

TNC Agenda - Sept 24, 2018

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

Next TNC Meeting - Oct. 22

TNC Meeting Minutes

Sept 24 2018 - CUMC - Room B113

I. General

- A. An outbreak of Cholera, primarily focused in Harare, has occurred over the last several weeks. At least 45 people have died and there are more than 6000 probable cases. At least one individual at Nyadire has presented with Cholera. Cholera is primarily spread because of contaminated drinking water and lack of sanitation facilities. In an effort to minimize spread of the disease, public gatherings and sale of street food have been banned in Harare.
- B. Cash is increasingly not available throughout the country. US Dollars are scarce and command about a 50% premium in exchange rates.
- C. President Mnangagwa continues to work toward stabilizing the new government and establishing credibility after the contested election.

II. Health - (Mark LaRosa)

- A. Container Shipments - (Drew Harvey & Rev L. Mukundu)
 - 1. Nyadire has collected their items from the container that arrived at Mutambara Hospital on July 7. However, all items continue to remain in storage at Nyadire and have not yet been distributed. There are 100 boxes with medical supplies, eyeglasses, pastoral supplies, handmade baby blankets and hats, sports equipment, educational supplies and books, female hygiene kits, sewing machines for the GEP program, and sewing supplies for the HI program.
 - 2. Dr Tanyanyiwa advised there are unpaid invoices from ZACH relating to the previous 3 containers shipped thru BBF - 2 to Old Mutare and one to Mutambara. These invoices are for agency fees relating to in-country customs clearance and movement of the container within the receiving port and were billed to the receiving hospitals. Total of all three invoices is \$1960.40 and Nyadire's portion is \$857.70. TNC has agreed to pay the Nyadire portion and Dave Talbot of Healing Hands Across Zimbabwe will pay the portion associated with the container that included furnishings for Munyarari clinic. However, Old Mutare has stated that their

portion has already been paid. We await reconciliation from ZACH before payment is sent.

3. Preparations continue with Brother's Brother Foundation to ship a container (or possibly 2 containers) on Oct 15. The list of potential items continues to grow. BBF recently obtained a supply of mattresses and Nyadire has requested 120 for use at the hospital and the clinics. Nyadire would also like 10 desks and 12 filing cabinets. Items we hope to ship include:
 - a) Furnishings for Dindi - beds, cabinets, chairs, etc. as per provided list
 - b) 2 Birthing Beds purchased at a price of \$3000 each. One for Dindi and one for Munyanyari Clinic.
 - c) 2 Solar Powered Sewing Machines from GCC
 - d) 100 Life Straws from Faith Community UMC
 - e) Suture for Nyadire Hospital if available
 - f) Survey Equipment for Africa University if received
 - g) Eyeglasses from Don Z and donated eyeglasses from BBF
 - h) 7 PET Carts
 - i) About 100 boxes of Backpacks (HOHO & HI)
 - j) Sewing machines and GEP materials
 - k) Blankets and Caps from St Paul's UMC (~12 boxes)
 - l) Medical supplies and other items at TNC Storage Unit
 - m) 10 - 20 boxes of Educational Supplies
 - n) 120 mattresses, 10 desks, and 12 filing cabinets for Nyadire
 - o) Kits of Medical Items requested by Hannah Mafunda that will be used by the Community Based Health Workers
 - p) Birthing Kits in bags as possible to fit into spaces available.

This will require more than one container and we are discussing if funds are available for an additional container.

4. Brother's Brother Foundation held a "Gala" on Sept 20 celebrating 60 years of operation. The event was held at the UPMC Club of Heinz Field and attended by approximately 450 people. Individuals from TNC baked 18 dozen "African Cookies" that were distributed with the desert.
 - a) Pumpkin Cookies from Zimbabwe
 - b) South African Ginger Cookies
 - c) "Benne" Wafer cookies from West Africa
 - d) "Zimbabwe Cookies"
 - e) South African Chocolate Pepper Cookies

5. Brother's Brother Foundation has partnered with Virginia-based relief organization *Gleaning for the World* and Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM), in response to Hurricane Florence.
6. BBF announced a new initiative that will organize and prepare for more comprehensive and rapid response to natural disasters.

