



# Newsletter

*The Nyadire Connection (TNC), based in Pittsburgh, PA, is a faith-based non-profit volunteer organization that seeks to support and sustain the United Methodist Mission in Nyadire, Zimbabwe.*

## NYADIRE FARM

One of the areas in Nyadire, once highly productive, now virtually unused is the 3,000 acre farm. Until ten years ago, the farm was a prosperous operation with a dairy, poultry / egg division, and butchery in addition to vegetable crops. The farm's potential is obvious, not only to feed but also to contribute funds to the mission's economy. TNC is now taking the first steps to help restore this vital part of Nyadire. Esnath Arichara, the new farm supervisor has started a poultry operation and worked with TNC volunteer, Steve McPherson, to get the very old farm equipment operational. An irrigation system that draws water from the river and irrigates 12 acres was also implemented. McPherson has worked closely with Christopher Kuwana of the Maintenance Dept. in making repairs in many departments (the x-ray developing equipment is working.) **The Home of Hope Orphanage (HOH)** has had permission in the past few years to grow vegetables for HOH and sell them locally. Several UM churches have developed different programs, like fertilizer or animal funds.

## PROGRAMS



Supervisor Esnath measures irrigation ditch

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

*The October Mission Team took 200 Christmas cards each with \$20 to be given to those employed by Nyadire Hospital and surrounding clinics, the Home of Hope personnel, and the Mutoko-Mudzi District pastors at the annual Christmas celebration. Pastor Lois Swestyn and Diane Welty, program coordinators, commented that Nyadire folks will know their TNC friends are thinking and praying for them and sharing a gift. "We acknowledge we are one in the Spirit and Body of Christ."*

### SEEDS OF HOPE

Also tucked in the October Mission Team suitcases were @200 lbs. of vegetable seeds (6000) packets to be distributed to the community, and to folks for their personal gardens just in time for spring planting (the seasons are reversed.) Since seeds are so expensive in Zimbabwe, TNC is grateful to Burpee Seed Co. and many local seed, hardware, and variety stores for their donations of "out of season seeds."

### "O LEVEL TEXTBOOKS"

TNC is building a \$5,500 fund to provide 500 books that headmasters from five schools will use to purchase these critical textbooks. \$55 buys 5 books; \$110 buys 10 books at \$11 each. A book can be given in honor or in memory of a person who values books or as a gift to a teacher. An acknowledgment will be sent if the name & address are provided. Email [sandy\\_mcknight@hotmail.com](mailto:sandy_mcknight@hotmail.com)



John Deere now operational

### Micro - Loan Program

What better way to help folks follow their dreams? "Micro loan" is a way to make a small amount of money available to people with financially viable business ideas. Successfully piloted in 2010, the Nyadire Loan Committee takes applications, provides coaching and administers. Violet Mutasa, a Nyadire Primary teacher, wrote in August 2011, "I applied for the micro loan facility. I was successful and received \$250 which I used to start a poultry business." TNC hopes to build the principal to \$5000 that would keep 20 loans in circulations. To help, email Chuck Billerbeck, [cbillerbeck@comcast.net](mailto:cbillerbeck@comcast.net).

Donations to TNC are tax deductible and will help to bring greatly needed services and help to Nyadire. Click on the button to the right to donate through **Pay Pal**. If you don't have a **Pay Pal** account, you may use a credit card. All electronic donations are made through a secure server. *For more information about The Nyadire Connection, see [www.nyadire.org](http://www.nyadire.org)*

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## Home of Hope Orphanage

High on the agenda of the July Mission Trip was to give a lot of TLC from the TNC members, particularly those children who need one-on-one attention. Phil Himmler got Charles to use the strength in his arms AND his head, Kayla Mahalchak shadowed David to school, Nathan Krause played chess with Tinashe, and Joan Bright and Amy Scott made reading a nightly affair. When it was announced that Lovemore, 14, was asked to play on the Provincial Basketball Team, Phil promptly countered, "Well, his family will have to go and see him play!" The Primary School Bus and driver were hired and HOH children and caregivers, 45 in all, drove to the game two hours from Nyadire. Unfortunately, several of the children got carsick (Kayla noted she had only a roll of toilet paper to handle the situation), but they arrived complete with banner, signs, and many cheers.



