

TNC Meeting Minutes - Nov 30, 2020

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Next TNC Meeting - Monday, Dec 28 - again via ZOOM

TNC Meeting Minutes

Nov 30, 2020 - remote meeting via ZOOM

I. General

- A. Zimbabwe reported 8269 COVID cases and 236 deaths a month ago at our last TNC meeting. Cases have increased to 9950 and deaths to 276 as of 11/30. For Zimbabwe this is approximately 1 case for 1400 people and 1 death for every 54,725 people. The USA is currently at approximately 1 case for every 25 people and 1 death for every 1240 people.
- B. The COVID lockdown that began March 30 continues but with various restrictions relaxed. The airport is now open for international visitors, but neighboring country borders remain closed.
- C. As of Oct, 2020, The World Food Program showed 6 of 10 provinces in Zimbabwe experiencing very high prevalence of insufficient food affecting approximately 6 million people.
- D. Annual inflation rates declined for the 3rd consecutive month from 838% in July to 724% in Sept.
- E. Rains have begun around Zimbabwe but meaningful amounts not yet received at Nyadire. But -- we understand that today, Nov 30, there is rain.

II. Health -

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

- 1. No shipments to Zimbabwe are currently planned, but hopefully we can schedule something for mid 2021.
- 2. BBF has quoted the shipment of 2 containers to the Democratic Republic of the Congo which would be sponsored by the UMC General Board of Global Ministries. Global Health has a program to rebuild health clinics and BBF hopes to provide several containers of furnishings and supplies.

3. Several boxes of medical supplies donated by Donna Doult for inclusion with a future shipment to Nyadire. Other items awaiting shipment are GEP kits and sewing machines, baby blankets/caps from St Paul's, boxes of eyeglasses, and possibly several boxes of Bibles. Educational materials have been offered by Emily Maddox of Dutilh UMC. Possibly an Anesthesia Machine for the hospital.

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

1. Several bags of eyeglasses are now at CUMC, and with D Harvey, D. Little, & Marie Hunt. All will eventually go to Mission Vision for cleaning and organizing.
2. Future Eyeglasses Clinics are on hold until the Zimbabwe team members can travel to Nyadire and the Rural Clinics. Team members live in Nyadire (4), Dendera (4), Nyahuku (1) and Mashambanhaka (2).
3. When they are able to travel, Don Z. would like to remotely conduct an advanced training session in Nyadire, followed by practical training at the clinics. Don will not be there, but will be work through the assistants.
4. Nurse Jonathan has been selected for Ophthalmic Nurse training for 13 months beginning in January.
5. Regarding the "People Helping People" concept, Don is evaluating Kiva and their offerings. Kiva and some of their partners could offer the micro-loan backbone, using What'sApp as the interface with those in need and potential donors. Still doing research on this.

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

1. Clinic Webinar information distributed to MLUMC and UMW groups
2. Packing for shipment continues. Purchased remaining supplies for GEP Master kits. The waiting mothers clinics will receive a different version that will allow them to make up kits and distribute as needed. Each primary school will received a master kit to make 50 kits. Extra PUL will be sent to each group to facilitate potential in country purchases.

3. Continue to chat with Annamore, Crescencia and Charity.

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

1. Next transfer of \$3000 to company PCD for medicine procurement will be in late December for use at Nyadire in the first quarter, 2021.
2. Consumption reports for July/Aug/Sept/Oct received from Wilson Nhamoinesu of Nyadire Hospital. The top items which are consistently the same across these months are Gloves, IV fluid, injectable pain medications, IV diuretic, followed by blood pressure medications, including the one used to suppress preterm labor.

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

1. Mashambanhaka Clinic
 - a) Phase 1 work at Mashambanhaka is complete at a cost of about \$115000. This phase provided a new OPD / Maternity Building, MCH Waiting Area and the new Duplex Two Bedroomed House"
 - b) As of early October, the community has provided 60000 bricks, 47 cubic meters River Sand, 56 cubic meters of 3/4 stones, 30 cubic meters of gravel, and 70 cubic meters of Pitsand. Keeping up with demand continues to be a challenge for the community and they have recently begun to mold and burn the bricks within the Mashambanhaka Mission Area, thereby reducing transport.
 - c) Site Inspection visits by the Project Management Team are made every 2 weeks. Since April, Nineteen visits have been completed.
 - d) TNC received a \$25000 grant from the United Methodist Foundation of Western Pa and an additional \$25000 to be awarded as a Challenge Grant if we are able to raise a matching \$25000 by year end.