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

1. Don Ziegler is now in Oaxaca Mexico conducting eyeglasses clinics with SEAPC, a BBF partner. He departed Sept 20, began seeing patients on Sept 22, and will return Sept 29.
2. Don Z. will accompany the EWB team trip to Nyadire from Dec 27 to Jan 13. After completion of the EWB agenda, Don will remain in Zimbabwe to conduct eyeglass clinics.
3. Don Z. plans to go to Malawi in Nov for followup to previous Eyeglasses Clinics and will also visit two new villages.
4. Eyeglasses Clinics will hopefully be conducted in the 2 Remaining Clinics (Mashambanaka and Chindenga) sometime before year end 2018.
5. More donated eyeglasses always needed!
6. Items for the Oct. Container Shipment (eyeglass readers, eyeglass cases, supplies) now being prepared.
7. Plans for the trip to Zimbabwe with an Eye Surgeon to perform cataract surgery have been canceled.
8. Don Z Speaking Engagements:
 - a) Nov 20 - Oakmont Lion's Club Dinner
 - b) ?? - United Methodist Churches - specifically TNC Network Churches

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

1. Pittsburgh Based Activities:
 - a) A sewing party was held on September 9th at MLUMC. About 48 people attended and over 600 GEP kits were assembled. Due to the

flooding in the area, attendance was low. A poster presentation was used instead of a PowerPoint presentation. This format worked well and allowed for discussions with small groups new to the program. A Global Studies group from Mt Lebanon High School attended and they had discussions with MB Zollars on the HOH and HOHO programs. Discussions with Julianne Slogick, Global Studies Program Director, are in progress regarding participation in an International Education Week on November 15 or 16th at Mt. Lebanon High School.

- b) Although representatives from Monongahela and Hilltop UMW groups could not attend the sewing party, they delivered about 100 completed kits for the upcoming shipment
- c) Molly Hensche (Quaker Valley School) held a circle party during the summer and produced over 1000 cotton circles. Molly has now graduated and is a student at Fordham.
- d) Preparation of the October 15th shipment is nearly complete. This is a large shipment. The contents reflect the requests from Charity and Crescencia to support ongoing programs, the vocational programs at the primary school level and the expansion of the program in Dendera. I anticipate that 3 to 4 more machines and more hygiene kits will be included in this shipment than indicated in the table below:

Nyadire Program Leader	GEP Kits	Hygiene Kits	Manual Machines	Dual Service Machines	Electric Machines	Total Machines
Charity	789	230	2	0	8	10
Crescencia	465	8	1	2	3	6
Totals	1254	238	3	2	11	16

2. Nyadire Based Activities:

- a) Input to Presentation at Sewing Party: The posters presented at the sewing party contained the forward looking statements provided by Charity and Crescencia. The emphasis on vocational programs and expansion of the program in the Dendera clinic area (lead by local church ladies) was highlighted.
- b) Shipments: Crescencia and Charity have been following up on the status of the last shipment. It contains a machine for Dindi and 500 educational books for the school program in addition to kits and sewing supplies.

3. Workshops/Presentations Scheduled:

- a) October 2nd: Meeting with Susan Summy (Mt. Pleasant, PA UMC)
- b) International Education week: Nov 16 at Mt. Lebanon High School.
- c) Awareness/Fundraiser: December 8th at MLUMC. Annual UMW cookie, craft and tea room event.
- d) Winter Sewing Party: Senior Project Ava Ekstam (Dutilth UMC). Date to be determined (tentative Jan or Feb)
- e) Asbury UMC at Waterford, PA. Betsy Wist. Potential sewing party. Betsy participated in the day apart retreat with Sara Dickey.

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

- 1. No Update - \$3000 was transferred directly to Nyadire Hospital account so they may purchase drugs from suppliers other than PCD. Receipts & invoices required but not yet received as this method is evaluated.

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

1. Construction work continues at Munyarari Clinic which is one of the 5 clinics administered by Old Mutare Hospital. Progress reports not received, but Sue McCann does receive and periodically distributes construction photos.
2. DINDI - GBGM approved \$278,944.57 for the rebuild of Dindi Clinic. However, construction work cannot begin until the grant agreement document is received from the Global Health Unit. No update on status. TNC is working with BBF to obtain clinic furnishings which will be sent via ocean container in mid October

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

1. Neither BBF nor Global Links were previously able to supply suture according to types requested by Nyadire. In anticipation of the upcoming container shipment, we have again requested suture and whatever is available will be included with the container. Sue Bower & Bonnie Lawson are also checking with a retired doctor who has offered suture.
2. The power controller for the autoclave at Nyadire hospital has failed again. CHOSEN has quoted the supply of a new control power unit at \$295 and a line conditioner for approximately \$350. CHOSEN continues to await the duty free certificate from ZACH before they are able to ship repair parts for the Nyadire Autoclave. Nyadire expects that ZACH will release this certificate as soon as the unpaid invoices mentioned above are paid.
3. Blessing (18 yr old Nyadire High School student requiring knee surgery):
 - a) No update

