

TNC's expresses concern and prayers for Dr. Larry Tanyanyiwa in the wake of his recent stroke and also for the family of Rev. Elias Mutasa, who passed earlier this month.

TNC has been directed to communicate with Dr. Gerald Tapiwa Cherenga, who will be the acting medical superintendent in Dr. Larry's absence.

Standard Chartered Bank has announced the closing of banking operations in Zimbabwe. This comes after 130 years of doing business in the country. SCB's operations in six other countries in the Middle East and Africa will also shut down. TNC is not aware of a final closing date, but will endeavor to send necessary wire transfers through SCB ahead of schedule while we seek out alternatives.

In-Reach Debbie Little

- Dutilh orphan sponsorship campaign on May 8 and May 15. Goals to attract sponsors and solidify Dutilh's connection with TNC /get more folks involved.
- Debbie to present to a Rotary in the south hills on May 9
- Rural Clinics Ralph Duckworth, Rev. Mukundu
- United Methodist Foundation reviewing grant request
- Ralph Duckworth to visit Chindenga, Chikwizo, Dendera and Nyahuku clinics June/July, 2022

SYStem Coalition - Coding Workshop scheduled for June/July 2022

- Maddie Gioffre and Tara Stentz of SYStem Coalition continue to work with MB Zollars, Violet Mutasa, and Drew Harvey on plans to conduct 2 weeks of Coding Workshops at Nyadire. Two instructors will accompany TNC's June team.
- Link to SySTEM Zimbabwe Coding at Nyadire:
<https://systemcoalition.org/zimbabwe-coding-club/>
- Workshops will be conducted together with Nyadire High School and Primary School and possibly some outreach schools. The "Pop-Up Classrooms" provided by TNC and sent in the recent container shipment will be used.

- S.Y.STEM and Rev. Mukundu are researching options for reliable Wi-Fi. If internet is not consistently available the workshop material can be conducting using only computers, but this is very suboptimal
- There is now a STEM Committee in Nyadire that will be responsible for communications with S.Y.STEM and with organizing the workshops for the various outreach schools.
- STEM COMMITTEE:
Chair: Mr. Musariri – Head of Science Department at Nyadire HS
Vice Chair: Mr. Tirivangani Mabvute – Science teacher at Nyadire Primary
Secretary: Mrs. Portia Mambwere – Math teacher at Nyadire Primary
- Africa University participation: A conference call with Jim Salley, President of Africa University Nashville, is being rescheduled as Jim cancelled due to an emergency trip to Zimbabwe. We will discuss the possibility of AU participating in the STEM workshops as guest lecturers, the possibility of offering internships or scholarships, and other opportunities.

Communications Tim Wesley

- Preparing annual TNC report to Western PA Conference
- Working on May newsletter; program leaders, please submit leadership profile
- Updating website and Facebook - site is now secure

Container Shipments - D. Harvey / Rev L. Mukundu

- In addition to customs fees already paid, Nyadire asked if TNC could pay the \$1405.11 fee for the services of the clearing agent. TNC is in the process of wiring funds (after initial difficulties with receiving bank).
- Jackie Logan of the non-profit Zimbabwe Mission Partnership in Colorado (ZMP) requests an opportunity to ship additional items to Zimbabwe. ZMP works with Rev Forbes Matonga. TNC previously included furnishings in a TNC container for a health clinic built by ZMP. Brother's Brother Foundation has spoken with ZACH and will fill most of a container with medical supplies for ZACH . ZMP and TNC will include items and pay for the amount of container space used.
- Items TNC plans to include:
 - Boxes of GEP kits, one sewing machine, and baby blankets as provided by B. Lawson

- Boxes of Hearing Innovation supplies and educational materials as provided by M. Michael
 - Eyeglass cases as provided by M. Hunt
 - Eyeglasses as provided by Natalie Geer
 - Medical supplies as requested by Nyadire if BBF has them available.
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- Items in the container must only be those that ZACH agrees can be cleared thru their duty free certificate from the Ministry of Health. Clearance will be confirmed prior to loading the container. Tentatively planning on May shipping date.
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- The amount of container space required for TNC items is unknown. Estimating 20% of a container, our share of the shipping cost would be \$2000.
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- TNC does not plan to organize & sponsor future container shipments to Nyadire. TNC will consider including items with shipments sponsored by others.

