

# TNC Meeting Minutes

## August 26, 2024

### **Hearing Innovation**

Deborah Swineford

- All learners at Nyadire Primary, Emerald Hill, and Danhiko are on holiday in August; school will resume for Term 3 on Sept 9
- Request made and approved for Term 3 school fees. There has been a significant increase in the fees for Emerald Hill
- All sponsor mail sent with a “partnership form” included.
- Of the 6 learners at Danhiko Vocational school, 4 will complete their training at the end of Term 3. Discussion taking place with Simbarashe in assisting them in finding attachments for next year.
- Last term Nyadire Primary had an increase of 6 learners; there is the possibility of 2-3 new learners being added to the roster this term. This has prompted the question of the need for a 3<sup>rd</sup> classroom and teacher.
- Simbarashe, Evajoyce, and Charity are attending Sunrise Academy sign language courses during the August holiday period.
- Tinashe Chiimba has assured me that installation of bookshelves for the two H.I. classrooms will be complete by start of school.
- Completed UM Foundation grant report
- Due to increased school enrollment, there is a need for more sponsors and funding

### **Engineers Without Borders and Critical Vehicles**

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

- The broken borehole pump in the field has been removed but not replaced yet. This is one of two that TNC is providing the funding for solar power once they are operational.
- Christopher reports that the front brakes were just replaced on ABE but otherwise doing well. The other older Land Cruiser (ACA) is out with a broken front leaf spring, No update on when it will be repaired, cost, or funding needs from TNC. The ambulance is doing well and almost due for an oil change at which point all fluids and filters will be changed and a detailed inspection performed.
- Hospital driver training (to make them aware of methods to minimize wear and early reporting of any noises, vibration or leaks) is finally well underway.
- No update on the biogas generator or progress on the sadza stove fabrication.
- CMU students return to class next week so we should be able to provide an EWB project and travel update for the September report.
- The current quote to replace all hospital solar panel batteries and inverters with the proper equipment has made no progress. This \$20,000 project could be done in two phases. The Nyadire Hospital has been reminded to pursue other funding options besides TNC with our current food supply and clinic rebuild cash needs. Dr. Larry reports "incessant power blackouts, which I believe will only get worse. These load shedding events are happening

throughout Zimbabwe. According to the power company, ZESA, load shedding is due to low water levels in Lake Kariba where the power for the whole country is generated. Due to climate change, I think the hospital needs a reliable renewable energy source. In this case, solar backup is the way to go. I am in support of the battery bank and inverter initiative."

### **Girl Empowerment**

Bonnie Lawson, Charity Horiro, Crescencia Dangarembga

Ongoing Program

- Orientation meeting scheduled for new school leaders.
- Imported materials due to arrive in Zimbabwe at the end of September.

Girl Empowerment Garden Pilot:

- The team obtained four engineering estimates for the project. Under review
- Funding from MLUMC mission team approved.

Communication and Fundraising:

- Funding from MLUMC approved (GEP Garden and Scholarship Program)
- Covid prevented me from pitching to Inspired Women's group. Next Global meeting Jan 2025

Looking Forward:

- Begin the draft for Conway Munden fund: Funding for local purchase of GEP materials.
- Follow up with Rotary Contact

### **Home of Hope, Home of Hope Outreach, Scholarships**

Mary Beth Zollars

#### **HOHO – 22 schools in all**

- Marie Hunt and the various sponsor coordinators have distributed all updates.
- Term 3 funds being prepared.

### **S.Y.STEM**

Coding Club Star: Mrs. Portia Mambwere – Math teacher at Nyadire Primary

The Coding Camp will be held from 2 September – 9 September. The government mandated that extra lessons be given to all grade 7 learners up to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August. Then the teachers will have one week to rest. The coding workshop will then take place. Term 3 opens 10 September.

## HOH

- **Sept/Oct funds** are being prepared.
- All sponsors have received **updates** as well as a digital copy of the **HOH Album 2024**.
- Stove & refrigerator for 2<sup>nd</sup> duplex kitchen have been purchased.
- Concrete picnic tables built by Nyakudanga, thanks to Kevin Riley.



## SISTER RUT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

- **Scholarship Updates** sent to sponsors. Highlights included:
  - Recent graduates **Ruth Makoni**: Catholic University, Business Management and Information Technology; **Takunda Pedzayi**: Midland States University, Human Resources Management; and **Raymond Chimbwanda**: University of Zimbabwe; Financial Economics and Trade; Real Estate. All three students benefitted from the HOHO program, as well as the Scholarship Program. Ruth is now employed, Raymond is applying for jobs, and Takunda is looking for vacancies.
  - Status of all students
  - Photos of community service in June 2024
- One more graduate!!!! **Stephen Chadamoyo**: University of Zimbabwe, Physiotherapy. His graduation ceremony is set for 14 September 2024.

### **Finishing in August 2024:**

- **Lorraine Kapembeza:** Africa University, Accounting, 4.2, has finished attachment, dissertation complete. Graduation is the next step!