III. Education and VIM Trips (Molly Michaels)

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

1. Students have now returned to class at CMU and held the initial EWB meeting on Wed., Sept 19 which was attended by 25 students. Leaders are Evan Schindewolf, Christian Ou, and Cathy Fang. Meetings will be held each Wed.
2. Christopher Kuwana, Nyadire EWB liaison, responded to the list of questions concerning the design of the BioGas Cooking Project. The digester for the bio-gas system will not utilize the school septic tank, but will rather be fed by animal waste and food waste.
3. Frequent and candid communication with Nyadire is critical to success of the project. The team expects to arrange regular phone calls as well as email updates and questions.
4. A 4 person EWB team plans to travel to Nyadire from Dec 27 to Jan 13 to monitor the continued operation and sustainability of the Solar Street Lights. Don Ziegler will travel with this team.
5. A technical mentor with experience in BioGas Systems has been identified to work with the program. He is located in Virginia.
6. Nyadire treasurer, Cardwell, has responded that there have been internet and connection difficulties preventing regular reports on status of the Solar Maintenance & Battery Replacement Fund. He hopes these will be resolved quickly as a report has not been received in over 3 months.
7. The EWB students again expect to work with Avonworth Middle School and engineering presentations are being scheduled. Exchange letters from Nyadire students have been received and will be delivered to Avonworth. Programs will also be scheduled with Quaker Valley High School as they have recently contacted EWB.

8. Drew Harvey spoke with Taylor Chiu of "Team4Tech", located in Palo Alto, California relative to the idea of establishing a computer coding school in Zimbabwe. This concept is to train Zimbabweans with coding skills and connect them with companies that would employ them for specific projects. We will continue to search for companies that operate with this model in other countries and may want to expand into Zimbabwe as TNC is not able to pursue this independently. "Team4Tech" organizes volunteer technical people to travel and solve specific problems, but their work is not applicable to this concept. We will continue to look.

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

1. Possible collaboration between Mike Bright's Solar Powered Sewing Machine Project and Quaker Valley High School.
2. GCC professors will be meeting in the next few weeks to determine what they would like to propose as an initial step with AU. At present, they don't have a specific visit planned.
3. Two Solar Powered Sewing machines which were designed and built by Prof Mike Brights engineering class are now prepared for shipment and will be delivered to BBF for inclusion with the next container.

C. Sister Rut Scholarships (Molly Michael)

1. "CrowdRise - Go Fund Me" has been created and is ready to launch. We currently have \$2,000 and will set a crowd funding target adequate to fund the initial students. (perhaps 3 or 4?)
2. Sent outline to Rev. Mukundu for his review and insight - reply was very positive! Now await his review and reply to the scholarship application.

D. Hearing Impaired (Molly Michael & Tendayi Mushapaidze)

1. SolarEar
 - a) AudioMax will return in Oct./Nov. to fit the initial 9 SolarEar Hearing Aids, teach proper use and maintenance, and mould additional students that qualify for a hearing aid.

2. Sponsorships
 - a) Received 2 additional sponsors - now have 16 total

3. Misc.
 - a) Funding received for Everjoice to attend classes to obtain Sign Language Certificate - send \$230
 - b) Send money for Audio Max to visit Nyadire in Sept. to fit the Solar-Ear Aids/provide training
 - c) M. Michael will confirm the amount and advise when HI funds should be sent to Nyadire.
 - d) \$1,300 received for HI school fees from Annina, plus an additional \$1110 for Hearing Aids
 - e) Rotary BBQ Ticket sales active at BCUMC
 - f) Further explore the usefulness of the Hippo Water Rollers and to connect with the Tariro House of Hope. Tariro has used these Water Rollers for some time.
 - g) Looking to connect with Trinity UMC & Chikanga Deaf Ministries

E. VIM Trips - Molly Michael & Rev Mukundu

1. EWB will travel to Nyadire in late December, 2018
2. Molly Michael plans to lead a team in June or July 2019. Email sent to see who was still interested from last year (11).
3. Leaders are needed to organize additional teams for either fall 2018 or anytime 2019. If anyone else is interested in leading I will start to advertise for volunteers.
4. Trainings will begin in October once dates are set.
5. A Dutilh VIM team plans to travel in summer 2019, and is sending out letters to determine who is interested and determine the best dates for

travel. It is important for this team to set a date such that it can coordinate with the team led by M. Michael.

