TNC Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2026

Financial, Ralph Duckworth
TNC is adopting new procedures for sending wire transfers to Zimbabwe. These new procedures will add an additional layer of security over the transfers. Wire transfers are particularly vulnerable to fraud. Our new process will help ensure that our funds are protected and that our donors' contributions are used for their intended purposes.

HOH/HOHO/Scholarship, Mary Beth Zollars
HOHO – 29 schools in all

- **Donations for a new second-hand truck** are coming in.

S.Y.STEM
Coding Club Star: Mrs. Portia Mambwere – Math teacher at Nyadire Primary

- They meet once a week.

HOH

- Christ Church's VBS donation for a new borehole at the HOH and the supplement from the ZIM VIM JUNE 2026 Team will be used in combination with the interest of a UK church to fund the borehole. **Considerations**: additional tank and increased irrigation. No update.
- Both HOH **vehicles** should soon be entering the tender phase. Kevin is in communication with all parties. No update.
- The HOH **old site** is still an unresolved issue. No update.
- Emmanuel Chiimba's **retirement:** The HOH Party for Emmanuel will be held Saturday, Nov. 8th at the Home of Hope. Friends, family, staff, children, and outreach representatives are invited. Funds for the party have been sent. The shortlist of replacement candidates had not been shared with TNC, Finland, or the former HOH children. An acting administrator will be in charge Nov-Dec with a new administrator starting in January. On Sunday, 25 October, Rev. Mukundu shared the appointment of the new administrator, Gibson Chikwizo.
- Judy Watts is assisting with **financial reports** from the HOH.
- First Aid Training – HOH – only delivered first-aid kits, which are part of Social Services inspection requirement. No update.
- **Donations for a new second-hand truck** are coming in.
- A tractor has been hired, 4 hectares ploughed.
- Further fenced the area where drip irrigation pipes end.
- Phasing out old layers, will replenish soon.
- Tenders for the HOH trucks can be opened any time from now and auctioned.
- Baby Kunashe is a bundle of joy, standing to stand and walk (cruise).

SISTER RUT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

- **Graduates** posted on Facebook.
- Group text sent – encouraging verses.

Professional Licenses:

- **Raymond Chimbwanda,** recent graduate in Real Estate, has applied to a variety of districts and is interested in getting his real estate license. We have offered him some funding to get his license to be repaid in part and includes community service. His repayments have commenced.
- **Rutendo Mupfawa**, recent graduate in accounting, has been granted a partial loan to cover her classwork to gain her Charter Accountant Status.

Ready for graduation:

- **Precious Muripo** (HOH): Kushinga Phikelela College, electrical engineering, last phase; attachment at work in Marondera. (early 2027)

Fourth Year:

- **Praise Josi**: (tuition only) Midland States University, Data Science, 4.1
- **Morejoy Madziko**, University of Zimbabwe, Medicine, 4.1

Third (and final year) Year:

- **Josphat Nyatoro** (HOHO): Nyadire College of Education, 3.1 (tuition only)

Second Year:

- **Malvin Katsande,** Harare Institute of Technology, Forensic Accounting and Auditing, 2.1
- **Tawanda Makope** (grew up in Sister Rut's home); Harare Institute of Technology, Computer Science, 2.1
- **Makanaka Matadi,** (HOHO) Kushinga Phikelela College, Tailoring, awaiting results to proceed with 2.1

First Year:

- **Jeremiah Nyabote,** (former HOHO) Nyadire College of Education (partial scholarship), 1.2
- **Kudakwashe Nyamunda,** (former HOHO) Nyadire College of Education (partial scholarship), 1.2
- **Primrose Chimbwanda,** Nyadire College of Education (partial scholarship), 1.2
- **Admire Chikuwira,** (HOHO) Nyadire College of Education, 1.2
- **Annoint Gumbutsa,** (HOHO) Tabudirira Vocational Centre, hospitality and tourism, 1.2 and looking for attachment; **AWARD**: placed 4th in a Craft & Cultural Challenge.
- **Farainashe Kachidza**, University of Zimbabwe, Accounting, 1.1
- **Aisher Letty Chimbwanda**, University of Zimbabwe, Accounting, 1.1
- **Shallom Chiruya** (HOHO) Tabudirira Vocational Centre, sewing and textiles 1.2

AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP: now in a WhatsApp Group with Scott Sanford

- **Praise Tsaurai**, agricultural engineering CUT (Chinoyi University of Technology); 4.1 student; (five-year program); found **attachment** at the Department of Irrigation (under the Ministry of Agriculture).
- **Yvette Mutize**, Agriculture; Kashinga Phikelela Agricultural College (3-year program); finished all modules, GRADUATED 24 OCTOBER 2026
- **Abel Kugombo,** AG, (HOHO), University of Zimbabwe, Honours Degree in Crop Improvement and Seed Systems, 2.1 student
- **Matilda Matirasa Chimbwanda,** AG, Chibero Agricultural College (3-year program), finished pre-college attachment, 3-year program, 2.1 student, doing attachment at Ivordale Farm, Esther & Mark Salle's Farm.

NEW CANDIDATE:
Praise Madziko (HOHO), Tabudirira Vocational Centre, sewing and textiles.

Other items:
Hospital: MB has presented the Lead Team with a proposal from Anesu, the social worker at the hospital, for alleviating patient debt. Ralph prefers that this program be considered when TNC has a new Hospital Program Leader. No updates.