Engineers Without Borders - CMU, D. Harvey / Rev L. Mukundu

- The students of the EWB CMU chapter continue to work with EWB National to finalize the Pre Implementation Report that was submitted in December. Once this report is approved and finalized, work can proceed to place the purchase order for the bio-gas digester.
- A presentation to Nyadire is prepared and a video call will be scheduled for review.
- Students are unable to travel to Nyadire this summer, but hope to travel in late December, 2022 or January, 2023. Cara Yi did attend Molly Michael's cultural training session but more will be required if the students do travel.
- Installation of the digester will be managed remotely without the students being on-site. By traveling in Dec/Jan they can confirm operation and identify any sustainability problem that may have developed.
- Cara Yi is graduating and applications are being taken for her replacement.
- Based on the amount of waste available, the Bio-Gas digester is expected to produce enough gas to cook ~ 38% of the required daily meals at the primary school. TNC and Scott Sanford are investigating a "high efficiency stove" sized to cook the remaining meals. This stove design could reduce wood

consumption by about half of what is used with the current open fire system. Scott awaits information from Nyadire before the stove can be sized and a cost estimate developed.

Medical Benevolence Foundation Drew Harvey

- MBF is a non-profit organization that works with faith based organizations , primarily churches, around the world that provide health care services. They have worked extensively in several African countries and now plan to expand into Africa. They strive to increase the standard of care and the sustainability of health delivery by engaging networks of supporters.
- A phone call was held on April 4 with Hannah Mafunda, D. Harvey, Andy Mayo (CEO of MBF), and Diana Curran (MBF NE Director of Partners). Numerous opportunities were discussed which will be explored. As a first step in Zimbabwe, MBF offered to introduce their “Center for Global Nursing” to the nursing schools at Nyadire and Mutambara. This program was developed and operates out of South Africa. They offer an online “e-learning” platform that could make advanced nursing and leadership training available to the nursing staff and students. This connection and implementation is available at no cost
- Andy Mayo also offered that he, along with a surgeon from Malawi, hopes to travel to Nyadire in June/July to discuss longer term opportunities.

Prayer Room Nyadire Mission Hospital Drew Harvey

Joyce Sihwa lives in the UK but will be discussing with the Nyadire Pastor in Charge the possibility of creating a Prayer Room in the hospital in honor of her mother. Her mother was a career nurse at Nyadire Hospital and Joyce lived at Nyadire as a child.

Faith Geer Memorial Eyeglasses Program Natalie Geer, Dr. Larry Tanyanyiwa, Zim Eyeglasses technicians

- Uncertainty about next eyeglasses clinics due to Dr Larry’s absence. He had been contacted for approval of a 2 week clinic led by the Nyadire team to serve Nyadire, Dindi, Chendenga and Mashambanhaka, sometime in June to August, 2022. Scheduling depends on the availability of Nurse Paul Chibanda or Head Nurse Primrose Chidziva.

- Re: Christopher Kumora, Zimbabwean optometrist who has reached out to TNC to offer his services in promoting eye health in rural Zimbabwe. Ralph Duckworth to follow up with Hannah Mafunda, Rev. Mukundu and Dr. Cherenga
- Helpful to send about 20 to 30 cartons of eyeglasses to Nyadire via partial container shipment, if that occurs. Terry Snider, Executive Director of Mission Vision, works directly with Brothers Brother (BBF) and can help arrange.
- Terry Snider has agreed to serve as the “Eyeglasses Wrangler” for this program. He can be contacted to help arrange pickup or delivery of eyeglasses donations. He will help coordinate deliveries and pickups for cleaning, measuring with the lens meter (called “neutralizing”) and storage. Many of the shipments may be delivered to the Brothers Brother Foundation for storage, which Terry will arrange. Terry can be contacted directly at (412) 303-7687, or via email at flydaddy757@gmail.com.
- Don met with 4 members of the Oakmont Lions Club that are focused as a sub-team on the eyeglasses initiative. They have been cleaning the eyeglasses after they have been collected both from the Oakmont Lions Club and other of the 40+ clubs in District 14B. Now they are ready to get the Lensmeter system to begin measuring the prescription. Working with Terry Snider to obtain the system and the training. Once this team has mastered working with the lensmeter, they would be interested in learning more about TNC.
- Kathy Belcastro and her dedicated team at St. Paul’s UMC continue to do an outstanding job cleaning glasses and measuring prescriptions.

