

TNC Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2024

Communications

Tim Wesley

- UM General Conference
 - Submitted annual TNC update
 - New video highlights clinics program
- Emergency appeal for food delivery
 - Distributed info through all communications channels
- Promoting 2024 Mission Trips
 - Info provided to conference and network churches
 - Dutilh hosting info session on May 5...Molly created new presentation
- TNC Social
 - Watch for info about spring gathering
- Monthly meeting minutes
 - Send to me by noon on Friday before the meeting
 - May meeting: Moved to May 20
- Conaway-Munden grant at St. Paul's
 - Submitted application for Sister Rut scholarship funds
 - Next application deadline in October
- Disbursement of funds requests
 - Allow 48 hours for review

Hearing Innovation

Deborah Swineford

- Collaborating with others for travel plans to Nyadire
- Evajoyce and Simbarashe taking sign language refresher courses during the school break
- New student enrolled for 2nd term
- Presentation at Bradford Cooperative Parish on April 21
- Preliminary discussions for an educational tour
- Plans for shelves and cubbies for the H.I. classrooms
- No report on Lenten calendar giving
- Request made to Simbarashe and Evajoyce for a list of educational material needs
- Second term school fees to be sent

Engineers Without Borders and Critical Vehicles

Kevin Riley, Christopher Kuwana, EWB CMU students, Dr. Larry and Gashi Chikonyora

Critical Hospital Vehicles

- Christopher Kuwana (Nyadire Shop Supervisor) reports that a replacement rebuilt engine is complete and will be installed on ABE next week

- Dr. Larry requested funding of \$800 for ambulance tire replacement. This was forwarded to Ralph Duckworth (TNC Chair) suggesting \$1,000 be sent to also cover fluid/filters replacements
- Dr. Larry returned the signed Critical Hospital Vehicle Commitment outlining the Mission's and TNC's responsibilities for improving vehicle reliability
- There has been no progress on HOH vehicle consolidation and replacement. This is a future \$10,000-\$15,000 TNC expense with \$3,000 in a fund to date. Minor repairs have been done to "Lazarus" to keep it functional for local use

EWB at CMU

- Biogas project completion and acceptance will be sent to Charity Horiro, acting primary school headmaster, for her approval. TNC will stay involved for fabrication and use of a sadza cooking pot and stove
- Two of the three CMU chapter leaders that were involved in the Biogas project and investigating the next EWB project at Nyadire are graduating in May. We thank Zhu (Judy) Shiyu and Isaiah Lerch for their time and contributions and wish them well in their future endeavors. Fortunately, Keerthana Karthikeyan will remain in a leadership role. Joining the leadership team are John Subram and Paul Kurk. We thank them for stepping forward
- The EWB CMU chapter held their semi-annual Zoom call with EWB National. National mentor Scott Gregory discussed biogas project close-out requirements, the next project (Nyadire hospital blood and medicine preservation during extended power outages) submission status and the steps the team must take during their "off months" to possibly do an August assessment trip to Nyadire

Eyeglasses

Natalie Geer

Zim Side

- Working on long-term storage and container solutions for the eyeglasses at the hospital
 - Based on recommendations from the November team; containers were priced through a hospital vendor, but size of the container did not fit on the shelves that are already in place, so we continue to look for a solution
 - Robb Montgomery working with the Matron for shelving options; we hope to have a budget together next month

US Side

- Kathy's team continues to process glasses
- Marie's team continues to process glasses and has more waiting from the connection in Indiana last year

Girl Empowerment

Bonnie Lawson, Charity Horiro

Ongoing Program

- Collecting purchasing requirements from schools and clinics. This will be a small local purchase of items such as plastic bags and sewing supplies

- Crescencia reported that GEP kits have been converted into kits and kits distributed to Chindenga, Dindi, Nyadire and Mashambanhaka waiting mothers clinics. Deliver to remaining waiting mothers clinic pending
- Shared program references, contacts, and resources with Charlie Moore
- Pottery Sale at CUMC was held on April 6. Lots of interest in TNC program. Handed out trifolds and BBF newsletter

Girl Empowerment Garden Pilot

- Posted an update on the lime application. To date over 65 hits on the Facebook posting
- Waiting for feedback from the design team
- Discussed PPE project with Mary Beth. Potential project for upcoming VIM trip
- No update on Ag booklet

