



## An Update on TNC's Hearing Innovation Program, from Deborah Swineford, Program Leader

### Your Generosity Changes Lives

*"...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me."*  
Matthew 25:40

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Dear TNC Hearing Innovation Sponsors and Friends,

Do you have trouble putting into practice Jesus' teaching to serve? Often, we see the needs and want to help, but we sometimes find that getting started is often our struggle. With that in mind, I wanted to provide an update on TNC's Hearing Innovation (HI) program and to invite you to **renew your commitment to this service opportunity—or begin supporting this important mission.** Let's envision what we can do together with God's power and strength!

In January **my daughter, Leah, and I traveled to Nyadire** and spent a delightful 10 days. There are 20 HI students split between two classrooms of K-7, so it is much like a one-room school house. This makes teaching quite a challenge. During our visit we taught classes and assessed the needs of students and teachers, and the classroom. **There are many needs.** The classrooms do not have electrical outlets and only have small chalk boards (about 3-foot square) to use for instruction. We'd like to install multiple electrical outlets in each classroom and also provide some instructional materials to aid in learning. The **teachers are very supportive** but sign language isn't their first language so we'd like to offer them some training, specifically in teaching methods for the Deaf so they can become more effective teachers.



Once our HI students graduate from 7<sup>th</sup> grade, they can no longer attend the Hearing Impaired Resource Unit offered at Nyadire Primary. At that point, some drop out of school and are faced with a life of doing menial work, but **we believe that with further education these students can achieve greatness.** A few of the Nyadire students have been fortunate enough to further their education at one of two secondary school programs for the Deaf in the capital city of Harare. During my trip I visited both schools to observe their programs; one is an academic secondary program and the other a vocational school.

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*"Once we know that what we do is truly part of the greater work of God and God's people, we can do it with our whole being. Then all we do will bear fruit, whether it is giving a cup of cold water to a child or laying down one's life for one's friend."* Henri Nouwen, Dutch priest, in "Community"

# TNC offers three ways to support these wonderful students and our Hearing Innovation Program...



**First, you can sponsor a specific student who attends the program.** The first term of the 2023 school year ends soon, and the second term will begin May 8. If you are a current sponsor or would like to become a new sponsor, **you can provide two levels of financial support:** \$180 annually for education fees; \$360 annually for boarding fees (or \$540 annually for both). These levels of support reflect current costs, which have increased dramatically in recent years due to inflation and other factors. By sponsoring a specific student, **you will be able to follow your student's progress** and correspond with him/her along the way. Although correspondence with individual students is not necessary, we have found that they enjoy learning about

our customs and the activities in which you participate.

**Second, you can provide general HI program support to cover overall school fees and classroom supplies.** This level of sponsorship is also designed to cover the costs of teaching materials and classroom upgrade projects, such as adding chalk boards and electrical outlets. The school year consists of three terms, and sponsors can provide support for one term (\$400), two terms (\$800) or all three (\$1,200). **You will receive periodic reports** detailing how funds have been used by the program.

**Third, you can make a Freewill Fellowship Offering.** This level of sponsorship begins at \$50 and the funds will be used for general and/or urgent program needs. We believe **this type of support might be ideal for individuals, churches or groups who wish to make a one-time donation.** For example, a church could designate a portion of its special holiday offering or a men's group could host a fundraising event and donate a portion of the proceeds to the HI program. I'm happy to discuss any ideas you may have!

Please review the **Hearing Innovation Partnership Form** and contact me with any questions about the program.

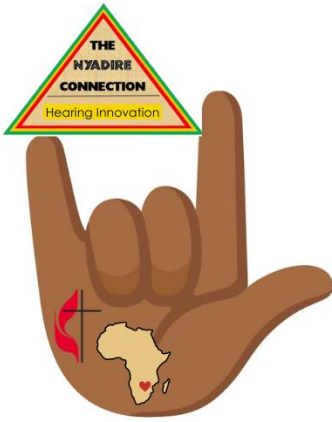
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(I am very grateful. God bless you!)

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# Hearing Innovation Partnership Form

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

HI Student's Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

## Partnership Options

### Sponsor a Student

- A. \$180/year for education fees
- B. \$360/year for boarding fees (can be donated \$30/month)
- C. Both A and B (\$540/year)

### Provide general program support

- A. \$400 for 1 term
- B. \$800 for 2 terms
- C. \$1,200 for 3 terms (full school year)

### Freewill Fellowship Offering

\$1,000  \$500  \$250  \$100  \$50  other amount

## There are two ways to provide your donation:

- **Send a check** payable to TNC (put HI Program in memo line) to:
  - The Nyadire Connection  
c/o Christ Church (ATTN: Karen Cahall)  
44 Highland Road, Bethel Park, PA 15102
- **Visit TNC's website** at [www.nyadire.org](http://www.nyadire.org) and click on the "Donate" button on the home page
  - You can make your contribution safely and securely by credit card or PayPal. Please designate your support for the HI Program.

No matter how you choose to donate, **please mail this form to the address above** to provide your contact information. **Donations to TNC are tax-deductible** and bring needed services and support.

## Tatenda!—Thank You!