- e) A "Virtual Fundraising Event" webinar is scheduled for Dec 2 at 7pm as the primary effort to raise \$25K and therefore receive the additional \$25K matching grant. <https://dentons.zoom.us/j/93323866570?pwd=TmY2T29IYkwranNCQ1ZDajVxd3c1QT09> Our story is told using videos of eight individuals from Zimbabwe which are edited together with videos from Rev T. Parkinson, D. Harvey, and R. Duckworth. Debbie Little will be the "live host". Matt Cosgrove of Dutilh UMC has done an excellent job of creating the videos and it should be an effective and entertaining webinar.. We continue to heavily promote the event and hope several hundred people attend.
- f) Considering the initial \$25K grant and available TNC funds, Phase 2.1 and 2.2 totaling \$50000 has been approved and is now active. This work will complete the Duplex House, will construct much of the new Quadruple House, complete the Mother's Waiting House, provide the new Waste Management Pits and the elevated Water Storage Tanks.
- g) The cost estimate of Phase 2, which completes the project, is \$158987. The work scope is been defined and \$50,000 is being sent for initial work on Phase 2. Therefore, \$108,987 remains to be raised, of which we hope to raise \$25K with the webinar and therefore receive the \$25K challenge. If that is successful, \$58,597 will still be required to complete the Mashambanhaka rebuild.

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

1. Nyadire hospital is in need of an Anesthesia Machine. BBF has one available and we are checking to see if it is usable for Nyadire.
2. From Hannah Mafunda - "I am busy with a 1.2million grant (HSS for the 3 hospitals and Hosp Revitalisation for Dindi and OPD at Old Mutare). The great news is that part of the funding is going towards drilling another borehole at Dindi and hopefully this will resolve the water chal-

lenges forever. Drilling of this hole will go up to 100meters as per current recommendations given the levels of the water table."

III. Education and VIM Trips (Molly Michaels)

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

1. Quotations have been received from 2 Zimbabwe companies for supply of a BioGas Cooking System for the Primary School. The two proposals vary considerably in approach and price, and the students are communicating with the supplier to clarify several open issues. One additional quotation was expected, but not yet received.
2. The students continue with their own, independent approach for design of the system. Expectation is that eventually the system will be purchased but the students are now well positioned to evaluate proposals and insure a capable installation.
3. Schedule for completion of the BioGas Primary School Cooking System is Aug 2021.

B. Sister Rut Scholarships (Molly Michael)

1. The Rotary's Annual Chicken Dinner will NOT be held this year. Pete Muck reports that no other fundraisers are planned.
2. John Sperry has engaged with us in building an agricultural option for the Scholarship Program. Ralph Duckworth will work with John on the possibility of establishing the scholarship through the Western PA UMC Foundation.
3. Beauty (HOH/Tabudirira) has begun her attachment at Mutoko Luxury Lodges (hospitality).
4. Winnet (HOH/Tabudirira) is doing her attachment with a seamstress in Mutoko.

