

EYEGASSES

Partnering with Mission Vision, TNC provides eye exams and eyeglasses to improve the vision of people in Zimbabwe. Every day in Zimbabwe millions of children, adults and elderly struggle with daily activities because they cannot afford eyeglasses. This affects their ability to learn, work, and enjoy life. Every day in the U.S., we discard eyeglasses as our prescriptions change and new styles evolve. Our goal is to match discarded eyeglasses with eyes in Zimbabwe. To date, our team has served more than 10,000 patients in Nyadire and its six rural medical clinics.

Preparing Eyeglasses in the US for International Distribution:

Christ UMC, St. Paul's UMC, and Mission Vision help collect, clean, and label used glasses for this ministry through training and equipment provided by Mission Vision. Individuals can donate used glasses to TNC or their supporting churches, so that the program can continue.

Delivering Clear Vision in Zimbabwe:

TNC's mission hospital and rural medical clinics provide eyeglass clinics. Trained Zimbabwean technicians use charts and instruments to measure the patient's eyes. Each pair of donated glasses has a different prescription for each eye. The patient must try on several different pairs to find the best fit for both eyes. This program is recently gaining sustainability by asking patients to donate \$2 to help pay for the team's dedication and service.

TNC OVERVIEW

The Nyadire Connection (TNC), based in Pittsburgh, Pa., is a faith-based, all-volunteer, non-profit organization that seeks to support and sustain the Nyadire United Methodist Mission in northeastern rural Zimbabwe, Africa. The Nyadire Mission offers a hospital, nursing school, school system (preschool through high school), orphanage, teachers' college, farm, and many other services to the surrounding community.

TNC was founded in 2006 after a Volunteer in Mission team of 18 Pittsburghers traveled to Nyadire for three weeks. After returning from the mission trip, many felt that support to Nyadire should be ongoing and more in depth. Since then, TNC has developed partnerships and relationships among friends in the U.S., supportive Methodist churches and Nyadire, and has provided administrative, financial and spiritual support for numerous projects and ongoing programs.

TNC Website—www.nyadire.org

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The Nyadire Connection, Zimbabwe

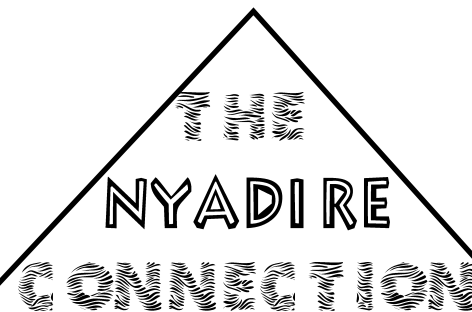
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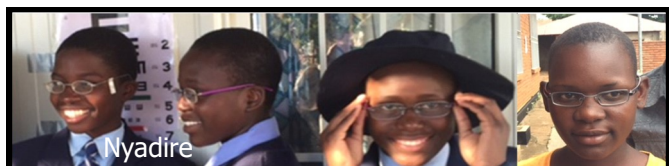
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HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Clean donated eyeglasses, either by yourself or as part of a group. The completed eyeglasses are then sorted and sent to Mission Vision for distribution. In the Pittsburgh area, TNC has eyeglasses groups in both the North Hills and the South Hills. Our North Hills contact is Kathy Belcastro at St. Paul's UMC in Allison Park; she can be reached at belcastro@verizon.net or 412-487-3678. Our South Hills contact is Marie Hunt at Christ UMC in Bethel Park; she can be reached at emptynest05@comcast.net or 724-207-0281
- Use the lens meter to determine the prescription of donated eyeglasses
- Print labels and bag glasses at Christ UMC or St. Paul's UMC
- Coordinate the drop-off of eyeglasses collected by individuals and organizations (i.e., local Lions Clubs)
- Have extra space at home? Store glasses until they can be processed or store prepared eyeglasses waiting to be carried to Zimbabwe
- Donate to TNC by writing a check to The Nyadire Connection with "TNC Eyeglasses Program" in the memo line
Send to: TNC c/o Christ United Methodist Church
44 Highland Road
Bethel Park, PA 15102
- Train with Mission Vision to learn how to use eye charts and instruments to evaluate a patient's needs. Training clinics are offered weekdays at various locations. Trained persons can assist at eye clinics in the U.S. or internationally. Go to www.mission-vision.org to find a clinic
- Become a leader with the Eyeglasses Program: Communicate via text with team leaders in Zimbabwe, share accomplishments and needs of the Zimbabwe team leaders with TNC, and tell the story of the Eyeglasses Program to interested individuals and organizations
- Travel to Zimbabwe with TNC and personally experience sharing the gift of improved vision