**JUST LIKE A FAMILY.**

## Home of Hope Outreach School Sponsorship (HOHO)

One of the best things about being a HOME OF HOPE OUTREACH (HOHO) sponsor is receiving a letter from the orphan. The HOHO program involves the payment of school fees (\$75) for three terms and the shipment of a backpack of school supplies and a pen-pal relationship. Five hundred orphans in Nyadire and in the neighboring rural schools have been able to attend school through this the program.



The following are excerpts from a letter from Jeannie Kachepea of Nyadire High School to her sponsor:

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for what you have done in my life. You made my dream of going to university a reality. The satchel you sent me was breathtaking. "You changed my life not only for the better but for the best so I was able to complete my high school education that is "A Level" or grade 13. I was admitted to Chinhoyi University...to undertake a four year course for a Bachelor's Degree in Purchasing, Transport, and Logistics. May the dear Lord and Savior bless you abundantly."

Yours Faithfully, Jeannie Kachepea

### TNC PROJECTS

**CONTAINERS** - *The container en route should arrive in Nyadire in late November. It primarily contains items requested by **Godwell** and **Joyce**, the administrator and matron of the hospital, respectively, when **Mark LaRosa** workworked with them. in March.*

**UPSCALE RESALE YARDSALE** - *"Silent supporters" Joette Young & Jan Kerr happily contributed \$700 from their Sept.24 sale to the **Home of Hope Orphanage**. Thanks!*

**GIRL POWER** - *Creative Hands, St. Paul's UMC & Hearts and Hands, Mt. Leb UMC sent a suitcase of reusable sanitary products with the Oct. Mission Team for girls who would normally miss school each month lacking sanitary supplies. TNC volunteers also met with **Betty Makoni**, director of the **Girl Child Network (GCN) Zimbabwe** to share the designs of the products. The hope is that **GCN** girls be able sew their own supplies. For patterns and information, contact **Barb Greway** of **St.Paul's UMC**, **Allison Park** or **Kathy Surma** of **MetLeb**, [ksurma2008@gmail.com](mailto:ksurma2008@gmail.com).*

**MISSION MALL** - *Members of Creative Hands for Warmth & Comfort are busy making items to be sold at the **MISSION MALL** at St.Paul's UMC, Allison Park Sat., Nov.19 from 9-1. Proceeds from their table will go to **TNC**. There were 14 other vendors at the sale in 2010.*

### GOOD NEWS

#### **MEET DR. NYABEREKA**



Ronald Nyabebreka, the medical student that TNC has sponsored has passed his final exams and is now a qualified medical doctor. The new doctor wrote to **Drew Harvey, TNC Chairman**, "I am really grateful for your support, financially and through your prayers. You have been a pillar of strength. I am still awaiting my deployment deployment deployment to start my 2-year "housemanship course." Ronald will eventually be posted in Nyadire in 2013.

*An Orphan's Life in Zimbabwe is very unstable. If a caring relative dies or is no longer able to care for the child, the orphan is moved to another relative's home. "The good news," reports Mary Beth Zollars, coordinator of both HOH and HOH Outreach ([mbzollars@aol.com](mailto:mbzollars@aol.com)), "is that our stats indicate that more children are able to stay in school because of their sponsors paying their school fees."*

Congratulations to Home of Hope administrator, Emmanuel Chiimba, for completing his work and received his diploma in Humanitarian Aid & Project Management.



Lovemore & Emmanuel

For a different story about the **Home of Hope Outreach** program, go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jFx8DWVbsLg>