Zimbabwe
8400 Miles
THE NYADIRE CONNECTION
Pennsylvania and Zimbabwe

- Zimbabwe is 3x the physical size
- Population of both about the same - 13M
- Metropolitan Harare - 3M people
- Metropolitan Pittsburgh - 2.4M people
Zimbabwe 2018

- Independence from “Rhodesia” in 1982 - one of the last African countries to separate from their colonizer. Initial prosperity turned to decline in the late 1990’s

- Once called the “Breadbasket of Africa,” the country has a strong history of excellence in education, health care and agriculture. Very high literacy rate.

- Zimbabwe government – Robert Mugabe, 93, resigned under military pressure in Nov 2017. Current President Mnangagwa won the 2018 elections but results are contested and the economy has greatly worsened in the last months.

- Now struggles with 90% unemployment, failing social services, & extreme cash shortages; 70% of people live in chronic poverty. Shelves are empty, fuel is scarce, medicines are not available, etc.

- Amid these struggles, TNC continues to build relationships and provide life-saving, critical aid and services, thanks to its many supporters and partnerships.

*Should International Mission be a priority for our churches?*
Nyadire United Methodist Mission

College Campus Like ~ Resident Houses ~ 4500 acres ~ Remote Rural Area ~ Frequently no running water or electricity ~ Depended upon by thousands ~ Owned & Operated by the United Methodist Church

- 150 Bed Hospital
- 6 Remote Clinics
- 1200 Student School with boarders
- School of Nursing
- Teachers College
- Home of Hope Orphanage
- Farm
- Church

Bishop E. Nhiwatiwa
DS Rev E. Mutasa
Rev L. Mukundu
Rev F. Matonga
Dr. L. Tanyanyiwa
Emmanuel Chimba
Operating Principles

12+ Years of Success

• **100% Volunteer**

• Build Long Term Committed **Relationships**; Educate each other and learn how to truly help.

• Enable **Connections** - Person to Person. Church to Church. School to School. Hospital to Hospital. **Partnership**

• Focus on **Nyadire** and support Nyadire’s priorities, not our ideas. Nyadire & the Zimbabwe United Methodist Church **lead; TNC enables**

• Strive for Self Sustainability; Avoid “Toxic Charity”

• Provide **Feedback** - supporters will see what happens
Support Network

- **Churches** - CUMC, Mt. Leb., St. Paul’s, Dutilh UMC, 1st Bethel, Liberty, Baldwin Community
- The Methodist Church of Finland
- UMCOR – GBGM
- **Schools** - Bethel Park, Char Valley, Mt. Lebanon, USC, Seneca Valley, Pitt, others
- Carnegie Mellon University - Engineers Without Borders
- Grove City College
- Brother’s Brother Fdn.; Global Links Fdn.
- Jefferson Hospital, Allegheny General
- **Businesses/Non-Profits** - Tri-States Medical Supply, Half Price Books, Free Ride Bicycles, Rotary, Gardner Moving, Computer Reach, Mission Vision, many others
- **Craft Groups** - Creative Hands, Linus Group, Hands & Hearts for Mission
How do we work together??

The Nyadire Connection

Christ UMC
Bethel Park

St Paul’s UMC
Allison Park

Mt Lebanon UMC
Mt Lebanon

First Bethel UMC
Bethel Park

Baldwin Community
UMC - Castle Shannon

Liberty UMC
Washington

Dutilh UMC
Warrendale
Health

1. Hospital/Doctors
2. Medicine & Drugs
3. Container Shipments
4. Empowerment Pads
5. Clinic Rebuild
6. Vision & Eyeglasses
1. Hospital/Doctors
2. Medicine Drugs
3. Ocean Containers
4. Clinic Rebuilds
5. Eyeglasses
6. Empowerment Pads