### **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 (Sept. – Dec. 2024) and finish his dissertation.
- **Rutendo Mupfawa,** University of Zimbabwe, Honours Program for Accounting and Finance; 4.1 student; finished attachment at a small accounting firm.
- **Blessing Mabii,** accepted at Midland States University, Business Studies, 4.1, finished attachment.
- **Panashe Mafemera:** Bindura University, Peace and Governance (tuition only) – 4.1 student.

### **Third Year students:**

- **Nyasha Given Katema:** Zimbabwe Institute for Legal Studies. Doing his attachment as a prosecutor!!!
- **Praise Mashumba,** Midland States University, Human Resources Management (tuition only); 3.1 student, found attachment at Zimbabwe Space Agency!

### **Second Year:**

- **Praise Josi:** (tuition only) Midland States University, Data Science, 2.1
- **Morejoy Madzika,** University of Zimbabwe, Medicine, 2.1 (tuition only)

### **First Year:**

- **Josphat Nyatoro** (HOHO): Nyadire College of Education, 1.1
- **Precious Muripo** (HOH): Kushinga Philekela College, electrical engineering, 1.1

### **Medical Student (5-year program):**

- **Campion Mujuru** University of Zimbabwe; medicine; 5.2 student

### **Graduate Students:**

- **Tsungirai Makoni,** University of Zimbabwe, Actuarial Science, Masters 1.2

### **TABUDIRIRA VOCATIONAL CENTRE:**

- **Onias Chengai** (HOHO), Tabudirira Vocational Centre, electrician training, 1.3

### **Finishing in 2024:**

- **Last Chindoto,** sponsored by Pittsburgh District, carpentry, attachment in January in Mutoko at Katonha factory (make beds and wardrobes)
- **Bright Mumanyi** (HOH); building; attachment with Nyakudanga builders at Chindenga Clinic, finishing in August.

- **Leeroy Nyamukapa** (O-levels Nyadire High School); Building Studies, doing attachment; perhaps in Harare; no communication

#### **NAKHIWA VOCATIONAL CENTRE:**

- Theresa Nyademvera, 2.1, doing excellent work. Doing community service with GEP, will do last term starting in September, then exams, then attachment in 2025.

#### **AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP:**

- **Tinashe Katsuro:** agriculture at Africa University, 3.1.
- **Delight Katsata:** BSC Honours Program in Crop Improvement and Seed Systems at the University of Zimbabwe, 3.1 student.
- **Praise Tsaurai,** agricultural engineering CUT (Chinoyi University of Technology); 2.1 student.
- **Shelton Chitewe** (HOH); Tabudirira Vocational Centre, agriculture; doing attachment at the Home of Hope, finishing in August 2024.
- **Yvette Mutize,** Agriculture; Kashinga Phikelela Agricultural College; already completed horticulture at Kashinga Phikelela Polytechnic School; 3.1 student, doing attachment. (3-year program)

#### **Possible new candidates:**

- **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)
- **Kudakwashe Nyamunda,** Nyadire College of Education (on hold)
- **Jeremiah Nyabote,** Nyadire College of Education (on hold)

#### **Presentations:**

- September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, 8:30-noon, UWF Fall Gathering, discussion topic “about the woman at the well, the importance of water in our lives, and how the act of eating a meal can be elevated by the people around the table”. MBZ will speak around 10am for 5-10 minutes about the importance of water in Nyadire.
- September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 7pm, Beth Burke, Vice President of UWF of Trinity UMC, has invited MBZ to speak regarding TNC. (412-848-2892 [bethburke531@gmail.com](mailto:bethburke531@gmail.com))
- November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 9am-10am, Faith & Justice Class, CUMC, has invited MBZ to speak about the trip.
- Ken Simmons and Pam Harden at Community UMC, manned a booth between services (7/28). They gave a presentation between services (8/11).
- BP-USC Breakfast Rotary, Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, BBQ-Chicken Dinner, to raise funds for the Sister Rut Scholarship Program.

#### **VIM:**

- Mary Beth Zollars is willing to lead a 2025 team (mid-June to beginning of July).
- Emmanuel welcomes the idea of a team coming during the school holidays, as well.

## **Communications**

Tim Wesley

- Emergency appeal for food delivery
  - UM News highlighted TNC's efforts  
<https://www.umnews.org/en/news/partnership-strengthens-bodies-and-souls>
- TNC Social
  - Any volunteers for fall?
- September newsletter
  - Send stories/photos by Sept. 15
- Network churches
  - Eyeglasses featured in St. Paul's newsletter
  - GEP featured in Mt. Lebanon newsletter
  - Dutilh ministry fair Sept. 8
  - Christ Church mission/outreach plan
- Monthly meeting minutes
  - Send to me by noon on Friday before the meeting
- Disbursement of funds requests
  - Allow 48 hours for review

**Next Zoom call meeting: Monday, Sept. 23, 6:30 pm**