



The Nyadire Connection

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.

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Progress Living Out Her Name At Home Of Hope

By Elsa Zollars

Progress is her name. She is an orphan, has a brother, **Robson**, and lives with her grandmother and other family members at the Nyadire Mission. Her grandmother is a nurses' aide at the Nyadire Hospital and supports many who live in the household.

Progress applied and was accepted into the **Home of Hope** Sponsorship Program. She is a hard worker and finished her "O Level Exams of core subjects." She needed one additional course to qualify, so she studied on her own and passed.

Progress has been a student at the Nyadire Teachers' College for three years taking three terms a year. She is now at Hanwa United Methodist Mission on her second attachment (known in the U.S. as practice teaching.). Her field is Early Childhood Education, and she is presently working with four- and five-year-old children. She will be seeking a permanent position after graduation.

Traditionally, Zimbabwean parents give their children a Zimbabwean name, such as Tafadswa or Tinotenda; an English name, such as Lorraine or Clayton; or a name that identifies a quality, such as Perseverance or Lovemore.

Progress is living her name.



Pittsburgh Papers Feature TNC Missions, Emmanuel's Visit

Two Pittsburgh-area newspapers recently featured stories about TNC: The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and The Cranberry Eagle. Both stories highlighted **Home of Hope Orphanage** Director **Emmanuel Chiimba**, who visited Pittsburgh in late 2019.

During his visit, Emmanuel stopped at **Dutilh UM Church**, whose preschool donated \$1,200 to the Home of Hope for bicycles. Seven Buffalo Bikes were purchased from World Bicycle Relief in Harare. Emmanuel thanked the children at the preschool for their efforts and showed them pictures of the Home of Hope kids riding their bikes.

The Post-Gazette story also highlighted mission trips taken by many TNC representatives over the years. Since the original trip in 2006, TNC has organized nearly 50 trips, with more than 130 people making the journey, most of them multiple times.

Want to experience Africa through the UM Church? TNC will be traveling to the Nyadire UM Mission again in 2020 to boost our friends and support the complex. Activities include Bible School, Sports Camp, building projects at the Home of Hope Orphanage (laundry tubs, playground, bookshelves, etc.), teaching basic computer skills and vocational skills with the Hearing-Impaired. For more information, contact **Molly Michael** at mollyalice.michael@gmail.com.



More Highlights From Emmanuel's Visit



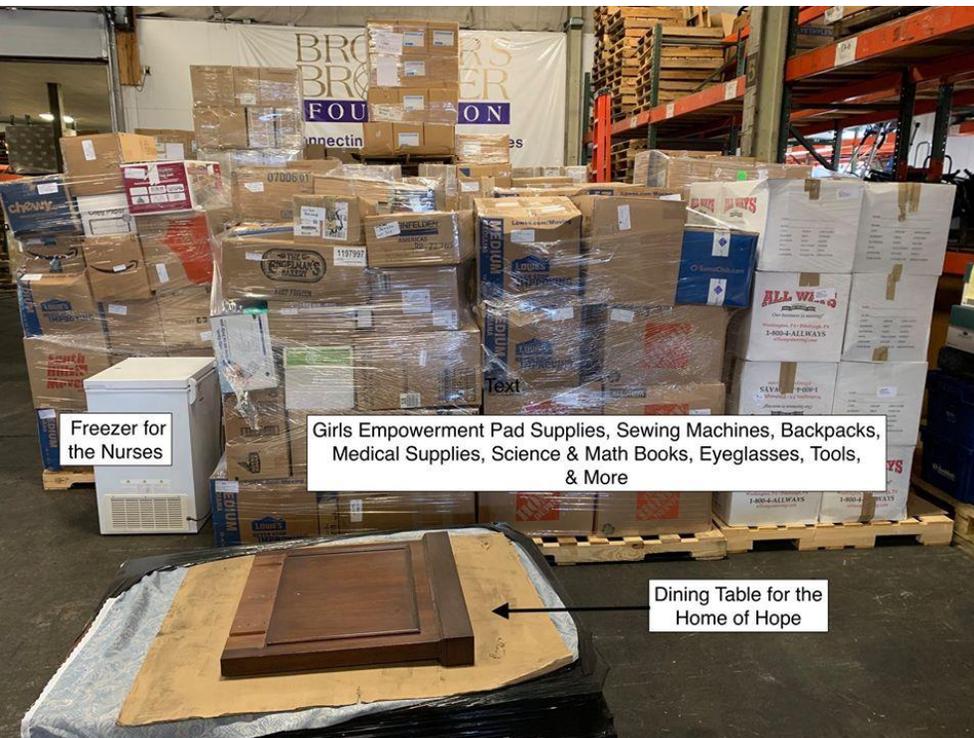
It was truly an amazing visit!