7. Home of Hope
8. Home of Hope Outreach
Each program has a Leader in Zimbabwe & a Co-Leader in Pittsburgh

3 Area Leaders
13 Programs

**Areas**

- Health
  - 1. Hospital/Doctors
  - 2. Medicine & Drugs
  - 3. Container Shipments
  - 4. Empowerment Pads
  - 5. Clinic Rebuild
  - 6. Vision & Eyeglasses

- Orphans
  - 7. Home of Hope
  - 8. Home of Hope Outreach

- Education & Relationships
  - 9. CMU EWB program
  - 10. Grove City College Connection
  - 11. Hearing Impaired
  - 12. Scholarships
  - 13. VIM Teams to Nyadire
1. Medical / Doctor Support

Two Doctors now at Nyadire Hospital:

Medical Superintendent - Dr. Larry Tanyanyiwa

Dr. Ronald Nyabereka - Now pursuing a Masters of Public Health; hopefully returns to Nyadire in Jan 2019

2. Medicine Supply

Drugs ordered as requested by Nyadire

Consumption tracked

Order placed each quarter with PCD company in Harare
3. Container Shipments

As of 2017 ~
19 containers sent
$200,000 shipping fees
Tens of Thousands of Items

Program Co-Leaders -
D. Harvey & L. Mukundu

Health

Programs
Program Co-Leaders - Bonnie Lawson & Charity Horiro

4. Girls Empowerment Pads

Sewing Party
Mt. Lebanon UMC
Girls Empowerment Pads

1841 Kits & 17 sewing machines sent in 2017!
Nyadire United Methodist Hospital & the 6 Rural Health Clinics

1. Dendera
2. Nyahuku
3. Chikwizo
4. Chindenga
5. Dindi
6. Mashambanhaka

Program Co-Leaders - Ralph Duckworth & Hannah Mafunda
10,000 people die every year in this region from Malaria!
The Rural People of Mashonaland East
Mashoneland East -- 700,000 people

Each Year:

- 400 Mothers die during the birth of their children
- 1400 children under age 5 die because of limited access to care
- 1600 people die of Diabetes related illness
- 2100 people die of HIV
- 10,000 die from Malaria
Chikwizo - the starting point

The Road to Chikwizo
Chikwizo - the objective

Serves a rural population of > 8000; 1500 visits/month

Maternity; HIV management; Malaria; Immunizations; Infectious disease; Tuberculosis, First Aid

Ministry of Health Design; Staffing is 2 Nurses, 2 Nurse Aids; 1 Groundsman
Getting Started & Building with Prayers
Oct 2013
Bricks, Bricks, and MORE BRICKS!

Each community makes all the bricks required for construction. Sand & gravel are hand carried from a riverbed. Bricks are made 3 at a time and baked in the sun.
Throughout Construction ~
Continued Immunizations & Medical Care
Waiting Mother’s Lodging
On to #2 - Nyahuku!
#2 - NYAHUKU

$309,000

Groundbreaking - March 2015
Sand Delivery

The First Borehole....
#3

**Dendera Clinic**
Completed July, 2017
Dindi Clinic

- Work to begin May 2018
- Largely Funded by GBGM
As of 2017 ~
1460 people with eyeglasses
“Things suddenly look so Bright!”
“I can read my Bible now”
“Bandera" - Age 83
380% Improved Vision

“Grace” - Age 81
2000% Improved Vision

“Makarutsa” - Age 8
367% Improved Vision

“Zunze” - Age 97
217% Improved Vision

Team can now conduct vision clinics independently
TNC to keep Eyeglass Inventory Stocked & train additional locations
7. Home of Hope

17 children live together as a family (2017)

Sponsorships make it possible!

Sponsors - a very personal, enabling, and important connection for each child

**HOH Administrator**
Emmanuel Chiimba
& wife Catherine

Program Co-Leaders - Mary Beth Zollars & Emmanuel Chiimba
The Kids

Tanatswa

Dorcus & Dorothy

Nyasha
The New Home of Hope

2 wings each with 5 BR's
2 mothers & 8-12 children/wing

MUCH PROPERTY
for Farming!

