

TNC July 23 Meeting Minutes

Rural Clinic Program - Ralph Duckworth & Rev. Austern Chepiri

Project finances as of June 30, 2023:

Total project budget:	\$350 680
Beginning of month account balance:	78,535
Contributions:	10,654
Disbursements:	59,606
End of month account balance:	29,583

Due to the generous contributions of a long-time TNC supporter, we are nearing our goal of raising all of the funds necessary to complete the building of the Chindenga clinic.

- During the month, payments of \$23,037, \$19,710 and \$13,713 were made to the materials contractor. Of this, \$1650 was for steel fabrication, and \$1496 was for metal parts.
- Through the end of the month, TNC has wired a total of \$145,757 to project vendors.
- A total of \$176,989 has been raised so far, with an additional \$143,692 needed to complete the project.
- Work at Chindenga this month included electrical 2nd fix, glazing & painting of window frames, and floor tiling to Quadruple House. the skimming of internal walls, painting to internal & external walls, and electrical 2nd fix and welding of verandah steel poles was done to the OPD building. The installation of ceiling rhino boards, pouring of concrete slab, and electrical 1st fix and 1st fix plumbing was done to Maternity Delivery & Observation Ward building
- The Outpatient Department (OPD) is approximately 85% complete, the Quadruple Staff House is 90% complete, and the Maternity Ward is approximately 75% complete. Phase 2 is approximately 85% complete.
- Work planned for next month includes:
 1. Quadruple House- Floor & wall tiling, electrical second fix, plumbing second fix, door & ironwork fitting & general cleaning

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2. OPD Building- Installation verandah poles & roof structure, painting of walls, floor & wall tiling, electrical second fix, plumbing second fix, door & ironwork fitting & general cleaning
3. Maternity Delivery & Observation Ward Building- Skimming of ceilings, painting walls, installation of verandah poles & roof structure and electrical second fix

Hospital Support Mark LaRosa, Dr. Larry Tanyanyiwa

Mark and Kathleen Griffith, GBGM, planning a small group meeting to discuss overlapping TNC, GBGM projects.

Volunteers In Mission: Molly Michael, Rev. L. Mukundu:

Ralph Duckworth, Deborah Swineford and her husband, Dennis Swineford, Scott Sanford, and Robb Montgomery (St. Paul's UMC) are considering trip to Nyadire in early November. Sue McCann and Jim Gourley will be traveling with Charlie Moore and plan to meet with the TNC team.

Agricultural Program - Scott Sanford

- Equipment Sharing agreement signed June 27, 2023. The agreement and a modifications sheet will be sent to the TNC meeting minutes distribution email in early August. The modifications include:
 - a. Mission will open a sub-account at the bank for farming activities managed by the Mission Centre Treasurer. The purpose is to hold all monies derived from use of equipment.
 - b. All proceeds to be used 100% at Nyadire mission
 - c. Repair costs will be funded from pooled fund in accounts.
 - d. In the event there aren't enough funds to cover repairs or purchases, all departments involved will be levied to cover costs.
 - e. The Station Chair will be responsible for management of the equipment sharing until a manager is appointed.
- Agricultural equipment purchase – Quotes received and purchases can proceed now that the equipment sharing agreement is in place.
 - a. 2-Row maize Planter – we have 2 quotes – one for \$7980 (one left in stock) & one for \$10,500 (5-weeks after full payment)
 - b. Broadcast Spreader- \$3285 (one left in stock)

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c. Repair of Farm Department Tractor- \$800 – Parts to repair an oil leak around the PTO shaft and a ball joint, plus oil and filters for scheduled maintenance. Work to be performed by the Mission Maintenance Department. In addition, the cost to rebuild/repair the fuel injection system is estimated at \$2000-\$2500. This is being finalized. All costs above include a 5% currency conversion fee.

- GEP School Gardens – Received an 86-page bulletin from Casper Jembere, Ag Instructor at Nyadire Teachers College. This was reviewed & comments returned for consideration.

- Butchery- no activity as this was on hold until after field equipment is purchased.

Engineers without Borders - Drew Harvey & Kevin Riley / Christopher Kuwana

- Tendayi reports that the digester is doing very well despite all Primary School cattle dying. The college continues to provide animal waste. No log provided as required by EWB.

- Once the EWB National mentor returns to the office in the next few weeks, the local chapter students plan to meet to discuss the starting of a new project.

Girls Empowerment Program- Bonnie Lawson, Charity Horiro

Pittsburgh Based Activities:

- GBGM WASH Grant: Received follow up questions from Micha Chaudhury. Will work with Hannah to respond.

- UWF Grant: Submitted grant request for local purchase of materials.

- Preparing a follow up article for the UWF Western PA Fall newsletter

Zimbabwe Based Activities:

- Facebook posting showing Kit Preparation by the Hospital Team

- Distribution of imported materials completed, and process documented.

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- The inventory and distribution sheets provided to Charity and Crescencia will assist us in determining the reorder point. Documentation is required for grant applications and reporting.
- Gathering input for next order from China. We plan to place an order to arrive before the end of 2023.

Upcoming Actions:

- Review craft fair schedules: November 4, December 9; Solar Dehydration Project; Inventory Management follow up; Donor Management
Many presentations to potential donors.

TNC did not win at the Inspired Women Group this round, but we made some very good contacts.

Hearing Innovation- Deborah Swineford, Tendai Mushapaidze

- 3rd term fees due mid August
- Educational Tour planned for Sept. / formal request for funding is forthcoming
- A \$700 gift from Mt. Zion UMC will be used for the purchase of new chairs for the learners.