GEP Bonnie Lawson, Charity Horiro

- Critical supplies (PUL and snaps) were ordered and received (\$1,073). The large rolls of PUL were cut into lengths in preparation for the June VIM team to carry over.
- Donations from Paradise UMW were collected by Molly Michael and have been sorted. There are several boxes of GEP kits. Supplies for these kits were ordered prior to the pandemic. They were not available for shipment in the last container. These join the Trinity UMW kits that were also produced during the same time frame and are available for shipment.
- Benchmarking discussion held with Glenda Wylie of Project Patricia (Missouri). This grass roots organization makes reusable pads. We discussed materials, sourcing, patterns and organizational philosophies. Project Patricia has ready-made pads that can be provided. Placed them in contact with BBF for their WASH program.

Nyadire and Outreach Clinics and Schools

- Photos of the newborn babies receiving blankets, hats and dresses were provided from Nyadire, Mashambanaka and Dendera waiting mother's clinics. These were shared with donors and posted on Facebook.
- Videos of primary students at Nyadire, HI School Nyadire and Nyakabau making pads using manual sewing machines were provided and shared on Facebook. The students like using the simple manual hand crank machines. Additional schools will be reporting on their progress.

Looking forward:

- No expenditures expected in May
- Potential shipment of completed kits, manual sewing machine and kit components. There are also baby quilts available for shipment.

Note: Bonnie is having hip replacement surgery on May 18th and has made arrangements with the VIM team to transport critical items. Depending on the decision on shared container space to ZACH, Bonnie will be packing boxes.

Hospital & Pharmacy: Mark Larosa and Dr. Larry Tanyanyiwa

Dr. Larry provided a prioritization of the Hospital related projects:

1. Chemical Analyzer Repairs \$1390 (50% deposit sent; \$695, due upon completion of repairs)
2. Mortuary Repairs \$1660
3. School of Nursing Ceiling Repairs \$9973 (awaiting selection of new contractor)
4. Vehicle Repairs TBD
5. Solar Power Battery Repairs \$19,070

- Nursing School:

A different contractor is being considered to finish off the Kitchen, and a different vendor is being considered for the ceiling repairs – Awaiting new ceiling estimate.

- Solar Panels:

An estimate of \$19,070 was received by Hillwise Electrical for repairing the Hospital's Solar panel. \$9,900 of the cost is for 6 Lithium Batteries (48 volts) and \$5200 is for a 20 KVA Hybrid Inverter. Due to the complexity of this project and

the significant cost, we are working to coordinate a call with Scott Sanford and the Nyadire team to better understand the proposal.

Part of the estimate includes upgrades to the hospital wiring since steel conduit and damp environments are a fire risk. For this reason, the final recommendation should include the appropriate remedy and we will continue to evaluate the investment.

Meeting team discussed possible cost-sharing options by Nyadire for replacement batteries.

- Vehicle for Mobile Clinics:
No update at this time.

- Other:
The Pharmaceutical PCD funding and Dr. Larry's stipend were sent.

Hearing Innovation Molly Michael & Tendayi Mushapaidze

- Events
 - Molly spoke at Paradise UMC on March 29th to promote the HI Program
 - This group provided 20 Boarding Kits
 - Supplies were delivered to Bonnie
 - A Boarding Kit donation will be facilitated through BCUMC in May
 - Goal: collect an additional 20 Boarding Kits (40 total)
 - Sponsorship Event will be held at Dutilh in May and BCUMC in August
 - Molly is putting together Sponsorship Packets
- Updates:
 - HI received their computer cart from Computer Reach. Simbarashe sent photos of the students exploring their new technology.
 - The HOH is now supporting Precious Gandari. Precious is 9 to 11 years old, has hearing needs, arrived very ill, and has never been to school. She is recovering fast. Emmanuel would like to enroll her in the HI Program as a boarder to support her development. Precious will return to HOH for the holidays.
 - Simbarashe has purchased 24 chicks for his broiler project through his master's studies. The university encouraged learners to find sponsors for

a kickstart community project which will sustain an educational type purpose. Proceeds will be channeled towards needs for the HI unit such as uniforms/materials.

