

• **Volunteers in Mission Molly Michael**

- Purchased 4 extra suitcases for \$225 each/ total of \$900. To be charged to the program accounts for which items were carried over: HI, GEP, HOH and HOHO.
- Savie and Greater went above and beyond in caring for the team - as usual!
- While Zesa was plenty, the guest house did not have running water. Kevin and Christopher managed to fix this. Pumps were purchased from Drip Tech for \$970 (originally quoted \$1700).
- VIM Team did not eat beef due to a disease outbreak.
- Church was beautiful, but not as crowded due to COVID. The team enjoyed the Harvest service the second week and pledged with the HOH section.
- The team spent 2 nights at Imire and really enjoyed the safari. Nyadire transported us there and a service took us to Harare afterwards. One night spent at Small World Lodge on Avondale. Mary Beth conducted a really nice discussion on re-entry during our night at Small World.
- Crafts were purchased from Christine and Wilbert on the mission. The team went craft shopping at Avondale on our last day then enjoyed lunch with friends and a nearby restaurant.

Future Plans:

- Child abuse and safe sanctuary clearances to be required for future volunteers. This is easily obtainable for UMVIM.
- Molly to connect with Sandra Matoushaya regarding helping students/people with Albinism
- Molly met with the headmaster of Mutoko Primary and the entire special needs class there (11 kids). A Special Ed outreach program is being developed by Molly to help the students who have a need.
- VIM Insurance costs to be covered by the land costs paid by each VIM team member rather than making an additional purchase.
- Mary Beth suggests using the money in the VIM Team account toward solar lights. TNC can purchase one for each volunteer for use during the trip, and leave the lights as gifts before leaving. Another option is to use the money for social events on the mission. Social events are important to have every so often to promote TNC the partnership with Nyadire.
- The Nyadire guest house is an ideal space to stay for VIM teams. Guests other than those with TNC also utilize this space. There are several things that could be repaired at the guest house: Flooring, ceiling, electrical wiring, and some

painting. Post meeting, Ralph emailed Rev. Mukundu, who agreed and stated that they had also noted that repairs are needed but that finances for repairs are limited. Ralph and Rev. Mukundu will make plans for a future VIM team to be organized to work together with the folks at Nyadire to make improvements.

### **Hearing Innovation**

- Everjoice was on leave and Simbarashe received a call to travel to serve on the committee for developing the Sign Language Curriculum. This left no HI teachers for the first week. While a sub was called in for the younger students, Deborah Swineford taught the older classroom. She did a fantastic job! Everyone is eager to have her back. The students really enjoyed the connection and time with her.
- The audiologists tested all of the students' hearing. They also screened for possible ENT needs and only one student needed further medication for a middle ear infection.
- Simbarashe came back for the second week but his uncle died so he had to leave again. He was also in charge of athletics so there was little time for Molly to meet with him.
- Phil Himmler sponsored an activity for the HI group. The VIM team and students took a bus to the Manhamba caves. Our tour guide, Evans (the bursar), is from the area and ran an extensive 3 hour tour, which was exciting and fun for everyone. A luncheon banquet was held upon their return to Nyadire, during which the students were presented with their boarding kits.
- The roster has changed significantly. Many students leveled out with new students enrolling. We had two former students return with their parents for consultation. They are 18+ but need to continue with vocational training. They qualify for the Scholarship program so we discussed various options. There is a location near Harare that would be a good fit.
- 2 students are about to level out at Nyadire. They are promising academically and Emerald Hill would be a good fit for secondary schooling. There is an interview process which costs \$50 per student. Molly will sign them up.
- TNC VIM members delivered sponsor mail and Deborah coordinated gathering information and All About Me sheets to bring home. This was a huge help. Thank you, Deborah!
- Kumbi Mutasa purchased uniforms for the girls and hats for the boys - wow!!