Communication and Fundraising

- GEP Program Update published in Brothers Brother quarterly magazine. Distributed copies of this booklet at MLUMC Fish Fry and CUMC craft fair
- Selling sewing supplies on eBay. These are items that were previously used in machine shipments
- Waiting for publication in UWF Western PA newsletter

Looking Forward

- MLUMC Rummage Sale. This event funds mission outreach. Rummage collection starts on April 22. Set up for sale week of April 27. Sale on June 1. Please consider supporting this event with your donations of time and rummage
- Follow up with Rotary Contacts using BBF article and ongoing girl farm efforts
- Follow up on ag booklet
- Develop an outline that can be shared with Dorothy's team to support grant writing. Target October funding cycle of Conaway Munden fund at St. Paul's
- Develop strategy for next Inspired Women's meeting. Two new chapters downtown have been opened
- Research Granting Agencies. <https://yieldgiving.com/> This group put out a public call for the first time this year

Agriculture

Scott Sanford

Current situation

- Home of Hope: Emmanuel indicated that they are growing peas, spinach, covo under irrigation and plan to plant sugar beans this week. He is somewhat concerned about not over extending his water consumption
- Ag Department: Esnath reported that she has 2,000 cabbage and 200 tomatoes in the garden along the Nyaitenga River that runs along the north boundary of the mission
- Nyadire River Irrigation project: We have not received any requests or information. I sent a message to Esnath, Rev. Mukundu and Emmanuel on April 8 with a summary of the vision to get some land irrigated and in production as soon as possible. Also indicated

the long-term vision of installing some center pivot irrigation systems along the river. I also indicated that this was a higher priority than other Ag projects so we can reduce the amount of food aid ASAP

Home of Hope

- Poultry – Grain Storage building: We have advanced \$1,810 for bricks, sand, and stone. They have provided an invoice for concrete, doors, windows, and other supplies for a total of \$9,536 from a supplier in Mutoko and they need \$170 for gum poles to be sourced locally. This transfer is currently in progress. They have sourced and are currently moving bricks



HOH/HOHO/Scholarship

Mary Beth Zollars

HOHO – 22 schools in all

- Term 2 Fees are being prepared for wire.
- The Outreach representative from Nyakabau Primary, Fiona Chigumbura, passed away. Her children are double orphans now. We have contacted Emmanuel for ways to help.

S.Y.STEM

STEM COMMITTEE:

Chair: Mr. Musariri – Head of Science Department at Nyadire HS

Secretary: Mrs. Portia Mambwere – Math teacher at Nyadire Primary

Plus: Bruce (mathematics teacher HS), Mabel (computer teacher HS)

- Good photos of April holidays Coding Club sessions.
- Planning ZOOM meeting for trainers.

HOH

- **May/June funds** are being prepared.
- Five children went for holidays with families nearby.
- **Crop devastation:** loan repayment will be temporarily lifted. Discussions will continue as to food assistance, irrigation, and borehole needs.
- **Dutilh Preschool** is to be congratulated for its large donation from the annual **Hop-A-Thon** to the HOH for a variety of items: outfitting of the kitchen of the second family unit, bookshelves for the library, and new backpacks for the kids. Matt Diesel ran a separate fundraiser in a sports program. The contribution from both efforts will fully fund the needed items!
- Fencing around the fishponds remains a priority for children's safety.

SISTER RUT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

- Grant has been received from the Rotary Bethel Park-USC Breakfast Club for \$5,000.
- Conaway-Munden Grant submitted.

Finishing in June 2024:

- **Lorraine Kapembeza:** Africa University, Accounting, 4.2, has found attachment.
- **Ruth Makoni:** HOHO/O-Levels/A-Levels: Catholic University, Business Management and Information Technology; 4.2.
- **Takunda Pedzayi:** Midland States University, Human Resources Management; 4.2 student.
- **Raymond Chimbwanda:** HOHO/O-levels/A-levels: University of Zimbabwe; Financial Economics and Trade; Real Estate; 4.2 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.

Fourth Year students:

- **Tinashe Mapfumbidze,** (MSU) 4.2 student; Midland States University; Business Management; retaking 3 modules this semester. His department supervisor will not allow him to finish this semester. He will take a full load next semester and finish his dissertation.

Third Year students:

- **Rutendo Mupfawa,** accepted at the University of Zimbabwe, Honours Program for Accounting and Finance; 3.2 student; doing attachment at a small accounting firm.
- **Blessing Mabii,** accepted at Midland States University, Business Studies, 3.2, doing attachment.
- **Stephen Chadamoyo:** O-levels/A-Levels: University of Zimbabwe, (tuition only); Physiotherapy; 3.2 student.
- **Panashe Mafemera:** O-levels/A-levels: Bindura University, Peace and Governance (tuition only) – 3.2 student.