5. Godknows (HOH/Tabudirira) returned to Nyadire and Mutoko for his trade test exams. CONGRATULATIONS TO GODKNOWS! He is ready to embark on the next phase of his life!
6. Tinashe Mapfumbidze(MSU) is staying in Gweru, doing work online, finishing his exams. The next semester will begin in 2021.
7. Tsungirai Makoni's attachment in Harare has resumed.
8. Champion Mujuru (University of Zimbabwe) has begun the next semester. Funds were sent for an Anatomy book. See a video of his gratitude on Facebook!
9. Lovemore Mbozvi's program of Mining Engineering is totally online. Exams are done. The next semester is starting in December. He is currently searching for a company for his attachment.
10. Bernard Madyauta has begun his next semester at the University of Great Zimbabwe.
11. Fungai Chigumbura has completed his exams, and is beginning his first semester of his second year.
12. Maryleen Dandira (Nyadire Teachers College) has returned to her teaching practice at Nyamhara Primary.
13. Lorraine Kapembeza: Africa University, Accounting; completing her exams this week.
14. Ruth Makoni: HOHO/O-Levels/A-Levels: Catholic University, Business Management and Information Technology; entering the season of exams.
15. Takunda Pedzai: Midland States University, Human Resources Management; returning to campus for review sessions and final exams.
16. Raymond Chimbwanda: HOHO/O-levels/A-levels: University of Zimbabwe- has successfully enrolled and has begun his studies in Financial Economics and Trade.
17. Stephen Chadamoyo: O-levels/A-Levels: University of Zimbabwe, Pharmacology (tuition only) - has successfully enrolled and has begun his studies in Physiotherapy.
18. On hold:
 - a) Panashe Mafemera: O-levels/A-levels: University of Zimbabwe, Sociology, Market Research Analyst (tuition only) - waiting for next semester (January 2021?)

- b) Angeline Mujuru (Campion's sister): O-levels: Tabudirira Vocational Centre, Hotel and Catering, beginning in January 2021
- c) Lorraine Chipembere (Fradreck's daughter): O-levels: Tabudirira Vocational Centre, Hotel and Catering, beginning in January 2021

C. Hearing Innovation (Molly Michael & Tendayi Mushapaidze)

1. BCUMC renewed their sponsorship of 4 HI students. In addition, we have other new sponsors
2. A "thankful" memo was sent out to sponsors
3. Molly Michael would like to sponsor Simbarashe's Masters in Special Education as well as the borehole project with money from the HI Fund

D. VIM Trips - Molly Michael & Rev Mukundu

1. There is a fair amount of interest for travel summer of 2021 and Molly does plan to lead a team.
2. MISC.
 1. Advertised for the Webinar via Instagram, Spingo, EventBrite, and Popular Pittsburgh. Popular Pittsburgh gave us a free ad.
 2. Geraldine graduated!!! She was attending school in Gweru

IV. Orphans - (MB Zollars & Emmanuel Chiimba)

A. Overall:

1. ZIM Partnership meeting scheduled for 12/1/2020.
2. Schools are in a precarious situation. The Ministry is reporting that schools are open 100%. However, many schools in Zimbabwe have been hit hard again by the COVID statistics. The exam classes have re-

turned, but there are reports of a depleted staff. There is great uncertainty.

B. HOHO - Marie Hunt & E. Chiimba

1. During lockdown: ON HOLD: work on the roof at Manhamba Primary School. Rev. Mukundu has agreed to get an update.
2. During lockdown: ON HOLD: pricing, purchasing, and distributing of the backpacks and school supplies in Zimbabwe.
3. Additional funds for 3rd term have been sent to compensate for changes and bank charges.
4. Photos of purchases for Phase 2 funds have been received. Thanks to the Outreach Committee for the making of more handwashing stations and for the purchase of mobile blackboards, chalk, gloves, hand sanitizer, and school stationery. Photos of masks by Nyamuzuwe High School staff (UM mission school near Mutoko) have been received. Emmanuel is collecting the accounting and photos of the items in use.
5. Outreach Committee for HOHO Schools
 - 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 Chiroroma (Nyakabau Primary)

C. HOH - Debbie Soles & E. Chiimba

1. Some additional funds have been sent to cover Bright's eye medicine and Winnet's pills and medical needs.
2. The United Methodist Church of Finland has contacted us regarding some funds to go to a playground.

3. HOH Rummage Sale will not be able to be scheduled at CUMC in 2020. Scheduling for 2021 is on hold.
4. Lindarose has submitted photos and descriptions of each child. She exhibits great insight. We are grateful for her work and guidance with the children.
5. A final 2020 Update for sponsors is being prepared.

