. General

- A. The Corona Virus has hit Zimbabwe with 7 reported cases and 1 death. The country is enacting a strict 3 week lockdown beginning Monday, Mar 30. Businesses, restaurants, schools, churches, etc will be closed and individual movements are greatly restricted. Troops will be used to enforce the requirements. Photos show deserted streets and food booths throughout Harare. On Sunday prior to the shutdown, thousands left the cities to return to their rural homes partly because they may otherwise not have enough food for a 3 week period. These travels raise concerns that the virus will quickly be spread to the rural areas.
- B. The Zimbabwe Episcopal UMC has asked all churches to limit meetings and do all possible to minimize spread of the virus. Nyadire is holding virtual church services using a platform on What's App.
- C. UMC projects are being placed on hold at least until the lockdown is over. This includes the rebuild of Mashambanhaka, Munyarari Clinic, and Hanwa School
- D. A "Prayer for a Pandemic" that we used to close the meeting:
- May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.
  - May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.
  - May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must decide between preserving their health or making the rent.
  - May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.
  - May we who have to cancel our trips remember those that have no safe place to go.
  - May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

- May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love. During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors. Amen.

## II. Health - (Mark LaRosa)

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

1. The two containers shipped to Nyadire left BBF in mid December and arrived at Nyadire in late Feb and early March. Both had no issues with customs or other delays and all contents were intact with no damage. Contents of both have now been distributed to the designated people at Nyadire.
2. The containers included 2126 math and science books, medical items for Nyadire hospital, 51 boxes of eyeglasses, medical bags for Hannah Mafunda, a filing cabinet for Dindi, maintenance tools for the HOH and the Hospital, a large amount of furnishings for the Chimhogo Orphan facility, furniture for the HOH, HOHO backpacks with supplies, Hearing Aids and HI supplies, 3 freezers and one refrigerator, voltage regulators and converters, hospital beds, 12 carts for the disabled, backpacks with school supplies, GEP kits and sewing machines, and more. All the math/science books have now been distributed to HOHO schools.
3. BBF continues to work with Charlie Moore to provide equipment for an upgrade to the science laboratories at Africa University.
4. BBF is supplying PPE and other equipment (scrubs, beds, masks, etc.) to health facilities throughout the country. They are acquiring some from international donors but demand far outstrips supply. They need donors that can help with shipping cost and the acquisition of supplies.

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

1. If the Nyadire team trip remains scheduled for July, Don Ziegler plans to join.

2. During this trip, Don plans to conduct advanced training & certification of assistants, followed by eyeglasses clinics at local villages yet to be served, and returning to Nyadire each evening.
3. Working with Dr Larry and Drew to identify local eyeglasses program leadership.
4. Current shipment of eyeglasses arrived and will be stored until we can sort and use for patients on Don's next trip there.
5. Thank you to those that collect eyeglasses to support this program. We can always use them.
6. When the current Covid-19 situation is behind us, perhaps we can establish an eyeglasses cleaning volunteer team/s to clean the eyeglasses that are now at Don's storage shed before taking them to Sandy Kalmar of "Through God's Eyes" for processing. Don can transport them to the cleaning location.
7. Need to verify if the Thank You letter and Receipt for Income Tax Purposes has been sent to Rick R.
8. Don has received a "Vision Initiative" proposal from a former Nyadire hospital employee that is interested in working with humanitarian organizations and governmental ministries to provide broad vision treatment in African countries. Much more discussion needed.

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

1. Coordinated with Crescencia and Charity on the distribution of goods from the container. Happy to report that the distribution is complete. There are limited photos from the school distribution due to the urgent deadline of school shutdowns due to the emerging health emergency.
2. Charity provided an excellent report detailing the distribution. A brief summary:
  - a) 26 sewing machines received - 3 to the HOH, 3 to Manhamba, 3 to Nyamhara, 3 to Katsukunya, 3 to Rudawiro, 2 to Musanhi, 2 to Nyak-abau, 2 to the Hearing Impaired, and 5 to Nyadire Primary.