### **Rural Medical Clinics Renovation Ralph Duckworth, Austern Chepiri**

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- Seven members of the June ZIM Team visited the Chindenga Clinic on June 30 to get an appreciation of what the clinics look like in a “before renovation” condition. The team was met by the Station Chair and the local Councilor.
- Jim Gourley, Sue McCann and Ralph returned to Chindenga on July 4 for a more comprehensive tour of the clinic. In attendance were DS Heather Zisengwe, Rev Lance Mukundu, Station Chair Godwell, Rev Austern Chepiri, Hannah Mafunda, Livingstone Garikayi, The local chief, the local councilor, a member of Parliament, and various other representatives of the local community. Speeches were made, including one by Ralph, in which the community’s role in building the clinic (making the bricks, carrying the sand, gravel, etc.) and in maintaining the clinic after it has been completed was emphasized. Also noted was that funding for the project does not come easily: that it takes time to tell the story of the need for the clinic and for people to respond. A lunch was hosted by TNC that was greatly appreciated.
- TNC should soon be able to send \$50,000 to Zim for the first phase of the building of Chindenga. A new outpatient block will be constructed and then the old building will be transformed into a new waiting mothers’ facility.
- Jim Gourley, Sue McCann and Ralph visited the Chikwizo, Dendera and Nyahuku clinics. All of the clinics were clean and well maintained.
- The Nyahuku Clinic has a water supply issue in that there is not enough power being supplied by the solar panels to the pump. More panels need to be added to supply additional power to the pump. During the remainder of the trip, it was learned that there are two abandoned panels at the Dindi Clinic. After several communications, it was agreed that the panels at Dindi could be moved to Nyahuku and used there. Uncertain if the panels have been installed at Nyahuku.
- The Dendera Clinic also has an inadequate supply of water because an undersized pump was installed at the new borehole. A new pump and additional solar panels are needed. The nursing staff was encouraged to work with the community to find a way to raise the money to purchase and install these items. Drug supplies remain a problem.
- The Chikwizo Clinic has electricity and water problem. An electric line was run from the grid to the clinic by the Rural Electrification Agency; however, this was a single-phase line rather than the three-phase line that ZESA uses and

ZESA is refusing to connect the line to the local distribution system. A new three-phase line needs to be run to the clinic. The clinic is drawing water from a nearby river using an older, inefficient generator to operate the pump. A new borehole was drilled, but only to 70 meters. A new deeper borehole needs to be drilled.

- No word yet on the requested \$25,000 for Chindenga from the Zimbabwe Partnership Team – also \$5,000 for Scholarships, \$5,000 for HI boarding and fees, and \$5,000 for School of nursing ceiling repairs – Sandra Matoushaya has sent an initial communication on this matter to the Team. Ralph continues to follow up with Sandra.

### **Home Of Hope Children's Home E. Chiimba's report**

Psalms 23 vs 1 "The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want."

- Although we are still in the midst of the Covid 19 pandemic, HOH continues to provide the necessary services to enhance the care of under-privileged children. We continue to receive children from the social service department and provide to them all the required assistance.

#### **Children**

- In June our children rose to 26, with two new arrivals, a sibling pair of Tania and Trish Zende. The two siblings stayed for only a week and were released to a relative.
- Winnet Chindedza who stayed for one year (grade five) was released to her mother whose circumstance has changed and can look after the child.
- 18 children in primary school, 4 in secondary school and two are still in the home.
- Two children on health care program who need great assistance every month.
- One child at the HOH is now over-age and needs to be discharged.
- Our children are well cared for in terms of food, clothing, school needs and other moral aspects.

#### **Workers**

- Ten committed workers execute their duties to excellence. We encourage team work among our workers to give efficient service to the children and the community.

#### **Volunteer**

- Lindarose Chibinge has volunteered at the HOH for one year. She has blended with the Home of Hope family well and is especially helpful with the HOHO program.

#### **Interns**

- Two interns completing their honors in child counseling are currently at the Home of Hope. They have been of great assistance to the children with their homework and also in the HOHO program.

**Local Partners continue to grow in numbers:**

- TM supermarket Mutoko donated food to the home in December, 2021. This year June they delivered 60 new blankets
- The Harare Central District UMC has become a perennial supporter. On June 9, 2022 they delivered food and other items for the children.
- Higher Life (Angel of Hope) supports some of our children in the school fees program, sponsoring 11 children thus far.
- Our own church Nyadire, has send the men's organization (MUMC) and the women's organization (RRW) to spend time with the children and have donated items.
- At district level , the RRW woman organization also came to spend time with children .

**Visitors**

- HOH hosted special guests from the USA Pittsburgh district on 17th June 2022. The TNC team. led by Molly Michael, brought gifts for the children and workers, and for a few friends in the community.

**HOHO**

- Together with Marie Hunt and Marybeth Zollars we visited 100% of our outreach schools. It was a job well done.
- A new school, Nyaruchera was added to our program with an initial ten pupils.
- 375 children currently in the outreach program
- 62 children in the waiting list

**Students on R. LINDGREN SCHOLARSHIP**

- We met 24 ex and current students at the UMC Harare head office on June 22, 2022. Each shared their experiences. It was just great.

