



The Nyadire Connection

The Nyadire Connection (TNC), based in Pittsburgh, PA, is a faith-based non-profit volunteer organization that seeks to support and sustain the United Methodist Mission in Nyadire, Zimbabwe.

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TNC CELEBRATES 10-YEAR RELATIONSHIP



The Nyadire Connection (TNC) will celebrate its 10-year relationship with the United Methodist Mission in Nyadire, Zimbabwe on Friday, Sept. 16, 2016 at a Celebration Dinner 6 – 10 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church (CUMC), Bethel Park. Menu includes appetizers, family-style salad, chicken marsala, red potatoes, chef's vegetables, cake & ice cream! Cost \$25.00. **Reservations and payment required by September 10.**

Register and pay [online](#), or mail a check payable to CUMC (44 Highland Road, Bethel Park, PA 15102) with 'TNC dinner' in the memo line or to Sue Bower, 125 Windvale Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15236.

THANKS TO SUE BOWER FOR BEING THE MASTERMIND BEHIND THIS CELEBRATION!!!

Come hear a presentation "Fruits of the Partnership", Wednesday, September 21, 7pm at CUMC.

Summer VIM Trips – A Flurry of Activity

CHANGES: The **May Team**, Sue Bower and Sara Dickey, was welcomed by new Station Chair Rev. Lancelot Mukundu and his wife, Tsitsi. The Guest House has been painted and fenced in. Water, electricity, and Internet were available most of the time. New children are at the Home of Hope, bringing number to 17. The New Home of Hope construction is well underway and fields are being readied for gardens. OI, a (new modular Opportunist Infection Building), has been placed next to the Hospital and will be open and available to HIV patients, every day, not once weekly. Patient load at the Hospital is reduced as people have few funds to pay.

GENERAL: Zimbabwe is experiencing food and cash shortages brought on by a severe drought. “People are hungry everywhere.” Hospitals are not able to provide food or meals to patients or employees. Schools await government aid programs with food delivered from UNICEF and other NGO’s. Lines are long at banks and withdrawals are limited.

GIRL EMPOWERMENT PAD PROGRAM (GEP): Empowerment pads are in high demand both at the schools and from the waiting mothers. The team met with teachers from six schools who continue to ask for more materials as well as offer ideas and suggestions for changes/updates. The primary schools would like to have manual machines. Charity, the deputy headmistress at Nyadire Primary will distribute machines and materials. Several students recited a note of thanks to TNC for helping them.

*“Long live TNC – The Nyadire Connection – Long live our friends forever.
We saw you coming to the Mission when we were young.
We looked at you from afar and never thought you would touch our lives.
Today you are here with the girl empowerment programme*

*Long live TNC, The Nyadire Connection. Long live our friends forever.
And today you are here with the girl empowerment programme. We receive it
with open hands and hearts. Long live TNC.
We thank you for the materials you are giving us. May God Bless you.”*



Bonnie Lawson, head of the **GEP** program, reports that six Singer sewing machines were converted to manual hand crank (thanks to her handiwork) and one electric sewing machine was cleaned and repaired.

All are ready to be packed in the next container, then delivered to seven primary schools and to Dendera Clinic. Sewing supplies, manuals, and 500 hygiene kits will also be sent.

SEE INFO ON UPCOMING SEWING PARTY ON PAGE 5!

The JUNE TEAM was led by Molly Michael and included Don & Judy Ziegler, Jenn Schmidt & her daughter Jillian, Phil Himmler, Marjorie Dold, and Mary Beth Zollars.

Eyeglass Project, Bible School, Dress-a-Girl, & Outreach



Volunteer in Mission **Don Ziegler** planned to expand the Eyeglass Project begun by the 2015 Summer Mission Team by receiving training at Mission Vision in Pittsburgh prior to the trip. **Nyadire Pastor Rev. Forbes Mutanga** introduced Don to the Nyadire UMYF – United Methodist Youth Fellowship, a group of young adults who had finished secondary school. (It is interesting to note that many of these youths attended the **first** TNC

Vacation Bible School in 2006.) After Don trained and organized them to do the testing, 513 patients were seen in 8 days. Don reported the experience to be “inspirational” and plans to continue the work. So keep on donating those unused glasses!



Home of Hope Outreach: All 400 school orphans were updated on the rosters! Letters from the sponsors were delivered and the children had the chance to color and sing!



Dresses from **Dress-a-Girl** were distributed. If you look closely, you will see that there is a cloth doll in the pocket!



Bible School's Theme Song:
*It's not what we gather that really, really matters
But rather it's what we scatter that speaks of the life we live!
Let us scatter the seeds (x3)
Let us scatter the seeds of God's love!*



Upper St. Clair/Bethel Park Rotary Chicken Barbeque

Sat., Sept. 24 - Westminster Presbyterian Church – 11-am-7 pm

Many of you have heard of or eaten the delicious chicken barbeque that the USC/BP Rotary prepares every fall to raise funds. The funds are allocated to many non-profits and service organizations that serve the South Hills. The Nyadire Connection is one of those organizations that make the allocations possible by selling tickets to the barbeque.