- b) Each school received 164 GEP kits for a total of 1148 at 7 schools. HI received 30 kits.
  - c) Schools also received a large amount of fabric, sewing supplies, underwear & pants, & gifts for the teachers.
3. Provided emergency mask construction information to Charity and Crescencia. The container included many items that should prove useful in the sewing of emergency masks
  4. All events and workshops have been cancelled due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Donors have been ask to hold onto their donations. Donations of fabric, machines and sewing items were last collected on March 9th.
  5. There are 16 sewing machines that need repair and cleaning. After the weather warms up Bonnie plans to start up the "garage workshop". Given the current health crisis, these machines may be useful in emergency mask production. Bonnie will keep the team posted.
  6. Rudaiwaro Primary has joined the GEP program and has acknowledged the receipt of supplies.
  7. If a there are any specific questions about the distribution of items from the shipment, please contact Bonnie Lawson. She will do her best to follow up. Charity and Crescencia have done a brilliant job getting the items out in record time.

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

1. \$3000 transferred to company PCD on Feb 20 for purchase of drugs for Jan/Feb/Mar. PCD has confirmed that they will remain open during the lockdown, so we will initiate funds transfer for Apr/May/June.
2. Wilson Nhamoinesu provided the Nyadire medicine consumption report which shows usage each month from Sept 2019 thru Feb 2020.

3. With regards to clinics, Natpharm supplies are very erratic and inadequate leading to very huge attendance of patients in search of medicines during the out reach visits being conducted now by the hospital to the clinics. Dr Larry will be providing reports of these visits, but is requesting that TNC increase the quarterly funds provided for medicine purchase.

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

1. DINDI

- a) Rebuild of Dindi Clinic should now be complete
- b) A birthing bed, filing cabinet, and other furnishings for Dindi that have been at Nyadire have now been delivered.

2. Mashambanhaka Clinic

- a) Groundbreaking was held at Mashambanhaka on Feb 17 and construction work began in early March. However, work has stopped because of the COVID19 crisis and the country wide lockdown. Without the lockdown, phase 1 was scheduled for completion by June 30.
- b) 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 this phase is \$113,000 which is approximately the funds we now have available.
- c) TNC has \$115,289 in the clinics account. Rebuild estimate for Mashambanhaka is \$267,000. A plan for raising the remaining \$152,000 is needed.
- d) Four firms (Halsted, Union Hardware, J Mann, and the project engineer) provided quotations totaling \$83,824. TNC will pay these firms directly. In order to confirm wire transfer success, we first transfer \$2000 and upon receipt acknowledgment, the remainder is sent.

We have experienced delays receiving acknowledgements from Halsted and others. Halsted has delivered significant amounts of material to the job site so hopefully payments can be made soon.

- e) "Hama" was awarded the construction contract and has worked effectively at the site since March 1, primarily with foundations. This is the fourth clinic that Hama has worked on and he does an excellent job. He brings a supervisory team from his home region, but hires many of the laborers and artisans, i.e. masons, plumbers, electricians from the local area so jobs are provided and goodwill maintained.
  - f) We hope to purchase and secure identified materials, but construction will stop as of March 30. However, we all wait to see what is possible.
  - g) Jim Gourley and Sue McCann spent several days at Mashambanhaka in mid March. Their presence, reporting, and insights have been extremely helpful and much appreciated
3. Munyarari
- a) C Moore, Dave & Bev Talbot, Jim Gourley, and Sue McCann all visited Munyarari in March. Although some progress has been made, after two and a half years of effort the program remains off track.

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

1. TNC transferred funds on Feb 20 for the Jan/Feb/Mar doctor stipend.
2. Four doctors are now at Nyadire. Until recently the hospital has been very busy as many people travel there from areas where the hospitals are not operating. However very few patients are coming now because of fears about Corona Virus.
3. There is great concern that the country is not prepared to manage this pandemic as the majority of health workers have not received formal

training; there is not adequate test kits or personal protective equipment. Testing can only be done in Harare. In order to minimize the risk to health care workers, Nyadire will scale down operations.

4. Medical equipment from the container shipments has been received. The 3 freezers will be operational as soon as voltage converters and regulators are installed. All 12 disability carts were received and are being distributed as needed.

