

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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TNC Container Shipped in May

An ocean container loaded exclusively with items for Nyadire and the health clinics departed Pittsburgh on May 12, and should arrive in Zimbabwe in August.

TNC will pay Brothers's Brother Foundation (BBF) \$12,000 to cover the shipping costs.

The shipment containing items of need for recently refurbished Chikwizo Clinic include 20 beds/mattresses, 24 bedside lockers, 2 exam table, 4 drip stands, 8 metal shelves. Also included were 20/beds/mattress and 2 exam tables for Nyahuku Clinic— all items donated for a reduction of \$18,000 if purchased in Zimbabwe.

Also included: 60 boxes of backpacks; 40 boxes of Bibles (gift from Jim VanderSchur); 16 boxes of hymnals; Bibles and soccer ball; graded teaching materials collected from BBF and other sources; "clean-out" items from Washington Elementary, Bethel Park; Blankets/caps (St. Paul's UMC Creative Hands); baby blankets and newborn caps (Brenda Pavlak, CUMC); cartons of backpacks. For a description of the journey, visit www.nyadire.org for "The Long Journey" on page 4.



CONSTRUCTION OF NYAHUKU CLINIC

Nyahuku Clinic is the second of six rural clinics that are satellites of the Hospital at the Nyadire United Methodist Mission. **The Nyadire Connection (TNC)** has worked to refurbish the Nyadire Hospital and more recently the rural **Chikwizo Clinic**. TNC now has the challenge of refurbishing five more in remote locations, the next clinic being **Nyahuku**.



Groundbreaking for **Nyahuku** began on March 13 with great enthusiasm as villagers worked alongside the construction team. By April 23, three weeks after the groundbreaking, great progress toward the construction of the Waiting Mother's Shelter, Maternity and Observation Wards, and the Out Patient Block was made.

Borehole drilling was suspended after little success, and temporary tanks were filled with water carried from the river. Three weeks of successes and setbacks are reported by **VIM volunteers, Sue McCann and Jim Gourley**. The duo camped out in a storehouse without water or electricity and cooked their meals on the porch. Having volunteers on site was invaluable for the project. Sue's photo gallery may be viewed at:



<https://picasaweb.google.com/111172478211078559708/NyahukuClinicWeek3?noredirect=1#6134727479653916146>.

A blow by blow description of the drama of Week 2 may be accessed by visiting www.nyadire.org

BOOKS ARRIVE IN NYADIRE

Last summer, many churches, organizations and individuals collected, sorted, organized, packed, and loaded 375 boxes of children's books on to a rented truck and delivered to Morris and Ann Taber in Michigan. The Tabers sent a 40' ocean going container of 800 boxes of books destined for 8-10 primary school libraries throughout Zimbabwe.



On March 17, the container was offloaded at Old Mutare Mission where each location collected their books. Nyadire sent a truck to collect their 27 boxes. Shipment coordinator Morris Taber wrote to TNC, "*Blessings for your part in this grand accomplishment. In addition to Nyadire, there were 40 boxes for each of 7 existing primary school libraries and 180-200 to start THREE more new libraries.*"



Check out our Facebook Page for current updates on all programs and more photos from Nyadire!

The Nyadire Connection, Zimbabwe

NYADIRE NEWSMAKERS

Violet Mutasa, Nyadire Primary teacher, Christian Education chair of the Mutoko/Mudzi District, junior Sunday School teacher, and friend to many in TNC, added published author to her resume. Her article, "**Do Good Always**," was published in March/April issue of **The Upper Room**. Her testimony is for April 21 at :

<http://devotional.upperroom.org/devotionals/2015-04-19>

MOVIE CORNER

AFRICA UNITED- Three kids walk to the World Cup. Delightful, yet depicts the struggles of kids growing up in Africa.

MARY AND MARTHA- Two mothers struggle to understand the disease that clipped both of their sons. Stars Hilary Swank. (HBO Movie)

SKIN- Story of one girl who is growing up bi-racially in turbulent times in South Africa. (Netflix)

THE FIRST GRADER- A beautiful story of a former Masai from Kenya who yearns to go to school to learn to read. (Netflix)

BEAT THE DRUM/LUCKY- Two stories that show the lives of others realistically (Netflix)

TSOTSI- from South Africa- A thief steals a car and discovers a baby in the backseat. (Netflix)

New to HBO! Alexander McCall Smith's delightful book series starting with The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency is now a TV-series available on HBO. Or you might be interested in reading it! Smith grew up in Zimbabwe and set the series in neighboring Botswana. The similarities are striking!

Home of Hope Administrator, Emmanuel Chiimba, is now in Japan attending the **Rural Asian Institute**, www.ari-org. Thirty local grassroots leaders from Asia, Africa, and the Pacific will be trained in sustainable agriculture through integrated organic farming techniques, community building, and servant leadership.

The leaders work together and share their own food. He will return to Nyadire in December. Emmanuel was chosen as the speaker at the opening ceremony. **Elina Nyabote** will lead the HOH in his absence.

NYADIRE CHURCH EXPANSION



The Church at The Nyadire Mission is expanding!!! Updates available on our Facebook page.