This year an extra \$500.00 will be awarded to the organization selling the most tickets. Our own Phil Himmler, teacher turned entrepreneur and cheerleader for the HOME OF HOPE, is determined to win the prize for the third year. TNC was awarded \$3,600 plus the \$500 in 2015 to help fund the cost of "O-Level Books."

Dinner consists of baked beans, dinner rolls, dessert, & drink and is served at the church or Drive-Thru. Pre-sale tickets are available at \$10 by calling Mary Kay Miller at [\(724\) 969-0649](tel:7249690649). Tickets at the door are \$12.

Tickets for the dinner make good gifts. The more tickets we sell, the more our allocation.



THANK YOU TO SO MANY!



Thank you to the many volunteers who collect school supplies, pack backpacks, and prepare everything for shipment and to the Surma's for the space to store and sort!



Thank you to the many volunteers, donors, and shoppers of **The Home of Hope Rummage Sale**. Over \$3000 was raised! Hallelujah! Next year's Rummage Sale is scheduled for May!

Thank you to the **Dormont/Mt. Lebanon Rotary Club** for their generous donation!

PITTSBURGH SEWING PARTY

THE PITTSBURGH SEWING PARTY is a fun way to cut and prepare materials so that girls in Zimbabwe who often miss school due to lack of sanitary protection can make their own cotton reusable sanitary napkins.

This year's party will be held on Sunday, October 9, from 3-6 p.m. at Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church (large room), 3319 W. Liberty Ave., 15216.

Bring some scissors and a friend.



Please RSVP to Bonnie Lawson at

bonnielawson58@comcast.net or 412-343-3498.

HOME OF HOPE



Construction by the Finnish United Methodist Church of the new Home of Hope continues. The Home will allow for smaller units simulating family units. Administrator Emmanuel Chiimba is looking forward to putting in a large garden based on the principles and techniques he learned during his stay in Japan. There is a need for a solar borehole in order for the HOH to grow their own food. Specifics will be explored.

"I will not leave you as orphans. I will come to you." (John 14:18)



Two year old twins, Dorothy and Dorcus, in their new dresses, donated by Ashley Van Alen. Thank you, Ashley!!!!



Nyasha Kaseke, 7 years old, the tallest in the middle, is a new child to the Home of Hope. Welcome, Nyasha!

Rural Clinic Renovations

Two Done – Four to Go

Chikwizo and Nyahuku Clinics are now completed and operational, the first two rural clinics of the six satellites of Nyadire Hospital to be renovated.

Dendera is next on the list and thanks to **Christ UMC**, Bethel Park, at an estimated \$300,000. The contribution was made possible as part of the **Giving Hope** campaign for construction and renovation of some parts of CUMC now also in progress. Both projects will serve their communities – **Dendera** will serve 5,000 -8,000 who walk to be treated for malaria, hepatitis and other infectious diseases and also provide a safe, clean place for women to deliver their babies. Immunizations as well as ARV's for HIV patients will be offered. Sara Dickey and Sue Bower brought a brick made by the villagers and blessed by the station chair back to CUMC.



Joe and Grace Wagner, children of **Rob and Amy Wagner** of **Dutilh UMC**, are doing their part in raising funds to renovate the rural clinics. They raised \$105.00!

Seeds of Hope

The Seeds of Hope program had more generous donors of unsold seeds in 2016 than in previous years. Over 2000 packets of vegetable seeds are going to Nyadire in November this year with the VIM



team. Donors of vegetable seeds in 2016 are: Rollier's Hardware; Miller Hardware; Jim Jenkins Lawn & Garden Center; Agway, Imperial; Lowe's, Heidelberg; Lowe's, Robinson; Walmart, Heidelberg.

Here in the USA we acquire unsold vegetable seeds when our seed-planting season is past (generally late July and August) and transport the seeds to the coordinator of the program and farm supervisor, Esnath Arichara. She distributes the seeds to various department heads who

in turn give the seeds to families in the schools, hospital, orphanage and the farm. November is the beginning of the planting season in Zimbabwe with the rainy season in Nyadire.

Volunteer in Mission Trips

Ralph Duckworth and Tim Wesley will lead a team from Nov. 11 – 22 and spend most of their time at Dendera Clinic. They will also represent TNC at the Nyahuku Clinic dedication on November 19th.

Grove City College is considering a long-term international service relationship with Nyadire and TNC. Two professors and three pre-med students plan to join Mark LaRosa and team in January. If Engineers Without Borders program progresses, this student team would also join the January trip.

Ever think about going on a Mission Trip to Nyadire, Zimbabwe?

In 2017, teams through The Nyadire Connection (www.nyadire.org) will be traveling to The Nyadire United Methodist Mission in Zimbabwe, Africa to serve God and help others. We are looking for volunteers with a wide range of skills such as reading with a child, participating in a pastor's workshop, assisting with maintenance, Bible School, or helping at the hospital. There are endless opportunities to fit with the skills of the team members and projects are adjusted to the current needs of the mission.

If you are interested, please contact Molly Michael at mollyalice.michael@gmail.com. The first informational meeting will be held this fall. Stay tuned!