### III. Education and VIM Trips (Molly Michaels)

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

1. As of March 11, Carnegie Mellon University is conducting all classes on-line and students are not gathering for meetings or events. One student case of COVID19 has been reported. As possible, EWB will continue to work on the bio-gas project remotely. The national EWB organization has cancelled all international trips and therefore CMU will not send a student team to Nyadire in August as was planned.
2. Considering the amount of waste available, two options are feasible for implementation of a Biogas digester at Nyadire:
  - a) Install close to the Primary School but collect cow waste from several other nearby departments. This meets the initial objective of cooking at the Primary School, but may be difficult to maintain a reliable source of cow waste.
  - b) Install at the HOH and provide fuel for the cooking systems there. There is an adequate waste supply at the HOH, but this does not meet the initial objective.
3. A description of these two options was sent to Nyadire on March 17 and we await their reply before proceeding.
4. Cathy Fang and Sophie Yeh will be transitioning out as project leaders at the end of this semester.

## **B. Sister Rut Scholarships (Molly Michael)**

1. Recipients of Scholarship include:
  - a. Lovemore Mbozvi: Manicaland State University: Mining Engineering: 3rd semester
  - b. Tsungirai Makoni: University of Zimbabwe: Actuarial Science: 3rd semester Tsungirai has begun a temporary attachment in Harare.
  - c. Tinashe Mapfumbidze: Midland States University: Business Management: 2nd semester Tinashe is staying in Gweru during the Coronavirus shutdowns.
  - d. Campion Mujuru: University of Zimbabwe: Medical Sciences: 1st semester. Campion has headed back to Nyadire to sit out the shutdown.
  - e. Bernard Panashe Madyauta: Great Zimbabwe University: Bachelor of Science: 1st semester
  - f. Fungai Chigumbura: Midland States University: Human Resources: 1st semester
  - g. Maryleen Dandira: Nyadire Teachers College: Primary School Educator: 1st year, 2nd term
  - h. Kudakwashe Mbozvi: Nyadire Teachers College: Primary School Educator: 3rd year, 3rd term
  - i. Progress Mutandwa: Nyadire Teachers College: Primary School Educator: 3rd year, 3rd term
  - j. Godknows Mapika: Is doing his attachment (internship) at Nyadire Teachers College.
  - k. Beauty: Tabudirira Vocational School: Hospitality & Tourism: 1st year, 1st term
  - l. Winnet: Tabudirira Vocational School: Fashion & Fabric: 1st year, 1st term
  - m. Alice: Tabudirira Vocational School: Cosmetology: 1st year, 1st term
  - n. Perseverance: Tabudirira Vocational School: Fashion & Fabric: 1st year, 1st term
2. Requirements: Students are required to remain in contact with MBZ and Molly throughout the semester. They are required to become part of

the TNC Facebook Group. Passing marks are required for continuance of scholarship. Students are required to conduct community service, such as tutoring younger children in math and reading, during their holidays.

3. 16 high quality laptop cases were donated from the AIU and were sent in the container for the scholarship program recipients.
4. 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.
5. New applications have arrived. The Committee will meet to discuss them.

**C. Hearing Impaired (Molly Michael & Tendayi Mushapaidze)**

1. Considering changing the Program Name, as "Hearing Impaired" is not appropriate. Perhaps "Deaf and Hard of Hearing", "Program for the Deaf", "Hearing Innovation" (to keep the HI)? Other suggestions?
2. AudioMax
  - a. Would like for remaining students to receive a SolarEar
  - b. Hearing Aid Collection continues
3. Parent workshop at Nyadire planned in September/October 2020. This would equip parents with basic signing skills, how to care for the solar hearing aids, and how to empower their child to strive. Perhaps we would cover the costs for meals/fuel/educational handouts.
4. Deborah Swineford has started to help with a lot of program development ideas! She has been making connections and following through with research topics for short/long term goals.

