

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you'd like more information on the Sister Rut Scholarship program, please contact our program leader,

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You can also visit  
The Nyadire Connection Website at  
[www.nyadire.org](http://www.nyadire.org)

For further information on the Sister Rut Scholarship 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.



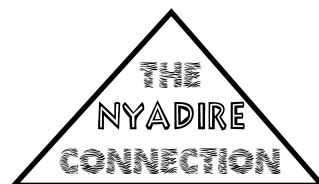
## TNC OVERVIEW

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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## SISTER RUT SCHOLARSHIP

For over 10 years, TNC has provided financial educational sponsorships for orphans for primary and secondary schooling. Now, through the Sister Rut Scholarship, TNC assists these students who are pursuing additional university or vocational education.



Sister Rut Lindgren was a missionary nurse from Finland who lived in Nyadire for more than 35 years. She oversaw the expanded program on immunization for the hospital, driving out to surrounding villages each day to provide immunizations and clinic-based care in hard-to-reach areas. Sister Rut had a deep love for the least of God's children, being an orphan herself. She adopted and raised many Zimbabwean children during her time in Nyadire. She once said: "Every child needs to be held," and she continued to live accordingly. TNC members, blessed with her friendship, describe her as having an unwavering commitment, a spirit of love and service, and a woman with true courage. To honor her legacy, TNC created the Sister Rut Scholarship.

## WHAT WE DO



With unemployment extremely high in Zimbabwe, young people striving to land a job sometimes consider additional education at a university or vocational school. To assist with their financial obligations, TNC provides funding through the Sister Rut Scholarship. Interested students apply for funds and a TNC committee reviews their comprehensive applications, selects the scholarship recipients and monitors their progress.

Students remain in contact with TNC program leaders throughout the semester, must maintain passing marks and must submit detailed receipts for expenses. They are also required to conduct community service, such as tutoring younger children in math and reading during their holidays, and they become part of the TNC Facebook Group to ensure ongoing communications.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

You can help a student-orphan pursue further education by supporting TNC's Sister Rut Scholarship program. Currently, scholarship recipients are studying in fields such as teaching, mining engineering, actuarial science, business management and medical sciences.

To provide financial support for the Sister Rut Scholarship, 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 **Sister Rut Scholarship** in the memo line. Please provide your name, address, and email address and TNC will acknowledge with a receipt.