**Vocational Students**

- We met with other graduated Home of Hope students in Mutoko on June 24, 2022. It was a wonderful reunion for our TNC partners and the children.

**On-going Projects**

- The Home of Hope is currently raises goats, pigs and cattle for slaughter to improve the children's diet.

**Pending Projects**

- Poultry and fish projects.

The potato crop will be planted soon.

**Harvest**

- Beans, cow peas harvested

- Maize crop nearly 80% shelled. The harvested crop is good and a break even outcome is expected. Electricity to grind the corn is very expensive and cuts into profits. Solar power for grinding corn to be considered.
- Currently harvesting sweet potatoes

### **Conclusion**

We are grateful for what our Lord has done for us. He has led us this far. On July 2, 2022 we concluded our visit with the traveling TNC team with a big luncheon. Ebenezer!

### **HOH/HOHO/Scholarship Mary Beth Zollars' report**

#### **Overall:**

Great gratitude overall for the food distribution of 2020-2021.

Enthusiasm all around for this ZIM-VIM June Team's visit.

Exchange rates continue to change quickly, requiring continual adjustments to funds being sent.

#### **HOHO – 22 schools in all**

Marie and Karen led efforts to visit 19 HOHO schools, including photo updates, worksheets, hats (Kaps for Kids), backpacks with school supplies, letters and gifts from sponsors, and dollar bills. Lindarose, Tinashe, Emmanuel, Mary Beth, Valentine, Tinotenda, and Precious were some of the helpers. Nyaruchera Primary (way out there on a mountainside) was added to the list, since it is a feeder school to Rudawiro Secondary (already in program).

Tinashe Chiimba and Lindarose Chibinge purchased the backpacks and school supplies for all the outreach students. Valentine and Tinotenda (social work students on attachment) assisted in the preparation of backpacks.

A meeting was held on Saturday, 2 July in Cardwell Magutsa's office regarding Winnet's Sewing Project. We are cautiously optimistic that Winnet can complete the secondary school uniforms with the remaining \$653.

Funds used from the HOH account to send exam fees for the O-level and A-level exams. Due to the current exchange rate, the exam fees are now much lower in US dollars. The remaining \$700 will be used towards July/August HOH funds.

Outreach Committee:

Chairperson: Noreen Chitengu (Manhamba Primary) Vice Chair: Tawanda Muswe

(Rudawiro Primary) Secretary: Esnath Zimbira (Nyadire Primary)  
Treasurer: Nicodemus Bandira (Nyadire High School) Finance Secretary: Fiona Chiroroma (Nyakabau Primary)

Marie Hunt's additions to the HOHO report:

A couple of ongoing points to ponder is how to handle gifts/mail to the HOHO students. Some sponsors do not send anything, others send more than is necessary. Need to pay for extra luggage to transport gifts. Is there a better plan?

With the poor economy there is an increased need for additional sponsors. A special thanks to Duitlh for their efforts in obtaining new sponsors.

**S.Y.STEM Workshops** were a total success!!! Students for the first week of intensive training (teachers), included the:

STEM COMMITTEE:

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

Vice Chair: Mr. Tirivangani Mabvute – Science teacher at Nyadire Primary

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

Plus: Bruce (mathematics teacher HS), Mabel (computer teacher HS), and Maria (ECD teacher at PS). Bruce was the top student, as he has always had a love of computers and coding. He will be the Coding Club advisor at the HS. Mabel will use coding in her computer classes. Mr. Musariri will be the staunch supporter and advocate at the HS for STEM education and the installation of security doors for a re-purposed classroom for computer training. Tiri and Portia will lead the Coding Club at the PS. Their mastery in teaching was evident in providing the building blocks for the PS students to be able to bridge their skills from the classroom to the coding workshop. Maria hopes to implement simple coding skills into her ECD classrooms (as coding is now a state requirement at all levels of education). She will also train Mrs. Jambwere, the PS computer teacher, who was on maternity leave. Headmasters Tendai Mushapaidze (PS) and Webster Nyakudanga (HS) were completely supportive.

Angela provided the initial training for the teachers. Her enthusiasm, passion, and trouble-shooting capabilities were evident at every turn. On the day of her departure, she squeezed in an extra training session for the Form 5/6 students to make sure the teachers were confident. Kim and Rohan conducted the student workshops and additional teacher workshops the second week. Students alternated between the HS (Forms 1-6) and PS (Grades 6-7 and H-I).

Tea and lunch were served every day for the trainers and the 6 teachers.