5. Short term goals: visuals, video vocabulary dictionary, round table for seating, enhance academic structure, more students, partner with Emerald Hill or have our own secondary program
6. Long term goals: Secondary program, Audiology lab, carpentry/fashion and fabrics program (separate block/structure)
7. Changes to financial support
  - a. Re-structure when funds are sent throughout the year to the HI Program - instead of annual - perhaps by trimester
  - b. Formal contract outlining the structure of the program/expectations/timelines - signed by all parties
8. \$480 was sent to cover fees for the HI program. However, there is confusion on how the conversion rate to RDGS funds is made and the amount needed is being discussed.

**D. VIM Trips - Molly Michael & Rev Mukundu**

1. Will travel for summer 2020 be possible? Most likely not but if we can be flexible and adapt to traveling at the last minute, Molly Michael is willing to take a team. We will not move forward with too many commitments at this time.
2. If possible to travel, the VIM team trip will be July 21-August 11 . The main focus will be Bible School & Northstar computer literacy training (collaboration w/ Dave Sevick/Computer Reach). The Team: Molly Michael, Don & Judy Ziegler, Marjorie Dold, Ida, MB Zollars, Jen Fine-Schmidt, Deborah Swineford. The few other people with interest dropped out due to COVID-19. This team is registered on the WPAUMC and UMVIM NEJ websites.
3. Molly Michael hosted a cultural training in her home with D. Swineford during quarantine week #1! Covered A LOT of material and had a lot of fun.

4. M. Michael attended the VIM Team Leader Training on Saturday February 29, 2020 led by Sandra Matoushaya. This training was awesome! The outlook on volunteer work within the UMC is very progressive and sustainable. We were encouraged to look at it as a "mission journey" rather than a "mission trip". This training provided many ideas for trainings and how to grow as a leader
5. Is anyone interested in leading a team in 2021?
6. M Michael is considering going February 2021 for 10 days
7. St. Paul's UMC may consider organizing a team for 2021.
8. Charlie Moore's ZIM VIM team has planned to travel to Hanwa School in late July. They will wait until an April 20 planning meeting to decide if the trip can continue, or must be cancelled.
9. MISC
  - a. Molly passed on the Christmas cards to Phil for First Bethel UMC and Phil has passed them on to Mt Leb UMC
  - b. Brenda Pavlack from CUMC and her daughter, Shelley, have hand-made prayer squares which will be given to the HOH and HI students.
  - c. Avonworth letters have been found and given to Mrs. Sarah Flowers!

#### IV. Orphans - (MB Zollars & Emmanuel Chiimba)

- A. **Overall:** 21-day lockdown in Zimbabwe starting 30 March 2020. Schools closed 24 March 2020.
- B. **HOHO - Marie Hunt & E. Chiimba**
  1. Photos of the work on the roof at Manhamba Primary School have been forwarded to Dutilh. Work is progressing nicely. Thank you to Rev. Mukundu and Emmanuel Chiimba for taking care of the details. The headmaster at Manhamba Primary, Mr. Muviza, is extremely grateful and

has texted his thanks.. This money comes from Dutilh Sunday School that was raised for the roof, and was then carried over by MBZ,

2. 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. (This has not been accomplished as of yet.)
3. Backpacks have arrived (via container) and have been distributed.
4. O-Level Exam fees were sent. A week before the deadline, new fees were announced, so we topped up the amount of the funds to match the need.

**C. HOH - Debbie Soles & E. Chiimba**

1. March/April funds were sent.
2. The fish pond plans are being led by Scott Sanford. Sandy McKnight worked tirelessly with Emmanuel and Kaitano (consultant) to refine the report. (Refer to that report.)
3. School Uniforms have been sewn and the kids have posed in them! Thank you, Sarah Roncolato and your church!
4. Beauty (the abandoned toddler) was reunited with her mother and is no longer at the HOH 😭. Three siblings have since joined, Shelton, Loice, and Nathan.
5. Bright was taken to an ophthalmologist in Harare. He has to wait 60 days until they open up to outpatients.
6. The HOH now has hot water. Thank you, Sandy McKnight, for helping with the purchase of iron frames to set up the solar hot water tanks. Staff and kids access the water from the system outside through spigots.

