

# TNC Meeting Minutes

## May 20, 2024

### Communications

Tim Wesley

- Emergency appeal for food delivery
  - Amazing response from our donors: 80% of goal so far
  - Sent update through all communications channels
- Promoting 2024 Mission Trips
  - Info provided to conference and network churches
  - Dutilh hosted info session on May 5
- TNC Social
  - June 2, 2-5 pm, Jefferson Hills
  - Please RSVP to Molly/Phil
- June newsletter
  - Stories, photos to me by June 1
- Monthly meeting minutes
  - Send to me by noon on Friday before the meeting
- Disbursement of funds requests
  - Allow 48 hours for review

### Hearing Innovation

Deborah Swineford

- Continuing to make preparations for the June trip
- Gathering items for boarding kits: toothpaste, toothbrushes (donated by my dentist), soap, washcloth and towel, pencils, crayons
- Communicating with Tinashe Chiimba about building bookshelves and cubbies for the H.I. classrooms. He will provide a quote after meeting with the teachers and getting measurements
- Continuing to work on the details of an educational tour to Mutare Nzeve Deaf Children's Centre and a possible excursion to the Vumba Mountain area
- Mail Call message sent to all sponsors along with a current photo of their child, birthdate, and grade
- Have boxes of Zim crafts and will take to Conference and set up table display
- New Head of Nyadire Primary has arrived
- Two more new learners enrolled bringing the total to 23

### Engineers Without Borders and Critical Vehicles

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

Critical Vehicles

- Christopher Kuwana (Nyadire Shop Supervisor) reports that a replacement rebuilt engine has been installed on hospital Land Cruiser ABE and it is back on the road

- The \$800 wire transfer for ambulance tire replacement bounced due to a no longer valid hospital account number. In the process of doing my first World Remit instead
- Ralph signed the Critical Hospital Vehicle Commitment that had already been signed by all required Nyadire partners. He is in the process of returning the fully executed agreement to them.

#### EWB at CMU

- Biogas project completion and acceptance not yet signed by Charity Horiro, acting primary school headmaster
- The EWB CMU chapter team, along with Gashi Chikonyora, are working on both the Community and Pre-Assessment Reports. These have to be submitted to EWB National for approval before any travel takes place. National mentor Scott Gregory noted a 4-6 weeks review and approval time as typical which would make an August assessment trip to Nyadire very tight.

A trial Zoom video call was held with Dr. Rosemary (Nyadire College Principal), Angela Ng (S.Y.STEM Coalition based in Qatar), Mary Beth Zollars and me. This was to determine if it's possible to do remote teaching. The connection at 3PM Nyadire time was great and Dr. Rosemary graciously agreed to allow use of the college computer lab for this training, which could include some college teachers or students. In addition, she noted much better wi-fi since they changed providers. We will follow up to see who they are using for possible consideration for the Mission.

#### **Eyeglasses**

Natalie Geer

Zim side

- Working on a long-term storage and container solution for the eyeglasses at the hospital
  - Based on recommendations from the November team
  - Containers were priced out through a hospital vendor
  - Bonnie Lawson asked Knowledge to purchase a container that was cheaper; Matron liked the boxes because they had rollers and could easily be stored
  - They are finalizing prices of boxes

US Side

- Kathy's team continues to process glasses; over 1,200 from Elfen
- Marie's team processed over 2,000 glasses and took them to Terry Snider
- From Terry at Mission Vision: Glasses have been sent to Bongolo, Honduras, Kenya, Uganda, Dominican Republic, Greece, New Deli, and Mexico, as well as Brother's Brother and with the St. Vincent Medical Mission Team.
- We will be sending glasses with the TNC mission team, also.

## **Girl Empowerment**

Bonnie Lawson, Charity Horiro

Ongoing Program:

- Collecting purchasing requirements from schools and clinics.
- Annamore continues to teach at the Nyadire waiting mother's clinic and has sent recent photos.
- Completed required reports for the GBGM Grant.

Girl Empowerment Garden Pilot:

- Discussing Memorandum of Understanding with Dorothy.
- Discussed PPE project with Mary Beth. Potential project for upcoming VIM trip.
- Girl Garden Project Update published UWF Western PA newsletter.
- Shared Girl Garden project and BBF Article with rotary contact. Phone call planned to discuss next steps.

Communication and Fundraising:

- Selling sewing supplies on eBay. Inventory from discontinued machine shipments.
- Developing a pitch and strategy for the next Inspired Women's meeting. Two new chapters downtown have formed.

Looking Forward:

- MLUMC Rummage Sale, which funds mission outreach. Rummage collection in progress. Please consider supporting this event with your donations of time and rummage.
- Develop an outline for Dorothy's team to support grant writing. Target October funding cycle of Conaway Munden fund at St. Paul's.
- Research Granting Agencies. <https://yieldgiving.com/> This group put out a public call for the first time this year.
- Project preparation for upcoming VIM trip

## **Agriculture**

Scott Sanford

- Farm Department: Esnath indicated that they have enough water in the creek that runs on the north side of the mission to increase the garden plantings to 1 hectare.
- Home of Hope: Tomatoes in flowering stage, peas also at flowering stage. Have prepared another portion for watermelon. Abandoned plans to plant sugar beans now until the weather becomes a bit warmer. In the garden we have covo, rape and little sugarloaf (all greens). Still plan to plant a few lines of potatoes though doubting water capacity. The potatoes, onion and watermelon are all planned for next month.



Figure 1 - Peas in flower



Figure 2 - Tomatoes in Flower

- Nyadire River Irrigation Project: Very little has been done. There is a concern that they may not be able to get long-term water rights. The project seems to lack leadership.
- Home of Hope
  - Poultry – Grain Storage building. Construction is moving forward. The last photos had the walls up about 4-5 feet. We sent funds for \$9,931 to cover materials. They have made some modifications to the layout that could increase the risk of rodents entering the building and added windows to the grain storage rooms which will increase the room temperature and could increase insect damage and lower grain quality. I brought these issues up with Emmanuel to address the reasons these changes were made without consulting with TNC. He indicated that the builder had made the recommendation. They have since changed the building layout to match the plan as submitted. The building is making good progress and brick work should be complete on Monday and they start plastering and other working roofing. The builder says he needs 3 weeks from now to have completely finished the structure. All corrections have been put in place now. I have received a request for a payment from Hamadziripi Chonzi for the amount of \$3,500 to cover labor which has been submitted for payment.



Grain storage room end of building – taken 13 May 2024



Photos taken 18 May 2024

- GEP Garden Project – advising as needed
- Cattle dip tank – no activity

### **HOH/HOHO/Scholarship**

Mary Beth Zollars

### **HOHO – 22 schools in all**

- Term 2 Fees were sent.

### **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)

- Kevin Riley held trial ZOOM meeting with Rosemary and Angela. 5/16/2024

### **HOH**

- **May/June funds** have been sent.
- Term 2 has begun. The children received new backpacks! Thank you to the Hop-A-Thon!
- Bookshelves are complete. Thank you to the Hop-A-Thon!
- **Crop devastation:** loan repayment will be temporarily lifted. Discussions will continue as to food assistance, irrigation, and borehole needs.
- Fencing around the fishponds remains a priority for children's safety.

### **SISTER RUT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:**

- Conaway Munden Grant submitted.

### **Finishing in June 2024:**

- **Lorraine Kapembeza:** Africa University, Accounting, 4.2, has finished 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. Doing his attachment as a prosecutor!

#### **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 Nyadembera, 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)

**Next Zoom call meeting: Monday, June 24, 6:30 pm**