Rev. Mukundu's official retirement date: Dec. 31, 2027

Hospital incinerator: Kevin Cowan will be submitting report.
Autoclave: Kevin Cowan was communicating with the manufacturer.

Presentations:

- **Summit Chapel** (near Johnstown) has requested a presentation. MB will follow through with communication. Or another volunteer?
- **Faith & Justice Class: African Christianity**, Sunday, October 18, 9-10, Drew & MB

Craft Sales:
Craft Fair at Christ Church, Sat., Nov. 7.
Mission Mall at St. Paul's, Sat., Nov. 21.

VIM: email sent to those interested for next June. How to get more information regarding the VIM support fund?

Faith Geer Memorial Eyeglass Ministry, Kathy Belcastro

- Elfinwild Lyons Club delivers 300 to 400 donated eyeglasses every 2 months.
- Our team continues to clean glasses and Terry Snyder has been bringing glasses that have been cleaned by scouts, Lyon's clubs and other volunteer groups. Terry just returned from a trip to Mozambique. He was able to fit 700 people with glasses and left 300 pairs for the doctors to use in their clinics.
- We delivered 15 boxes progressive eyeglass and 3 bags large eyeglass cases to Brothers Brother on 10-15-2026.

- We gave Terry 300 readers and 3 boxes lightly used eyeglass cases and 2 large garbage bags of new eyeglass cases.
- We have another lens meter reader helping with processing glasses.
- From 4-28-2026 to 9-22-2026: 12,175 volunteer hours, 1,892 pairs of glasses read and labeled; Sorted 10 bags of eyeglass cases for usable donations

Infrastructure & related items- Kevin Riley in conjunction with Gashi Chikonyora, Dr. Larry, Christopher Kuwana and the EWB CMU team.

1. Tom's Electrical provided estimates to repair and upgrade various hospital areas including the lab electrical system ($1066), laundry, mortuary and security lighting repairs ($860) and new service options for the Maternity Ward ($2291-$2649). Hospital leadership still reviewing and we inquired about non-TNC funding options. Tom's Electrical was asked to provide some additional quotes but have not yet been received. The Conaway Munden grant application (see below) included $2000 for laboratory electrical repairs and equipment surge protection.

2. With limited funds available ($2000 from Conaway Munden grant and $315 from TNC), Hospital leadership agreed to go with the lower cost chapel roof repair of cleaning, repairing and coating the roof which has been completed. A Conaway Munden grant request to repair the chapel ceiling and additional hospital laboratory equipment electrical work (see above) was submitted but no status update as of now.

3. HOH and other Shop stored vehicles- Offers (tenders) were due by October 15. An update has been requested but not yet received. It is projected that an incremental $15,000 will be needed to fund a single updated HOH vehicle. A funding request to HOH and HOHO supporters is underway.

4. EWB (Engineers Without Borders)- No update.

5. Christopher was reminded last month that it's time for the MUVs to have their annual inspection and maintenance. Since one of them is used by the HOH, I asked Emmanuel for an update. He deferred to Christopher but noted that Christopher and the Shop team have been very busy constructing the farm poultry runs. No further update at this time.

Agriculture, Scott Sanford

<u>Situation in Nyadire</u>

Farm Department
- No Report

Home of Hope
- No Report

<u>Ag Committee Projects</u>

Nyadire Farm Equipment - CASH for CROPS
- No donation received in October.

- Current total is $70,470
- Trying to get information from Nyadire about funds collected from Equipment Sharing Agreement for maintenance, repair and replacement costs.
    - Sent letter to Rev. Mukundu on Oct 23 about the need for information on equipment repair and available funds.
    - Reply from Rev. Mukundu – Collecting funds remains a challenge because of low incomes of departments.
    - Likely to purchase a maintenance contract with equipment to make sure it is maintained for a period of time as we work on profitability.
- Holding off purchase until we have further discussion with Nyadire.

Rotary International Funding Proposal

30-sow piggery

- Project on hold until we resolve the new equipment purchase.
- Plan on continuing to work on proposal and building drawings as time permits

Marketing

- Planning to do a sponsorship drive at Dutilh UMC after the first of the year for orphan and HI students.
- Worked with Deborah Swineford on Sponsorship form to update and make it more intuitive, update actual costs for supporting HI program.
- Monthly Giving
    - Monthly giving has a huge advantage for sponsorships programs – don't have to chase people to renew annual giving
    - We can do it through Paypal but cannot direct funds to specific programs – only have space for designation for a one-time donation
    - Paypal requires you have an account to do monthly giving – possible barrier to some
    - Paypal clunky if you want to change a monthly contribution – have to delete the current one and enter new.
    - Payment is from donor's credit card – added fees. Do we have the ability to do Auto/monthly withdrawals from someone's checking account through our bank, Zelle, Venmo?
    - We need to make monthly giving easy to do
    - Do donors get a Tax acknowledgement if donating via Paypal?

Hearing Innovation, Deborah Swineford

- Revisions made to the HI brochure and to the sponsorship form (thank you Tim and Scott)
- Molly is working on updating a promotional video to be shared
- Renewal requests mailed
- Thank you videos from grade 7 students sent to their sponsors
- Received acknowledgment of receipt of school fees for Nyadire and Emerald Hill

- Having some difficulty with communication with Danhiko. Received some information through Simbarashe's efforts. Working on enrolling a student in the vocational sewing program next year
- Deaf Child Hope partnership—zoom meeting on Monday to discuss traveling together next year and details for a teacher-training workshop
- Researched some UMC grants and sent a new grant form request to DanPaul Foundation