Communications: Tim Wesley

- See the article about Deborah Swineford and Tinashe Chiimba in the July TNC Newsletter.
- July TNC Newsletter is on line.
- Continuing to update several TNC brochures
- The Pittsburgh Post Gazette will be publishing Tim's article about the Chindenga Clinic building project

HOH/HOHO/Scholarship- Mary Beth Zollars, Emmanuel Chiimba

HOHO- Home of Hope Outreach – 22 schools in all

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- A small amount of funds was sent to cover a shortage.
- The Outreach Committee consists of Chairperson- Noreen Chitengu (Manhemba Primary), Vice Chair: Tawanda Muswe (Rudawiro Primary), Secretary: Esnath Zimbira (Nyadire Primary), Treasurer: Nicodemus Bandira (Nyadire High School), Finance Secretary: Fiona Chiroroma (Nyakabau Primary)

SYSTEM-

The STEM Committee consists of Chair: Mr. Musariri – Head of Science Department at Nyadire HS, Secretary: Mrs. Portia Mambwere – Math teacher at Nyadire Primary, Bruce (mathematics teacher HS), Mabel (computer teacher HS), and Maria (ECD teacher at PS).

- The issue of WiFi will need to be addressed in order to supply the Coding Club with the necessary next steps. Tinashe Chiimba is working on clarifying the quotations.
- Funds were sent to Nyadire High School to construct burglar doors and electrical needs for the classroom that will be dedicated for the Coding Club.

HOH

It was decided to suspend drip irrigation and pump solar panel payments for September and October (and possibly credit HOH for August payments) due to the dire financial situation. It is proposed that future payments will be increased slightly to make up for the shortfall and still meet the 3 year savings target for future replacements.

Emmanuel will be taking a long overdue vacation and will be gone from Aug. 3 for at least the month of August.

- Request has been approved for August funds to be sent via wire transfer.
- Tinashe Chiimba is featured in the July TNC Newsletter.
- Mary Beth contacted Charity Shumba (dental therapist now at Murewa) to set up dental checks for the HOH children. No word yet.
- School books have been purchased from the proceeds from Dutilh's Preschool Hop-A-Thon. Funds have been sent.
- Tinashe Chiimba has received a proposal for WiFi from TelOne. It is for three departments: HOH, Workshop, and the Primary School with a total cost of about \$3700.

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- Elina Nyabote, HOH administrative assistant, is leading the GEP program for the HOH. She will divide GEP efforts between the few girls who are old enough for the program and the children who are bedwetters. She will be making absorbent pads for those children in need. No update.

SISTER RUT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- All students have been reminded of Community Service requirement.
- Rutendo Mupfawa, accepted at the University of Zimbabwe, Honours Program for Accounting and Finance; 3.1 student; found an attachment at a small accounting firm.
- Blessing Mabii, accepted at Midland States University, Business Studies, 3.1, has found an attachment.
- Tinashe Mapfumbidze- 4.2 student- Midland States University; Business Management; needs to retake 3 modules next semester.
- Champion Mujuru -University of Zimbabwe; medicine; 4.1 student; doing attachment at Chivhu Hospital.
- Lovemore Mbozvi- Manicaland State University, Mining Engineering; has taken his final examination and has submitted his dissertation; awaiting results.
- Bernard Madyauta- University of Great Zimbabwe, Regional and Urban Planning; 4.2 student, awaiting results.
- Fungai Chigumbura- MSU, Human Resource Management, 4.2 student.
- Lorraine Kapembeza- Africa University, Accounting, 4.1, Request for wire transfer has been sent.
- Ruth Makoni: HOHO/O-Levels/A-Levels: Catholic University, Business Management and Information Technology; 3.2 student, doing attachment.
- Takunda Pedzayi- Midland States University, Human Resources Management; 3.2 student, attachment.
- Raymond Chimbwanda: HOHO/O-levels/A-levels: University of Zimbabwe; Financial Economics and Trade; Real Estate; 3.2 student.
- Stephen Chadamoyo- O-levels/A-Levels: University of Zimbabwe, (tuition only); Physiotherapy; 3.1 student, received certificate of excellence for group presentation on community health.
- Panashe Mafemera: O-levels/A-levels: Bindura University, Peace and Governance (tuition only) – 2.2 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. 2nd year student
- Praise Mushamba, accepted for 2022 September intake, Midland States University, Human Resources Management, tuition only; 1.2 student.

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- 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 in 2023.

TABUDIRIRA VOCATIONAL CENTRE:

- Leeroy Nyamukapa (O-levels Nyadire High School); Building Studies, doing attachment; perhaps in Harare; no communication
- Yeukai Gwati (HOHO) has applied to various lodges for her attachment for Hotel and Catering; passed all of her classes and exams.
- Last Chindoto, sponsored by Pittsburgh District, carpentry, 1.2.
- Bright Mumanyi (HOH); building, 1.2.

AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP:

- Tinashe Katsuro- agriculture at Africa University, 1.2.
- Delight Katsata, graduate of Katsukunya Secondary (O-levels) and Nyadire High School (A-levels) BSC Honours Program in Crop Improvement and Seed Systems at the University of Zimbabwe in August, 1.2 student.
- Shelton Chitewe (HOH); Tabudirira Vocational Centre, agriculture, 1.2
- New Candidate for 2023: Praise Tsaurai, agricultural engineering CUT(Chinoyi University of Technology); first

Eyeglasses Program: Natalie Geer, Gashi Chikonyora

No updates