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE by Marie Hunt

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These are the words that come to mind when I think of the pastors who have answered God's call to ministry in the Mutoko/Mudzi District in Zimbabwe. These pastors take 3, 4, or 5 point charges - the churches being located many miles from each other. Many pastors stay at a building for a week at a time and then move on to another congregation. The pay is minimal at best. The majority of these pastors rely on bicycle or walking as transportation between churches and to visit their congregations.



During our May trip to Zimbabwe, I had the opportunity to meet **Pastor Shiella Chihuri**. At that time she had been in her position just four months. She was so excited about the opportunity to serve. Proudly she showed us around her church, the office she had established for counseling, the new outdoor toilet that was under construction and shared her plans for the future. Most of the members of her four congregations are older adults with meager incomes. Yet they had pulled together to help build the much-needed toilet.

As we talked, **Pastor Shiella** shared with us her journey to answer God's call to ministry. She, her husband and two children lived in Harare where she was a teacher and her husband was employed. Though she was content, she felt God continuing to tug on her heart to serve as a pastor. Her husband was willing to support this call by caring for her two preschool children, ages 18 months and 4 years so that she can serve. (He is not able to join her because there is no work for him in Nyadire.) She has no vehicle to make the 2 1/2 hour drive to Harare. If she is fortunate, she may see her family twice a month. The nearest phone is more than an hour walk so conversations with her family are infrequent. In spite of these sacrifices, she considers it a blessing to have an opportunity to minister to her four rural congregations.

She attended the conference for the rural ministers led by the July 2014 Mission team. They came together, to receive some formal instruction and learn from each other. The pastors were thrilled to receive African Biblical Commentaries, study Bibles, devotional material, and other supplies all provided through donations and delivered to them by the VIM team.

The Nyadire Connection offers a program of pastoral support that provides encouragement as well as a small monthly \$20 gift to each of the 31 mostly rural pastors as they carry out their ministry in amazing ways. Please prayerfully consider becoming a sponsor. Donations can be made to **CUMC Attention: TNC Pastor Sponsorship**.

"Sometimes you need to sacrifice something that matters to you to offer something that matters to someone else."
Sevenly.org

NEW TO THE HOME OF HOPE

Two children have joined the Home of Hope Family! We welcome them and look forward to meeting them in July! Spread the word! We are looking for sponsors for Tanaka and Tanatswa!



TAKE NOTE

- ❖ **Drew Harvey and Phil Himmler** attended the *Upper St. Clair/Bethel Park Rotary “Night of Giving”* on March 22. TNC was awarded **\$2,500** and a **\$500** bonus for selling the most tickets to the club’s **Chicken Barbeque Dinner**. Funds will be used to pay exam fees for 30 of the 40 **Home of Hope Outreach students** who are eligible to take **O-Level exams this year**. Each set of exams is \$100/student. **Phil** was the top ticket seller again this year.
- ❖ A huge **Garage Sale** to benefit the **Home of Hope Orphanage** was recently held in Mt. Lebanon **Memorial Day Weekend**, raising over **\$1,000 for the Home of Hope Orphanage**. *Thanks to Kathy Surma and her team of workers and the many donors.*



“THE LONG JOURNEY” by Elsa Zollars



<http://www.nyadire.org/backpacks.html>

“HOW DO I KNOW THE BACKPACK WILL ACTUALLY GET TO THE CHILD I SPONSOR? HOW CAN I BE ASSURED **THE NYADIRE CONNECTION’S (TNC’S) BACKPACKS** WON’T BE CONFISCATED, OR LOST OR GET INTO THE WRONG HANDS? ”

These are some of the questions asked by Home of Hope Outreach School sponsors who provide school

fees and a backpack full of school supplies for orphans in rural schools neighboring the UM Mission at Nyadire in Zimbabwe.

A commitment to sponsor an orphan in one of the rural school neighboring the mission starts the flow path. The application on the TNC website (www.nyadire.org) is submitted with payment of \$75 or \$100 covering school fees for one year and a backpack of school supplies. When a sponsor supplies the pack and school supplies the cost is \$75; if TNC provides the backpack and supplies, \$100.



For more information contact MaryBeth Zollars @ MBZollars@aol.com or visit the TNC website, www.nyadire.org for more information and an application.

UPCOMING VIM TRIPS

- **Molly Michael and Faith Geer** will co-lead a **VIM team** to Nyadire from July 2 – 22. Work at the rural schools, Home of Hope Orphanage, rebuild of Nyahuku Clinic, support to Nyadire Hospital, and other programs will be followed by a weekend safari. Also **Mission Vision-** a local non-profit, has offered to provide simple eye testing equipment and a supply of eyeglasses. A few team members could be trained to administer the test. Interested in going? Contact **Faith Geer** at (412) 334-7615 or fgeer@stpaulsumc.com
- **Engineers Without Borders of Carnegie-Mellon students and professional engineers** will make an initial assessment trip to Nyadire August 15-29. The overall program addresses Nyadire problems resulting from intermittent electricity with a beginning project to provide non-grid connected campus lighting. The initial project is the installation of area/street lighting for the Nyadire campus that does not rely on power supplied from ZESA. Many thanks to **Maddie Gioffre** of CMU (who has visited Nyadire twice), **Rev. Julius Tsiga** of Nyadire and several others who prepared the application.