

Activate: Dutilh Sermon Series To Highlight TNC's Orphan Sponsorship Programs

Dutilh Church has started a sermon series titled "Activate," and it highlights TNC's orphan sponsorship programs, in a drive to expand these initiatives.

Last Sunday on Mother's Day, Pastor Tom Parkinson spoke about caring for orphans. To hear his sermon, please use this link:

<https://vimeo.com/707510000>

With Dutilh's help, TNC is seeking individuals interested in sponsoring children and youth in Zimbabwe. *One out of every four children is an orphan in Zimbabwe.* Most live with extended family, a friend, or even as "child-led households." Here is a link to Dutilh's sponsorship page, followed by descriptions of the various programs:

<https://dutilhchurch.org/tnc-sponsor>

At the **Home of Hope orphanage** 26 children are well cared for by "mothers, aunties, and daddies."

- Sponsors help to pay for their food, clothing, school fees, and medical care.
- The children with HIV/AIDS who live at the orphanage have flourished thanks to the access to good food and antiretroviral medications.
- Sponsors donate \$40 per month to help cover expenses.

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The **Home of Hope Outreach** program reaches 400+ orphans who attend rural schools near Nyadire.

- HOHO Sponsors donate \$100 a year to cover school fees and school supplies for a student.
- Education is not free, and without financial support most of these children will not remain in school.

Sponsors receive photos and updates from the program, and often have the opportunity to write letters back and forth with their child.

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Nyadire's **Hearing-Impaired Resource Unit** serves children from the entire province.

- Students learn the Zimbabwean Sign Language and life skills such as arts and crafts, market gardening, welding, fashion and fabrics, and carpentry.
- The opportunity to receive an education gives students an identity and voice, teaches self-reliance, provides meaningful purpose, and most importantly encourages friendships, values, and goals.
- Sponsors can donate \$125 to cover annual school fees and/or \$240 to cover annual boarding costs.

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TNC offers a **higher-education scholarship fund** to provide further schooling opportunities for orphans and hearing-impaired students.

- The fund is named after Sister Rut Lindgren, a Finnish missionary nurse who devoted her life to the orphaned children of Nyadire.
- Qualified students can enroll in teacher colleges, nursing colleges, universities, and vocational schools, and they must maintain passing grades and perform community service.
- Sponsors donate \$500 annually and will be paired with specific candidates.

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