Previous Home of Hope

17 Children
8. Home of Hope Outreach

400 - 450 kids kept in School

Sponsors provide annual school fees & a Backpack

Nyamhara Secondary School

Program Co-Leaders - Marie Hunt & Emmanuel Chiimba
Bicycles to Nyamhara School from Mt. Leb UMC Network Class
Textbooks req’d to prepare for O-Level Exams

Books provided in exchange for completed service work.

O-Level Exams are mandatory for a student to continue with education.

Typical cost/student to take exams is $100

As of 2017 ~
Over the last 7 years, 920 books purchased & distributed to 4 schools.
Total Cost – $17,750
English, Agriculture, Home Economics, Accounting, Commerce
Service Work - 1 hour for each dollar spent on the O-Level Exam Preparation Textbook
Funding the O-Level Exams!

29th Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que
Saturday, October 7th, 2017  11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Rt. 19; ¼ mile south of South Hills Village

Super Chicken Ticket Sale Lady — Phil Himmler
Programs

Education

9. CMU / Engineers Without Borders

Program Co-Leaders - Drew Harvey & L. Mukundu
Lighting for the Nyadire Campus complete in Sept., 2017
“Eliminate wood as the fuel source used to cook 1000’s of daily departmental meals”
Programs

Education

GCC Professors visited Nyadire in Jan 2017 & Mar 2018

Service Programs
Internships
Coordination with Africa University
Ongoing Relationship
Programs

11. Hearing Impaired

Education Sponsorship Program

EDUCATION is the MOST POWERFUL WEAPON which you can use to CHANGE THE WORLD.

NELSON MANDELA

Program Co-Leaders - Molly Michael & Tendai Mushapaidze
Commitment of a Sponsor

• Donate $125 for school fees & pack a backpack of school supplies (option $150 includes backpack)

AND/OR

• Donate $20 per month towards boarding fees

• Become a pen-pal with the student you sponsor
12. Sister Rut Scholarship Fund

Programs

Education

Every Child Deserves to be Held!

Sister Rut Lindgren

- Scholarship Funds to continue Academic Education or Vocational Training
- HOH or HOHO youth can apply for scholarships
- Selection by a Nyadire & TNC committee
- Goal is to raise an initial fund of $15,000
- Crowdfunding campaign now active - $2300 raised to date
As of Sept., 2017 ~
45 Trips
115 Individuals
216 person trips
18,000 pounds of donations

Zimbabwe??
Let’s Go!

Program Co-Leaders - Molly Michael & L. Mukundu
Packing Party for the July 2017 team of 12

TNC Vim Teams

- 4 teams to Zimbabwe in 2017
- Grove City College there in Mar 2018
- Don Ziegler there in April 2018
- 2018 trips expected, but not yet scheduled
How do we work together??

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Washington
What have we Learned??

• The “Relationship / One Location Model” Works - relationship can be equally as important as a “worthy cause”.

• “All Volunteer” organizations have benefits and challenges

• Programs that work require passionate leadership on BOTH sides

• Understand Toxic Charity

• Leverage Others - Be the Integrator!

• Communication, Communication, Communication! Regardless of Electronic Connections, it’s important to MEET!

• Culture is Important!
  • Money, Time, Family, Religion, God, Individual vs Group, Authority, etc.

• Partnership - What do the Americans receive???

• Know when a Program should stop
  • Pastor Partnership
  • O-Level Textbook
  • Micro-Loans
  • Christmas Connection
  • Seeds of Hope
  • Farm Development
Contrasting Values
An opportunity to Learn from Each Other!