6. Teams planning to conduct a Vacation Bible School must visit either in late July or early August.

IV. Orphans - (MB Zollars)

A. Overall:

1. Funds are in the process of being sent for a replacement HOH/HOHO vehicle. World Remit is the organization through which we are sending the funds. Some funds have been borrowed. Reimbursement will be made through several avenues. A request for donations will be sent to all HOH and HOHO sponsors for a \$10 donation. Debbie Little has also contacted the UMW (at various levels) and requested some financial help from them.
2. Debbie Little has opened up some lines of communication to the UMW for the possibility of presenting the HOH/HOHO programs and the TNC story.
3. Sean Lewis (CUMC) created a video for the HOH/HOHO programs. It will be shared with all the volunteers in the HOH/HOHO programs as well as all TNC Network Churches, and will be posted on TNC's website. Sean will also be making a 12-minute version for presentations, circles, and Sunday School groups.

B. HOHO

1. Wire transfer for the third term has been sent.
2. Emmanuel sent photos of the new 10 students from Rudawiro Primary School.
3. Rotary Grant = The Chicken Dinner is Saturday, September 29th, \$12/ticket.
4. CUMC's sponsorship renewal (and adding new sponsors) has started and will continue through September.

C. HOH

1. Wire transfer for Sept/Oct has been sent.

2. NEW SITE: The Home of Hope family has moved to the new site!!!!
The boys are using one wing and the girls are in the other. A temporary outdoor cooking area has been set up, but there is a need for one like at the old site with brick sides and a metal sheeting roof. They need outdoor laundry tubs, but there are no funds for these. They are currently constructing Blair toilets. We hope that a future VIM team could help in the construction of a playground. Since there is no administration block, they are using the sitting room and launch (?) as the offices. Emmanuel reported that the last farming season was the worst so far and the HOH did not make money to see them through to this upcoming farming season. This means they will have to purchase some seed and some fertilizer to go back into farming.
3. Emmanuel has also requested raincoats and solar lamps for the children. We will add some to the backpacks being shipped over.
4. The children also need school uniforms.
5. Four children will be taking their O-Levels and one his A-Levels this third term (starting September).
6. Godknows Mapika is applying to Tabudurira Training Center for catering.
7. Backpacks are being prepared for the HOH children and staff.

D. Sister Rut's children

1. No new news.

V. Fund Development (Debbie Little)

- A. Working with M. Michael on the Crowd Funding program for the Sister Rut Scholarship Program.
- B. Vehicle Fund - UMW groups are being contacted with an offer to present TNC's story and to suggest that funds could be contributed toward purchase of the HOH vehicle. TNC hopes to establish a strong and ongoing relationship with UMW groups throughout the Pgh District.

VI. Promotions - Communications (Tim Wesley)

- A. As TNC brochures are updated and standardized, perhaps they can be displayed in a rack that is maintained at each Network Church?
- B. USC/Bethel Rotary Barbeque
 - 1. Distributed flyers to libraries, township bulletin boards.
 - 2. Sold tickets at CUMC between and after Sunday services.
- C. Took part in video concerning adopting orphans that was shown at Christ UMC services. Videos will be distributed to network churches. Thanks to Sean Lewis.
- D. Sent two articles and photos to Debbie Little in response to Jackie Campbell's request for posting on Conference website.
- E. Worked with Kathy Surma to get Sister Rut's book copied and sent to person who may be able to re-construct it into a novel.
- F. Will start to work on October TNC Newsletter. Send articles and ideas to elsazz@verizon.net and twesley@wabtec.com
- G. Updating website for new programs and structure.
 - 1. Wrote Eyeglasses program description
 - 2. Updated Clinics, Scholarship, Hearing Impaired
- H. Planning TNC social gathering before holidays - Wesleys to host; need to pick date and location

VII. Finance - (Richard Dickey)

- A. As of 8/31/2018 restricted funds were \$82,103 and unrestricted funds were \$15,632. Preliminary (not yet reconciled) results for 9/30/2018 show restricted at \$77,839 and unrestricted at \$12,685.
- B. \$19,872 transferred to the HOH account on Aug 27 to be used as follows:
 - 1. \$7100 - Operational budget for 2 months (Sept & Oct) at the HOH

