

# TNC Begins Emergency Appeal To Support Food Delivery

*“There is a severe drought looming in Zimbabwe. Crops have been severely stressed such that even if the rains come there won’t be any meaningful crop recovery . . . we are heading towards severe food and other services shortages. Thank you for remembering us at Nyadire.”*

--Rev. Lance Mukundu, Nyadire Station Chair

Dear Friends and Supporters of The Nyadire Connection:

Four years ago, the world was just beginning to feel the effects of the COVID crisis. At that time, TNC asked you to support an emergency appeal to fund food delivery in Nyadire, Zimbabwe, home of a United Methodist Mission. As usual, you responded with amazing generosity; thanks to your donations and other TNC funds, we were able to send more than \$100,000 to support more than 400 families during the crisis.

Today, we’re coming to you with another **emergency appeal to support food delivery** – but this time, the crisis has been caused by the severe drought in Zimbabwe and others areas in Africa. You can read details in this Associated Press story link, which says the drought in Zimbabwe has reached “crisis levels.” <https://apnews.com/article/southern-africa-drought-hunger-food-climate-2ef702abc386f7182dbc5f8f4192be3c>

This story is consistent with what we’ve heard directly from our friends in Nyadire, including Rev. Lance Mukundu, the station chair.

To do what we can to assist during this emergency, TNC is soliciting financial donations which will be used to purchase food in Zimbabwe to be delivered to families with desperate needs. The food will go to the families who live or work at Nyadire Mission plus the staff at Nyadire’s six rural health clinics. Once again, the Nyadire Social Committee will administer and monitor the food distribution program. The Committee has determined that **the cost of a minimum food bundle that helps to sustain a family of five for one month is just \$41**. That means you can support a family with basic food supplies from June through the end of the year for just \$287.

Thanks to you, we were able to make a difference at Nyadire during COVID, and we are now asking that you help us to make a difference again during these drought and food shortage conditions. We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this emergency food delivery with a tax-deductible contribution. As you can understand, time is urgent; **our goal is to raise \$100,000 by May 31**, which would enable us to provide this vital food support through the end of this year. Efforts are also underway to increase local agricultural production at Nyadire but they are unlikely to result in crops that will address this crisis in the short term.

**To support our food emergency appeal**, you can donate through this PayPal link on the TNC website: <https://www.nyadire.org/donate.html> (Please include that the donation is for “Nyadire Hunger Relief.”)

Or, you can send a check made out to “The Nyadire Connection” (please put “Nyadire Hunger Relief” in the memo line) to:

Christ United Methodist Church

Attn – TNC Hunger Relief

44 Highland Road

Bethel Park, PA 15102

**Please forward this email to any of your personal friends and contacts**, and consider sharing it with your Missions Committee at church.

Throughout Zimbabwe, everyone continues to struggle and adapt through this difficult time. In Nyadire, **with your help we can continue to make a difference** when it comes to hunger.

Please email me at [taxplan1951@gmail.com](mailto:taxplan1951@gmail.com) if you have questions or need additional information.

**Many thanks** for your consideration,

Ralph Duckworth

Chairman

The Nyadire Connection