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. A "Virtual Fund Raiser" webinar to raise \$25,000 for the Mashambanhaka Clinic rebuild is scheduled for Dec 2. The objective is to raise these funds in order to receive matching funds of \$25000 from a challenge grant by the UM Foundation. Event will use videos from Zimbabweans at Mashambanhaka and Harare which Matt Cosgrove of Dutilh UMC has edited. People have done a lot of good work and hopefully the event will be excellent!
<https://dentons.zoom.us/j/93323866570?pwd=TmY2T29lYkwrnNCQ1Z-DajVxd3c1QT09>

VI. Promotion / Communication - (Tim Wesley)

- A. Promoting Dec. 2 fundraiser for clinics
- B. Next TNC newsletter: January
- C. Website - Send updates to Tim

- D. Recent article in the UM News - "Working for Health in Zimbabwe" featuring Hannah Mafunda and references the example of TNC. <https://umcmis-sion.org/year-end-2020/working-together-for-health-in-zimbabwe/>

VII. Finance - (Richard Dickey)

- A. As of 10/31/2020, TNC had \$91,639 in restricted funds and \$72,254 in unrestricted. Preliminary, not final, results for 11/25/2020 has \$96,737 in restricted accounts and \$67,667 in unrestricted.
- B. Funds recently transferred
1. Nov 27 - \$600 sent via World Remit to C. Kuwana (phone/computer)
 2. Nov 24 - \$8100 sent via World Remit for December Food Distribution
 3. Nov 23 - \$700 to HOH account for HOHO, scholarship exam fees, medical needs)
 4. Oct 30 - \$1045 sent to J Mann & Co - Phase 2 Mashambanhaka
 5. Oct 27 - \$845 sent via World Remit to cover increased cost of Mealie Meal for Nov food distribution
 6. Oct 27 - \$2442 sent via World Remit for HOH borehole connection and additional depth fees
 7. Oct 26 - \$11000 to HOH account (\$7100 HOH budget; \$250 scholarship funds; \$3650 school fees)
 8. Oct 22 - \$4670 sent via World Remit for purchase of supplies to allow HOHO schools to reopen
 9. Oct 21 - \$2997.90 to Livingstone Garikayi for Mashambanhaka
 10. Oct 20 - \$15,905.24 to company Halsted for purchase of materials to be used at Mashambanhaka
 11. Oct 20 - \$3047 to contractor Hamadziripi Chonzi for construction work at Mashambanhaka
 12. Oct 20 - \$1273.58 to company J Mann & C. for purchase of material for use at Mashambanhaka
 13. Oct 20 - \$2920 to Livingstone Garikayi for Mashambanhaka services
 14. Oct 19 - \$6150 sent via World Remit for purchase of supplies to allow HOHO schools to reopen

15. Oct 18 - \$3518 reimbursement to D Harvey for funds sent via World Remit to M. Rensburg & E. Chiimba for drilling of a new borehole at the HOH.
16. Oct 13 - \$7000 sent via World Remit by D. Harvey for purchase of food to be distributed at Nyadire in Nov. D. Harvey previously reimbursed for this amount.
17. Oct 13 - \$16069.69 to company Halsted for purchase of materials to be used at Mashambanhaka
18. Oct 02 - \$3000 to company PCD for purchase of medicines to be used during 4th quarter at Nyadire Hospital

Total for these transfers in Oct & Nov is \$91,282.

- C. \$6,059.40 was received from the conference Zimbabwe Partnership for use on rebuild of Mashambanhaka rebuild. This is the District Project. \$866 of these funds can be counted toward the \$25000 challenge grant.
- D. The Outreach Committee of Mt Lebanon UMC has awarded \$4000 toward the rebuild of Mashambanhaka. Considering this and other applicable donations, as of 11/30 we have over \$14000 against the \$25K challenge.
- E. Although the annual budget is not yet approved, CUMC Outreach has proposed line items for "Nyadire Medical Support" and "Rural Clinic Support"
- F. Josh Brown suggested that we might look into cryptocurrency as a way to transfer funds into Zimbabwe.
- G. Funds continue to come in for the Hunger Fund. At this point, we have funds to continue thru April, 2021 Holiday Park UMC recently made a most generous donation of \$3000.
- H. Sandy McKnight submitted a request to the Conaway-Munden fund of St Paul's UMC. TNC was awarded \$2500 which can be used for the rebuild of Mashambanhaka if needed to reach the match. Otherwise funds will go to improve water supply at Nyadire.