Western Culture Values
- The Individual
- Accomplishments
- Self Reliance
- Pride
- Hard Work
- Control
- Security
- Timeliness; Time is Money
- Dependable
- Planning for the Future
- Financial Discipline
- Personal Wealth is Admired
- Personal funds managed thru Banks
- Asking friends for money is awkward
- God is somewhat abstract

African Culture Values
- Community
- Relationships
- Equality
- Humility
- Patience
- Acceptance
- God will Provide
- Time is secondary
- Flexible
- Life is for Today, tomorrow takes care of itself
- Money is for solving the immediate crisis
- Suspicious of Wealth
- Personal funds managed thru friends & family
- Asking friends for money is normal
- God is a constant part of daily life
The African View of Money

- Money is not central to Life
- Sometimes you have Money, sometimes you do not
- When you have it, solve the problem of today
- If you need funds, you ask your friends and family --- not a bank
- Asking for funds is normal and expected
- If someone has funds or material items, they are expected to share
- Cultivate relationships of interdependence
- Repayment is the responsibility of the person who loans the money, not the borrower
- Spending money on lavish weddings, funerals, personal events is the top priority
- It is normal to be behind on debts and bills
- Accumulation of wealth is viewed with suspicion
- Wealthy people are somewhat viewed as greedy, uncaring
- If you take something that is not being used, it is not viewed as “stealing”
TNC Opportunities

**A More Formal Relationship**
- Select TNC as your church's international mission priority & focus
- Provide a line item in the church's general budget for TNC
- Include TNC description on church website and link to TNC's website
- Publicize TNC "Volunteers in Mission" trips to Nyadire and encourage church members to attend
- Provide an online giving option on your website for donations to TNC
- Include a portion of any capital campaign for mission, including TNC
- Where appropriate, make distributions from Trusts, or church endowments to a TNC program

**Greater Communication**
- Appoint an advocate to keep your congregation updated on TNC, and to keep TNC updated on your church
- Schedule programs throughout the year by TNC to a variety of groups -Sunday Schools, Women's Circles, the Congregation, etc.
- Host multi-week educational programs with TNC speakers, or resources from the Africana Studies Program at Pitt
- Provide opportunities for us to tell the congregation TNC's story and ask for financial support
- Publish regular articles supplied by TNC, in the church newsletter
- Host programs once or twice/year where a member from a "Volunteers in Mission" team returning from Nyadire would provide a summary of the trip
TNC Opportunities

- **Leadership/Ownership**
  - Take "ownership" of leading a TNC program or area
  - Select a pastor or key staff member and raise funds as a church to send that person to Nyadire with a "Volunteers in Mission" team
  - Integrate TNC into the various church ministries (examples: choir sings Shona songs; utilize videos of Nyadire choirs; CUMC developed a coloring book for their Children's Ministries showing daily life of a Nyadire child)

- **Additional Dedicated Fundraising**
  - Select TNC as a recipient of Holiday Offerings - Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter
  - Include TNC options on the Christmas "Angel Tree"
  - Sponsor an ocean container shipment to Nyadire, as a church
  - Purchase Hippo Water Rollers
  - Provide regular "recruiting" opportunities for TNC to solicit sponsorships from the congregation for the Home of Hope and Home of Hope Outreach orphans, Zimbabwe pastors, the hearing impaired
  - Include TNC craft sales at church events
  - Include Sarris Candy for sale in all church offices, with proceeds to TNC
  - Encourage Sunday School Classes, Choirs, Men's Groups, UMW circles, etc to sponsor a number of orphaned children or another specific TNC cause
How should we:

• Insure that all members know about and stay updated on TNC

• Emphasize that “mission” is part of each members Christian path

• Engage more members to follow and work with TNC.

• Encourage more Dutilh UMC members to travel to Nyadire.

TNC is a Unique & Successful Ministry

• How could TNC work more effectively within Dutilh UMC?

• Does “Mission”, and specifically TNC, have the appropriate priority and role within the life of Dutilh UMC?

• How might each Program Area include more of a mission focus & coordinate with TNC? How could TNC support these areas?
TNC: 12+ Years of Success, and - "The Journey Continues!"

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."
~ Margaret Mead

"Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it."
~ The Talmud
Questions?

Discussion?
~ Some Faces of Nyadire ~
"Everyday is a New Day — Everyday is a Gift from God"