2. \$613 - School Fees for HOH children
 3. \$195 - Tutoring Fees for HOH children
 4. \$11,964 - School Fee Payment for Home of Hope Outreach students for the third term, 2018.
- C. \$1950 transferred Sept 21 for 3 months (Oct/Nov/Dec) of Physician Support
- D. TNC transferred \$3000 to Nyadire hospital (rather than company PCD) on Aug 3 for purchase of medicines and drugs. Await feedback before transferring additional funds.
- E. TNC's regular yearly expense budget, without projects, is \$112,900
- a) HOH - $\$3550 \times 12 = \$42,600$
 - b) HOHO - $\$12,000 \times 3 = \$36,000$
 - c) Pharmaceuticals - $\$3000 \times 4 = \$12,000$
 - d) Physician/Medical Support - $\$650 \times 12 = \7800
 - e) One ocean container/year = \$12,000
 - f) Christmas Celebration - \$2500
 - g) HI sponsorship funds sent each Dec - ? amount
- In addition, funds are raised for projects such as the HOH Administrators House, vehicles, additional container shipments, medical equipment purchase, eyeglass support, rural health clinics, etc. Future regular expenses will be defined for the HI Program and the Scholarship Programs.
- F. HOH Vehicle - \$16000 was raised thru a personal donation, utilizing available funds from the Medical Doctor Support, Pastor Partnership, O-Level textbook programs and some TNC general funds. Contacts are being made with UMW circles at Pgh District Churches and any funds raised will repay to TNC General Funds. Funds are being sent to Zimbabwe via World Remit to avoid excessive exchange losses. We encountered numerous delays with this method, but the \$16,248 was successfully transmitted on 9/25.

- G. St Pauls UMC is once again preparing a grant request for a TNC project that will be submitted to their Conway-Munden Fund. Over several years, TNC has benefitted greatly by distributions from this fund. Many thanks to the Greways for preparing and submitting the applications!

VIII. TNC Organization / Miscellaneous - (Drew Harvey)

- A. Dutilh UMC is exploring the possibility of connecting Nyadire with KIVA as a way to continue the Micro Loan Program.
- B. The youth of Faith Community/Riverview UMC raised funds for purchase of 100 "Life Straws" which they donated to TNC. D. Harvey received these straws on Sunday, Sept 2 at the service of "Faith on 68 UMC". Straws will be included with the container shipment to Nyadire and will be used at the Rural Health Clinics.
- C. Await communication response from Nyadire on a number of issues.
- D. The BP/USC Rotary Chicken BBQ dinner will be Sept 29. TNC is again selling tickets and everyone's help is needed.
- E. Christmas Cards - Cards will be carried to Zimbabwe with next available traveler which may not be until late December. TNC provided \$2100 to fund Nyadire's 2017 Christmas Party and will send \$2500 to fund this year's party. This will be the last Christmas celebration funded by TNC as the program will then become inactive. The CUMC card ministry will continue to make cards that will be sent to TNC supporters. Pat Cook will circulate a list asking for updates.
- F. Rev Dawn Hand, the new UMC Pgh District Superintendent, was installed at a ceremony at St Paul's UMC on Saturday, Sept 15. Drew Harvey represented TNC and presented Rev Hand a globe signifying the international mission work of the Pgh District.

IX. Recent and Upcoming Events

- Apr 30 - July 7; Ocean container departs BBF and arrives Mutambara.
- Aug 15 - HOHO Backpack Packing Party
- early Sept - HOH children move into new facility
- Sept 2 - Faith Community/Riverview UMC presents 100 LifeStraws to TNC
- Sept 4 - D. Ziegler speaks to Oakmont Presbyterian Men's Breakfast
- Sept 9 - GEP Sewing Party, MLUMC (3pm to 6pm)
- Sept 15 - Installation of Rev Dawn Hand as Pgh District UMC Supt.
- Sept 20 - BBF 60 yr celebration Gala
- Sept 20 - Sept 30; D. Ziegler to Oaxaca, Mexico w/ SEAPC
- Sept 29 - Rotary Chicken BBQ Dinner
- Oct 2 - GEP Meeting with Susan Summy of Mt Pleasant UMC
- Oct 15 - Target shipping date for BBF container to Nyadire/Dindi
- Oct or Nov - Possible trip by Don Z to conduct eyeglass clinics
- Nov 7 - 18; D. Ziegler to Malawi to conduct Eyeglass Clinics
- Nov 16 - International Educ Week at Mt Leb High School; TNC presentation
- Nov 20 - D. Ziegler speaks to Oakmont Lion's Club Dinner
- Dec 1 - CUMC Prime Time Craft Fair
- Dec 8 - MLUMC Craft and Cookie Fair. TNC will sell crafts
- Dec 27 - Jan 13 - Probable EWB monitoring trip of Nyadire Solar Lights
- Jan or Feb - Winter Sewing Project - Dutilh (Senior Project Ava Ekstam)
- Jan, 2019 - Possible trip to Ghana and Nyadire by Don Ziegler with CCIH
- Feb, 2019 - Possible trip to Honduras by D. Ziegler w/ BMDMI

Next TNC Meeting - Oct 22

6:30 pm. Room B113 at CUMC