

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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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 Volunteers In Mission programs 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.

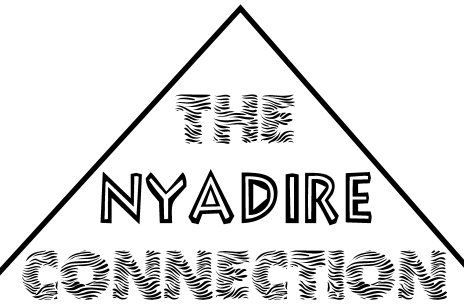
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## VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

Each year, TNC organizes several mission trips to The Nyadire United Methodist Mission. By doing so, we offer assistance to our friends there, and we provide opportunities for our volunteers to grow spiritually by serving God, helping others and learning from the relationships we have built with the people of Zimbabwe. The Nyadire Mission is a rural complex located in the Northeastern region of Zimbabwe; it has a hospital, school, orphanage, nursing school, teachers college, church, and farm.

TNC has been leading large group teams since 2006, with some of our leaders traveling to Nyadire since 2002. Nyadire is a safe, secure community that loves our visits. As TNC is an all-volunteer organization, travelers pay their own costs, which range from \$2,000 to \$3,000 for air fare, lodging, transportation, food, and other fees. Volunteers stay in clean brick houses with beds, bathrooms, occasional running water, spotty electricity, and new friends! Teams eat together in a main dining room with food prepared by nurses from the hospital who care for us during our stay.



## WHAT WE DO



Prior to each trip, we meet for planning and training sessions, and we coordinate with the leaders in Nyadire. Our volunteers don't need to have special skills, and we always adapt our trips and projects to fit the abilities and interests of our team with the needs of the Nyadire Mission. Volunteers may be reading with a child, participating in a pastor's workshop, or assisting with maintenance and other work projects. We spend time with orphans; volunteer at the hospital; work with pastors in the area; work with teachers; and, if we're there in August, conduct a Vacation Bible School. We are normally able to find appropriate activities for people with special skills such as construction, medicine, education and theology.

We purposefully work only on projects that Nyadire identifies as important so that the local folks have ownership of projects and activities. During each trip, we are very focused on developing relationships and volunteers are encouraged to visit neighbors, make friends, and get to know the community. We also have daily devotions as a group.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

For a life-changing experience, consider joining us for a Volunteers In Mission trip. Nothing provides more understanding and passion for the people than being there. Not only will you contribute and help, you can also expect an enriching and spiritual experience. TNC offers a variety of ways you can support or join our Volunteer In Mission program:

- ◆ Commit to taking a trip yourself
- ◆ Organize an activity or project for the group
- ◆ Help our travelers pack extra suitcases full of vital supplies for our friends in Nyadire
- ◆ Attend a training or information session

To provide financial support for the Volunteers In Mission program, 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 **Volunteers In Mission** in the memo line. Please also provide your name, address and email address so TNC can acknowledge your donation with a receipt.