7. Nyasha Katema and Precious Muripo are taking math lessons to get a better score on their O-level exams.
8. There is a great need for helping the 18 years olds to transition into the next stage of life.
9. Christ UMC has asked to put the HOH Rummage Sale (originally scheduled for May 1st and 2nd) on hold, until the facilities are open and running again.
10. Steve McPherson is discussing with Christopher the possibility of providing a rebuilt tractor via a BBF container, or purchasing a used tractor in Zimbabwe

D. Other

1. The Rotary Grant application has been submitted. The need for O-level exams fees was small this year, so the decision was made to apply for a grant for the Scholarship Fund. \$5000 has been requested. Pete Muck has advised that The Night of Giving will most likely not take place this year. Checks will simply be issued. Our amount has not yet been made known, although we thank Phil Himmler and her leadership for making TNC the highest seller of tickets.
2. Sister Rut's children are well.

V. Fund Development (Debbie Little)

- A. Fund raising strategy needed for the Fish Farm and the completion of Mashambanhaka Clinic.

VI. Promotion / Communication - (Tim Wesley)

- A. Working on April newsletter

- B. CranFest update: Event postponed; Dutilh will host TNC table when it's rescheduled TNC will sell crafts and provide information at the event.
- C. TNC brochures - Reviewing initial designs/copy with Barb Greway and program leaders
- D. Speaking engagements - "Big C", is a men's group hosted at Northway in Wexford; hoping for a slot in 2021
- E. St Paul's Lenten Calendar is now available and is organized around "Fish Farming". Tim Wesley is working with B. Greway to determine how to best distribute among network churches,

## VII. Finance - (Richard Dickey)

- A. As of 02/29/2020, TNC had \$220,634 in restricted funds and \$22,437 in unrestricted.
- B. Funds recently transferred
  1. \$480 for the Hearing Impaired Program
  2. \$2000 to Livingstone Garikayi as test transfer for Mashambanhaka engineering
  3. \$2000 to Union Hardware as test transfer for Mashambanhaka steel supply.
  4. \$2000 to company Halsted as test transfer for Mashambanhaka material supply
  5. \$2882 to company J Mann for steel supply for Mashambanhaka
  6. \$7961 to the HOH in 2 separate wires; for Nyadire Teachers College Graduation fees, O-Level Exam Fees, and the HOH budget for March & April.
  7. \$3000 to company PCD for drug purchases of Jan/Feb/Mar
  8. \$1950 for doctor stipend of Jan / Feb / Mar
- C. Considering the conversion rate of RTGS to USD and the rapid inflations, we are working with Nyadire to clarify the Hearing Impaired fees required

- D. We have agreed with company SINET that TNC will pay \$8760 to cover the cost of connecting Borehole #2 to Solar and installing a new 5.5hp pump. Funds will be sent when work is complete.
- E. For the duration of the COVID19 crisis, US Dollars can be used within Zimbabwe.

#### VIII. TNC Organization / Miscellaneous - (Drew Harvey)

- A. Nyadire received \$15,690 as their portion of the CUMC Christmas offering. A Nyadire committee led by Emmanuel Chiimba with representatives from each department was formed and has recommended that funds be used to bring running water back to Nyadire mission. All the funds were required to contract with company SINET to convert 1 borehole to SOLAR and provide solar panels for a second borehole. The plan was to pump during the day with solar and at night with electricity from ZESA. Unfortunately a ZESA transformer has "blown up" leaving more than half the mission without electricity, or ability to pump water at night. TNC has now agreed that SINET will convert the second borehole to solar and also to provide a new 5.5 hp pump. At completion, TNC will utilize our general funds to pay SINET \$8760. However as the country now has a COVID19 Lockdown, the schedule for completing this final work is unknown.
- B. TNC is considering a program to install solar that would power all of Nyadire. Initial thoughts from Christopher - "Currently there are 3 transformers - High School, College and Hospital which with a long cable could be connected. A solar plant can be placed at one of these points. ZESA & Sinet should be involved to develop a plan and provide options." Christopher will contact Lincoln and begin the process.
- C. Solar street lights and batteries continue to work well. They had a battery fund with some money in it. When the government changed all accounts into RTGS, there isn't much value left.