- The school fees for Simbarashe have increased and he will need support to pay for his practical examinations. The cost will be around \$250- approved.
- Goals
 - Conduct another ENT clinic at Nyadire as well as hearing testing
 - Network in the Pittsburgh area to establish relationships and connections with local groups that provide resources for persons with hearing needs or the deaf community
 - 2022 field/day trip with the HI students
 - Visit the Beatrice Vocational Center. This is a government sponsored vocational unit training adults with a disability in a course of their choosing. This would be a great tertiary opportunity for the HI Students/Scholarship Program.
 - Visit Emerald Hill.
 - Follow up on the students who leveled out from the HI Program and determine how TNC can continue to assist if needed
 - Evaluate how the Solar Powered Hearing aids have held up long term. Encourage the school to host a workshop for students & parents. Possibly get more for 2023? Research support networks.
 - Evaluate the way TNC supports the HI Unit at Nyadire financially. Explore options.

Mutoko Special Education Program Molly Michael & Joseph Muzondo

- This program is in the developmental stages; due diligence will be carried out during the June VIM trip/ meeting with Joseph at Mutoko Primary School.
- To be designed as an outreach sponsorship program serving students with varying disabilities, including intellectual disability. The sponsorship cost estimated at \$50 annually will partially cover student tuition. Students do not board on-site.
- A publication has been created for this program. It is a lower cost option compared to the HI program.
- School supplies will be delivered.

Volunteers in Mission Molly Michael & Reverend Mukundu

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- Dates: June 16 - July 7. Molly has been in contact with Rev. Mukundu
- Volunteers include Mary Beth Zollars, Marie Hunt, Deborah Swineford, and Kevin Riley (St. Paul's). 3 others may join. In addition, two volunteers will travel through STEM. Ralph Duckworth, Jim Gourley, and Sue McCann will travel to Nyadire and cross over with the team beginning June 29.
- An optional weekend safari will be planned (voting)
- Molly & MB met to discuss project planning
- Molly to purchase a team first aid kit using VIM Team Funds. To be used for future teams as well.
- June VIM team will carry over \$300 for crafts
- Request to carry over \$500 emergency cash for the TNC Team approved
- Cultural Awareness Training was conducted on March 22nd. Another training will occur in May for additional volunteers (STEM).
- Packing Party on June 4th or 5th at CUMC
- If you are interested in leading or co-leading a future team, please let Molly know. Upcoming VIM Leader Trainings (<https://www.wpaumc.org/VIMTraining>)

HOH, HOHO, Scholarships Mary Beth Zollars, Emmanuel Chiimba

- Sponsorships presentations at Dutilh UMC May 8 and May 15, 2022.
- ZIM-Partnership meeting will be held Thursday, April 21, 6:30pm.

HOHO

- Tinashe Chiimba and Lindarose Chibinge have been named as the people responsible for the pricing, purchasing, and distributing of the backpacks and school supplies in Zimbabwe.
- The last portion of funds for school uniforms has been sent for Winnet's project.
- School rosters have been updated (thanks to Lindarose!) and fees for Term 2 will be sent in the beginning of May.
- Outreach Committee:
 - Chairperson: Noreen Chitengu (Manhamba Primary)
 - Vice Chair: Tawanda Muswe (Rudawiro Primary)
 - Secretary: Esnath Zimbira (Nyadire Primary)
 - Treasurer: Nicodemus Bandira (Nyadire High School)
 - Finance Secretary: Fiona Chiroroma (Nyakabau Primary)

O-Level Exam and A-Level Exam fees have not been determined as of now.

HOH

- May/June funds are being prepared, along with funds for formula for the orphaned babies.
- CUMC-UMW will be hosting a golf outing on September 10, 2022 at Ponderosa Golf Course. 50% of the proceeds will benefit the HOH.
- Dutilh UMC's preschool raised \$1700 through their Hop for Hope. Funds will go towards swings and related materials.
- Funds were sent to cover Winnet's medical fees.
- Emmanuel is scouting a good source for the purchase of goats (donation from Christ Kids).
- Awaiting news of the 3 HOH children who were re-integrated, whether they are enrolled in school, and whether they can be added to the HOHO program.
- Precious Gandari (female) will live in the HI dormitory for inclusion in the HI group during the school year. She will live at the HOH during school holidays.