I. Funding Priorities:

- a) Additional ongoing food support at \$8140/month
- b) Use HOHO funds to equip schools for reopening
- c) Support to resolve water shortages at Nyadire
- d) Continue rebuild of Mashambanhaka Health Clinic

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

A. **HUNGER CRISIS**

1. Food shortages and hunger throughout Zimbabwe, including Nyadire, continue as a major concern. Working with the Nyadire Social Committee, TNC has now sent \$60,400 and food has been distributed for June, July, August, September, Oct., Nov., & Dec. A "minimum food bundle" of mealie meal, cooking oil, sugar, and beans helps provide food for a family of five for one month and cost \$20/bundle. Distribution is for 407 families including those who live or work at Nyadire, the pastors of Mutoko-Mudzi district, the staff of the 6 rural health clinics, and a few selected individuals.
2. TNC sent out a funding appeal letter on Sept 9 explaining the Nyadire Food Situation and asking for donations to allow us to continue monthly food distributions until April 2021 or until funds are depleted. Approximately \$8000 is sent each month and the Social Committee then purchases and distributes the food.
3. A Hunger Relief Campaign was held at Baldwin Community UMC the weekend of Nov 21-22.
4. Liberty UMC held a Rummage Sale with proceeds going to Hunger.
5. Christ UMC dedicates its Thanksgiving offering to hunger related programs. Proceeds will be split this year among 3 organizations, including TNC. A video for the congregation was made which included Christopher Kuwana speaking from Nyadire. This portion of the video is shown on

the link between 1:12 and 5:00. https://www.christumc.net/content.cfm?id=213&download_id=1643

6. Food for December was distributed at Nyadire on Nov 30.

B. Nyadire Water Situation

1. Rain has come to parts of Zimbabwe but not yet at Nyadire in meaningful amounts. However, Nyadire was receiving heavy rain on Nov 30.
2. The HOH borehole dried up and TNC sent funds to drill a new well. A water location service recommended the spot, and a 92 meter deep borehole was drilled on Oct 19. Water production was initially low, but has improved after flushing the well. Lincoln Nyamusara connected the borehole to ZESA and it now provides water to the house and some limited irrigation.
3. ZESA has recently been available, but the cost has spiked up dramatically (20X!) making it expensive to run the water pump. TNC is considering adding solar to this pump if the aquifer is strong enough to support additional hours of pumping.
4. Portions of the mission do not have water. Communication is ongoing to determine possible improvements such as additional boreholes, additional solar, and revisions to the piping layout.

C. The CUMC Alternative Giving Mart is now active online. People can go to <http://christumc.net/giving> and use the drop-down feature for Zimbabwe General Fund to make a donation for TNC.

D. Christmas Connection - Christmas cards are now complete and stored with JM Simmons at CUMC. However, we may not be able to transport the cards to Nyadire until team travel this summer. Marie Hunt will be sending out cards to US based supporters. The list of recipients is being circulated for review and update.

IX Recent and Upcoming Events

- 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 thru Dec - Food bundles distributed to 407 Nyadire families
- Sept 9 - Appeal letter sent out asking for donations to Hunger
- Mid Sept - Phase 1 of Mashambanhaka Clinic complete
- Sept 23 - items purchased enabling HOHO schools to safely reopen
- Sept 28 - TNC meeting via ZOOM
- Sept 28 - TNC receives \$25000 grant & \$25000 challenge grant for Mashambanhaka Clinic for UM Foundation of Western Pa
- Oct 9 - Liberty UMC Rummage Sale - proceeds to TNC Hunger
- Oct 19 - 92 meter borehole drilled at the HOH
- Oct 25 - UMC Pgh District Conference
- Oct 26 - Schools scheduled to reopen in Zimbabwe in phases
- Oct 26 - TNC meeting
- Nov 30 - TNC Meeting via ZOOM
- Dec thru April, 2021 - Monthly food distribution at Nyadire
- Dec 1 - Western Pa UMC Partnership Meeting. MBZ to attend
- Dec 2 - Virtual Fund Raising Event for Mashambanhaka Clinic
- Dec 28 - TNC meeting?
- Dec 31 - Deadline to raise funds to obtain \$25K matching grant