Second Year:

- **Praise Mushamba,** accepted for 2022 September intake, Midland States University, Human Resources Management, tuition only; 2.2 student.

First Year:

- **Praise Josi** (HOHO), tuition only, Midland States University, Data Science, 1.2
- **Morejoy Madzika,** University of Zimbabwe, Medicine, 1.2

Medical Student (5-year program):

- **Campion Mujuru** University of Zimbabwe; medicine; 5.1 student

Graduate Students:

- **Tsungirai Makoni,** University of Zimbabwe, Actuarial Science, Masters 1.1

- **Fungai Chigumbura**, Institute of People Management of Zimbabwe, Diploma in Payroll Management – 6 months, partial scholarship, delayed enrollment.

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 at a later date.

TABUDIRIRA VOCATIONAL CENTRE:

- **Leeroy Nyamukapa** (O-levels Nyadire High School); Building Studies, doing attachment; perhaps in Harare; no communication
- **Onias Chengai** (HOHO), Tabudirira Vocational Centre, electrician training, 1.1

Finishing in 2024:

- **Yeukai Gwati** (HOHO) has applied to various lodges for her attachment for Hotel and Catering; found attachment at The Pumpkin Hotel.
- **Last Chindoto**, sponsored by Pittsburgh District, carpentry, attachment in January in Tamutsa business centre.
- **Bright Mumanyi** (HOH); building; preparing for attachment in February.

NAKHIWA VOCATIONAL CENTRE:

- Theresa Nyademvera, 1.3, doing excellent work. Doing community service with GEP.

AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP:

- **Tinashe Katsuro**: agriculture at Africa University, 2.2.
- **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, 2.2 student.
- **Praise Tsaurai**, agricultural engineering CUT (Chinoyi University of Technology); 1.2 student.
- **Shelton Chitewe** (HOH); Tabudirira Vocational Centre, agriculture; doing attachment at the Home of Hope.
- **Yvette Mutize**, Agriculture; Kashinga Phikelela Agricultural College; already completed horticulture at Kashinga Phikelela Polytechnic School; 1.2 student. (3-year program)

New candidates beginning in 2024:

- **Joseph Visent**, Midland States University, Accounting (on hold)
- **Vimbai Kativhu**, AG, Kashinga Phikelela Polytechnic School (on hold)
- **Malvin Katsande**, Business Studies, Midland States University (on hold)

Rural Health Clinics

Ralph Duckworth and Rev. Austern Chepiri

- The total project budget is \$350 680.58
- Payments of \$4,600 and \$1,243 were made during March to the labor contractor and the engineer, respectively. To date, we have made payments of \$265,595 for the project
- Work at Chindenga continued during the month and included pouring the concrete slab, floor screeds, skimming of walls, part electrical 2nd fix & part plumbing 2nd fix on the Semidetached two-bedroomed house. In addition, the construction of cooking sheds, Blair toilets and waste management pits is in progress. Further, equipping of the borehole was done and water is being pumped to the water storage tanks at the clinic. Also, the fencing of the clinic was completed. The MCH Building is 100% complete, the Toilet Block is 100% completed, the Borehole is 100% completed and the Two-Family Staff House is 85% completed
- Phase 3.1 is 80% completed and Phase 3.2 is 53% completed
- To date, the local communities have delivered 180,000 farm bricks, 80 cubic meters of river sand, 70 cubic meters of stones, 260 cubic meters of gravel, and 98 cubic meters of pit sand to the project
- Work planned for next month includes:
 - Toilet Block (Mothers' Waiting Area)
 - Timber roof structure
 - Roof covering
 - Plastering of walls
 - Skimming of walls
 - Electrical 1st fix
 - Plumbing 1st fix
 - Duplex Two-Bedroomed House
 - General cleaning
 - General Services
 - Construction of cooking sheds
 - Construction of Blair toilets
 - Construction of waste management pits
- The project is proceeding nicely and should be completed by mid-2024
- Monthly Financial Activity (preliminary):

○ Balance beginning of the month	\$21,277
○ Contributions for the month	\$ 1,499
○ Disbursements for the month	\$ 5,843
○ Balance end of the month	\$16,933

Next Zoom call meeting: Monday, May 20, 6:30 pm