SISTER RUT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- Mary Beth and Karen Cahall will attend the Night of Giving by the BP-USC Breakfast Rotary Club on Wednesday, April 27th at 6pm to accept the \$5000 awarded to the Scholarship Program.

Rutendo Mupfawa, accepted at the University of Zimbabwe, Honours Program for Accounting and Finance; 1.2 student

Blessing Mabii, accepted at Midland States University, Business Studies, 1.2; began September 2021.

Tinashe Mapfumbidze, (MSU) 3.1 student; decided on an attachment in Gweru; Business Management

Campion Mujuru (University of Zimbabwe; medicine; 3.1 student) doing his clinicals.

Lovemore Mbozvi finished his attachment with Mashava Mines near Gweru. He is studying Mining Engineering. He is now back in Mutare as a 5.1 student. His program is 5 years.

Bernard Madyauta University of Great Zimbabwe, 3:1 student; doing attachment at the Harare City Council.

Fungai Chigumbura MSU, Human Resource Management, 3:1 student, found attachment at the Ministry of Agriculture.

Lorraine Kapembeza: Africa University, Accounting. 2:2 student.

Ruth Makoni: HOHO/O-Levels/A-Levels: Catholic University, Business Management and Information Technology; 2:2 student.

Takunda Pedzai: Midland States University, Human Resources Management; 2.1 student.

Raymond Chimbwanda: HOHO/O-levels/A-levels: University of Zimbabwe; Financial Economics and Trade; 1:2 student.

Stephen Chadamoyo: O-levels/A-Levels: University of Zimbabwe, (tuition only); Physiotherapy; 2.1 student.

Panashe Mafemera: O-levels/A-levels: Bindura University, Peace and Governance (tuition only) – 1:1 student.

Nyasha Given Katema: (HOH) O-levels/A-levels: Zimbabwe Institute for Legal Studies. The school offers a variety of certificates and degrees, leading to careers from paralegal to lawyer. Nyasha will proceed from year to year, based on his interest, needs, and success. 1:2 student.

WORK/STUDY:

Lindarose Chibinge: Lindarose is enrolled in Social Work at Midland States University for a master's degree specializing in Children's Rights and Protection. She is completing her second semester (out of 3). She has agreed to work at the HOH throughout her studies.

On hold:

Josphat Nyatoro (HOHO): O-levels: changed intention to pursuing 3 more O-level subjects in order to attend Harare Polytechnic. His scholarship will be re-visited a year from now.

Candidate: Praise Mushamba, provisionally accepted for January 2022 intake, but have no update.

Precious Muripo (HOH) the Prison Officer Training program

TABUDIRIRA VOCATIONAL CENTRE CANDIDATES:

Leeroy Nyamukapa (O-levels Nyadire High School); Tabudirira Vocational Centre, Building Studies, began September 2021

Angeline Mujuru (Campion's sister) (HOHO): O-levels: Tabudirira Vocational Centre, Hotel and Catering, looking for attachment

Lorraine Chipembere (Fradreck's daughter) (HOHO): O-levels: Tabudirira Vocational Centre, Hotel and Catering, looking for attachment

Tinotenda Kadyautumbe (HOH): O-levels: Tabudirira Vocational Centre, Hotel and Catering, looking for attachment

New Applicant:

Yeukai Gwati (HOHO) has applied for a scholarship to attend Tabudirira Vocational Centre in Hotel and Catering.

AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP

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- Elvis Mtandwa will begin his 2nd term at Tabudirira Vocational Centre in agriculture.
- Tinashe Katsuro has been accepted for an Agricultural Scholarship. He is looking forward to starting his studies in August 2022.
- Rodney Matonga (Rev. Forbes and Nyaradzai's son) is a leading candidate for an agricultural scholarship. He seeks financial assistance in completing his diploma at Blackfordby Agricultural Institute in Agribusiness and Farm Management.