Emmanuel Chiimba was in the Pittsburgh area for nearly two weeks in late 2019, presenting his vision for the **Home of Hope** and expressing gratitude for the support that he, his staff, and the many Zimbabwean children who are under his custody receive. Highlights? There were many: Thanksgiving, a visit with **Rev. Kimberly Greway** and the jail programs, churches (**Liberty UMC, First Bethel UMC, Christ UMC, Mt. Lebanon UMC, Dutilh UMC, St. Paul's UMC**), **ComputerReach**,

Brother's Brother Foundation, Surma Storage, Dutilh Preschool, Bible Study groups, CMU Engineers Without Borders, BP-USC Breakfast Rotary Club, Night in Old Bethlehem, a visit to John Sperry's Egg Farm, fish pond discussions, TNC Meeting, sightseeing in Pittsburgh, luncheons, dinners, discussions, laughs, and prayers...We were blessed by his presence!



TNC, Brother's Brother Team Up For Container Shipments



Freezer for the Nurses

Girls Empowerment Pad Supplies, Sewing Machines, Backpacks, Medical Supplies, Science & Math Books, Eyeglasses, Tools, & More

Dining Table for the Home of Hope

Two ocean containers are headed to Nyadire!

TNC and **Brother's Brother Foundation** collected and loaded a long list of requested items and sent the containers on their way.

Many thanks to the crew of people who helped with loading!

Items were packed into approximately 475 boxes, each labeled with a lot and box number and designated for a specific individual at Nyadire for receipt.

Items included a large supply of new maintenance tools, 2 high capacity voltage transformers, 10 voltage stabilizers, and specialized cultivating hoes. Brother's Brother contributed extensive furnishings for the new HOH, 3 freezers, 1 refrigerator, hospital supplies and furnishings, 12 carts for the disabled, and 2,127 math/science books.

BBF also provided a majority of items requested by the "Zimbabwe Mission Partnership" for use at the Heather Chimhogo Orphan Care facility which is located in Murewa North. BBF also provided a small number of supply bags for Community Based Health Care Workers as requested by Hannah Mafunda.

Two containers were sent, with the first departing Pittsburgh on Dec. 20 and the second on Dec 27. The first container includes the majority of TNC provided items and is expected to arrive in Nyadire in late February with the second container arriving in late March.



Two Commercial Freezers with Transformers for Nyadire Hospital

Program Highlights From TNC's January Meeting

Health Area

- Eyeglasses: More than 50 boxes of eyeglasses were collected by **Don Ziegler** and **BBF**, and are included with the current container shipment...next vision clinic in Nyadire scheduled for July/August.
- Ocean Container Shipments: See page 4.
- Empowerment Pads: Nearly 2,500 GEP kits and hygiene kits were sent in 2019...fundraising enabled purchase of supplies for production of kits and implementation of sewing sponsorship program.
- Medical Supplies: Funds transfer being prepared for purchase of drugs for Jan/Feb/Mar.
- Rural Health Clinic Rebuilds: Dindi rebuild should be complete...**Dutilh UMC** sent TNC funds toward the rebuild of Mashambanhaka, the fifth of Nyadire's six clinics.
- Medical and Hospital Support: **Dr. Larry Tanyanyiwa** at Nyadire has provided a list of the suture required by Nyadire Hospital over the next year...**BBF** is searching and whatever is available will be carried over by February and July/August teams.