- D. 10 surge protectors will be installed at offices around the mission to protect computers and electronics.
- E. The TNC Social Gathering planned for May 17 is cancelled. We will see what develops and reschedule as possible.
- F. Christmas Connection - Christmas cards for 2020 are now being circulated for signatures by TNC churches. They began at CUMC and are now traveling to network churches where they will remain for 2 Sundays each. Cards are now at Mt Lebanon UMC and will then go to St Pauls, Dutilh, and finally returned back to TNC.
  - 1. After the signature page is complete, cards will be returned to CUMC where the card ministry will fabricate all the cards.
  - 2. Pat Cook is no longer coordinating this project so a new leader is required. Volunteers???
- G. Fish Farm - Scott Sanford has been working on the operational and financial plans for both the Fish Farm and a Poultry Operation. Margins for fish farming look very thin, or even negative, if the fish are fed with commercially purchased food. The need for purchased food can be greatly reduced if manure is used instead, so perhaps a poultry operation could be included to generate manure. The manure stimulates algae growth which the fish eat.
  - 1. Scott and Sandy McKnight continue to work with the consulting firm "Blue Chip Fisheries" to develop the business and financial plans
  - 2. Scott has developed an initial report for a Poultry Operation. Egg Production does not look profitable and broiler operation could produce a small profit, but only with a high level of operational and financial expertise. The ability to market 100 to 500 birds each 7 week cycle is also unknown. 500 birds are required to produce enough manure to offset the need for commercial feed to the Fish Farm.

3. Profit margins for Fish also look very thin. Total capital investment for both fish and poultry could be in the \$60,000 range. There is also great uncertainty and risk for a new business in Zimbabwe's current economic environment.
  4. One option for discussion is to start a small scale fish operation in late September that would require minimum investment. This could utilize the 3 tanks which are now in place and begin the learning curve required for future expansion. Some investment may be required such as a new borehole to refresh water in the tanks.
- H. Sue McCann and Jim Gourley planned to be in Zimbabwe from Feb 25 - Mar 24, but returned 3 days earlier because of Corona virus concerns. They caught one of the last flights out of Harare and Johannesburg before flights were stopped, but experienced no delays or problems during their return. While in Zimbabwe, they were at Africa University, Munyarari Clinic, Hanwa School, Mashambanhaka Clinic, Nyadire, and Harare.

## IX Recent and Upcoming Events

- Dec 20 & 27 - Two containers depart BBF for Nyaire.
- Jan, 2020 - Barb Greway retires from leadership of "Creative Hands...."
- Feb 6-21; MB Zollars, S. McKnight, D. Welty to Nyadire
- Feb 17 - Mashambanhaka groundbreaking ceremony
- Feb 25 - Mar 21; Jim Gourley & Sue McCann in Zim.
- Feb 29 - VIM Team Leader Training
- Feb 24 - TNC Meeting
- Mar 1 - Construction begins on rebuild of Mashambanhaka
- Mar 1 - MB Zollars presents at CUMC Seminar Class
- Mar 1 - Diane Welty presents at Liberty UMC
- early March- Both containers arrive at Nyadire
- Mar 13,14 - Jim Gourley & Sue McCann in Nyadire
- Mar 30 - TNC Meeting

- Mar 30 - Three Week Country wide COVID19 Lockdown begins in Zimbabwe. Construction stops on all UMC projects including Mashambanhaka and Nyadire Solar Water Pumping conversion
- April 4 - "CranFest" at Dutilh UMC originally planned, but will be rescheduled
- April 27 - TNC meeting; Probably via ZOOM
- May 5 - 15; CANCELLED - UMC General Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota
- May 17- TNC Social Gathering at D. Little's in North Hills. RSVP by May 8
- July 21 - Aug 11 - Possible VIM Trip to Nyadire (dates not final)
- Jul 26 - Aug 9 - Possible Charlie Moore team of 20 to Hanwa School
- Late August - CANCELLED - EWB team travel to Nyadire