

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you'd like more information on the **Hearing Innovation Program**, please contact our program leader,

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You can also visit
The Nyadire Connection Website at
www.nyadire.org

For further information on Hearing Innovation and TNC's other programs. We would be happy to add you to our mailing list for the TNC newsletter and our monthly meeting minutes. Thanks for your interest in TNC and our many programs.



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 Volunteers 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.

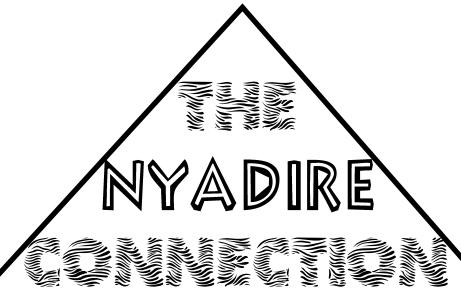
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HEARING INNOVATION

In 1994, the Nyadire Primary School began offering educational resources and support to deaf and hard-of-hearing students, with the help of the community, the church, and the Ministry of Education. It serves as a special education school for children in the Mashonaland East Province and is one of the few programs of this kind in the province. Students not only learn and perfect Zimbabwean Sign Language, they also learn life skills. The opportunity to receive an education gives students an identity and voice, teaches self-reliance, provides meaningful purpose, and most importantly encourages friendship, value, and goals.

The school charges a fee to attend and uniforms are mandatory. Students also must pay a boarding fee because they travel from a long distance to attend this specialized program.



WHAT WE DO



By providing financial support, we enable children to attend the school and improve their quality of life in many ways.

All children are unique and special; some learn differently than others and some have more needs than others, but they are all equally important and valuable. The Hearing Innovation program gives these children – who, according to a teacher at the school, might otherwise be “beggars, vagrants, or farm laborers” – the opportunity to learn, build self-esteem, and become a contributing part of the community. Hearing Innovation also takes a stand against a negative social attitude of people toward anyone with a special need, and gives the children the opportunity to receive academic and vocational training, along with the privilege of attending school.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

TNC offers a variety of ways you can provide financial support for Hearing Innovation. To sponsor a Deaf student you can make an annual donation of \$180 (Option A) that covers a full year of school fees. Or, you can choose Option B, which is a monthly commitment of \$30 (\$360/year) to help cover fees for room and board. We also have supporters who choose to do both options. You can find other giving and support options under the Hearing Innovation link on the Nyadire website. To provide financial support for Hearing Innovation, please send your donation to:

The Nyadire Connection
c/o Christ United Methodist Church
44 Highland Road
Bethel Park, PA 15102

Checks should be made payable to The Nyadire Connection, and please put **Hearing Innovation** in the memo line. Please provide your name, address, and email address and TNC will acknowledge with a receipt.