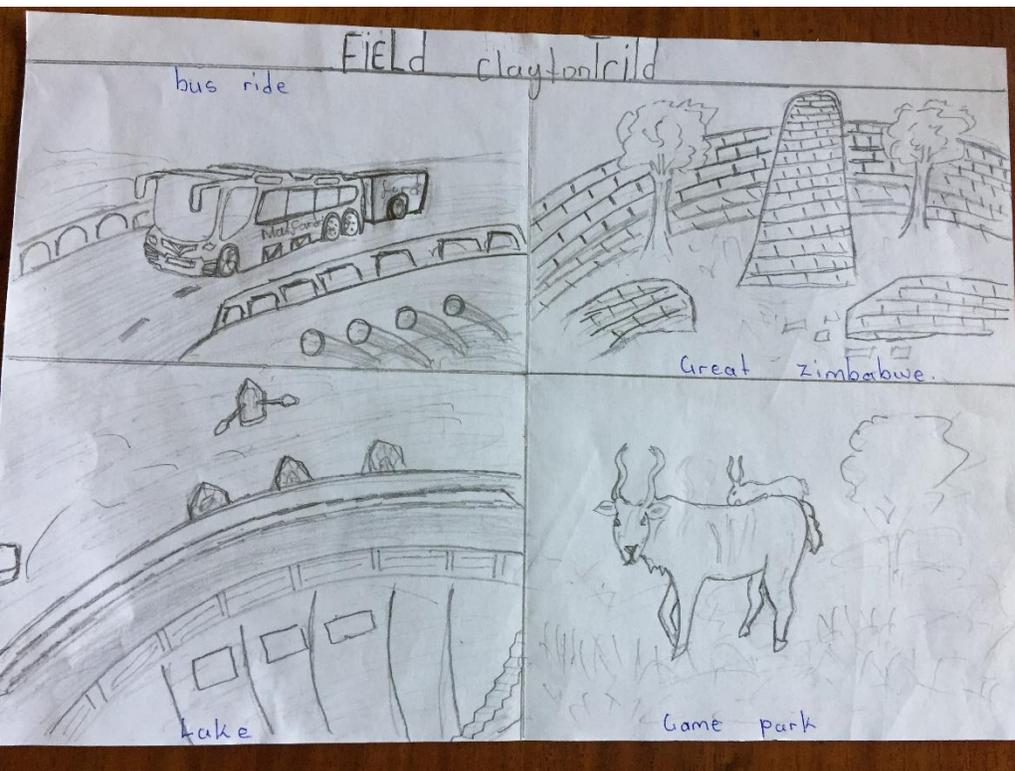
Education and Relationships Area

- Engineers Without Borders/CMU: Students beginning to meet again after returning from winter break...major challenge at Nyadire continues to be finding waste in sufficient quantities to consistently feed a digester and produce enough methane for cooking at Primary School.
- Hearing Impaired: Hearing aid collection continues...hope to support teachers in hosting a parent workshop at Nyadire in September/October...would equip parents with basic signing skills, how to care for the solar aids, and how to empower their child.
- Volunteer-in-Mission trips: **Molly Michael** plans to lead trip in July/August...VIM Team Leader Training will be held on Saturday, Feb. 29...Molly will attend and encourages others, whether you are considering being a team member or a leader.
- Sister Rut Scholarships: Recipients listed on page 9 of TNC's monthly minutes.

Orphans Area

- Home of Hope: **Emmanuel Chiimba** organized Christmas Celebration, including a barbecue meal...current HOH needs: an oxen and plough, funds to erect the solar hot water heaters, fencing for goats, and additional drip irrigation lines.
- Home of Hope Outreach: Now supporting about 400 students...some funds will be given to the Scholarship Fund supporting former HOHO students who are now studying at colleges or universities.

Student Art Reflects Memorable Trip

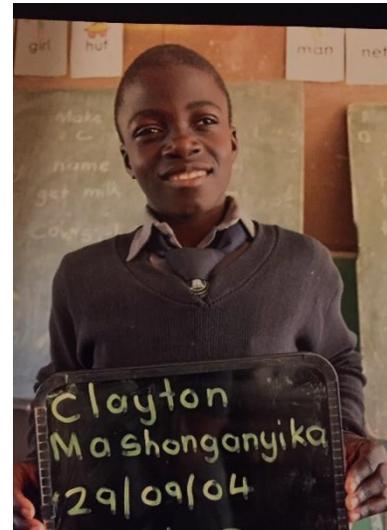


Clayton Mashonganyika is a 15-year-old student involved in TNC's Hearing-Impaired program. In 2019, he and his fellow HI students were treated to a trip to Great Zimbabwe, a monument built between the years 1100 and 1450. The Outreach Team at **Baldwin Community UMC** sponsored the visit, and Clayton's artwork (left) depicts his favorite memories.

The group traveled by the Primary School Bus to Harare and then south to Masvingo to see the ruins of the Great

Zimbabwe. On the way, they stopped at another school for the deaf called Henry Murray. The group stayed for two nights at Great Zimbabwe, with the adults in chalets and the kids in dormitories. After climbing the ruins, they went to the big dam that creates Lake Mutirikwi, then visited an animal reserve near the lake.

Many of the kids use art as a way to summarize their experiences. In this instance, it was also a gift to their sponsors.



Remember, as they say in Zimbabwe,
“God is good all the time; all the time, God is good.”