Long-term plans for the Coding Club are being discussed. The issue of WiFi will need to be addressed in order to supply the Coding Club with the necessary next steps.

**HOH - In addition to Emmanuel Chiimba's report above:**

**Celebration Lunch** at the Home of Hope was held Saturday, 2 July 2022. It was made possible by generous donations of a few people to the HOH prior to the trip. The entire staff, Rev. Nyakusendwa (chaplain), the June VIM Team (including Ralph, Jim, and Sue), Christopher Kuwana (lay leader), Cathrine Chiimba, Savie, and Greater were present. The young staff members arranged for the purchase of all of the food prepared by the mommies and aunties. Gifts were given to all staff members, guys receiving steel-toed boots, a solar lantern, and socks; the women receiving sneakers, socks, head scarves, and a solar lantern. Solar lanterns were purchased through Luminaid (TNC now has a non-profit status and can purchase solar lanterns at a discount.). The lanterns allow for charging via sun or cable and in turn can provide up to several hours of light or charge a cell phone. 6 of the solar lanterns were donated from CUMC Outreach for the HOH staff. Each child received a fleece jacket and a photo album.

**The UMC Head Office** has announced its intention to form a Home of Hope Board. The first meeting was held July 9, 2022. Unfortunately, Rev. Alan Gurupira, who had called the meeting was not present. How the Board will run and what its functions are remain unclear. Emmanuel explained how the HOH and all of its programs operate. He made it clear (with my support) that there were no funds available to pay Board members. Present at the meeting were 5 from Nyadire: Rev. Mukundu (Station Chair), Rev. Nyakusendwa (chaplain), Cardwell Magutsa (Station Treasurer), Emmanuel Chiimba (HOH Administrator), and Dr. Zimbiti (Nyadire Teachers College). Others included: Forward Mujakachi (Murewa), Chairman Ginford Dzimati (Harare), another woman from Harare (name?). Absent: Rev. Gurupira and Mrs. Filder Gwadu (Harare).

**National Standards** for basic qualifications for the hired staff include O-level exams. The concern is that some of the staff is not qualified, although they may be grandfathered-in. Alternatives to achieving good academic help for the children is to foster the intern program with small monthly wages with shift requirements that would cover 2pm-7pm.

**Priorities for HOH:**

1. Tractor

2. Budget Review
3. Funds to install granite countertops (6 bags of cement - \$10 each, \$40 for bricks, \$400 labor. Granite is already on-site)
4. Flexible irrigation piping (will need to replace some, as it is reaching age of 4 years and add some for increased irrigation)
5. \$30 monthly for kids' school projects
6. Shed/farmhouse for storage of maize
7. Administrator's Block once the HOH is fully registered.

Cold weather and rain threatened the maize crop that was lying out on the concrete pads in front of the second set of duplexes. Shelling was not yet complete and dampness and mildew were a concern. However, after 3 days, the skies cleared enough to dry out the harvest. The guys drove over the cobs to quicken the shelling process. Success!

**Solar-powered borehole** not operational. It is thought that the borehole collapsed.

**Grinding Mill** not currently operating for the public. Cost of ZESA (\$60 per month) outweighs the sale of a \$1 per sack of mealie meal. It has a 15 HP motor. Could it run off of solar panels?

**GEP at the HOH** Led by Elina Nyabote, HOH administrative assistant. 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.

**New Playground Equipment** Dutilh UMC's preschool's Hop for Hope funds were used for tire swings and repair of existing HOH swings and ECD playground swings. Kevin Riley coordinated this project with the workshop. Total cost was \$356 USD. Discussions are ongoing regarding best use of remaining funds. A suggestion has been made to install outdoor tables to be used for dining and completing school work. Other possibilities include bicycle repair items and extra back seat for children on larger bikes.

Ralph Duckworth and others plan to thank the donors to the playground equipment project with a fall coffee and pastries/ presentation at Dutilh UMC.

Emmanuel is scouting a good source for the purchase of **goats** (donation from **Christ Kids**).

The **UMW-CUMC** will be hosting a **Golf Outing** in September at Ponderosa Golf Course. 50% of the earnings will go to the Home of Hope.

**SISTER RUT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:**

**A reunion of the Scholarship Students** was held June 25, 2022 at the UM Conference Center in Harare. Former recipients and a few guests were invited. Scholarship students (16) were required to give a 5-minute presentation. Tea and lunch were served. Rev. Austern Chepiri was the host. Rev. Alan Gurupira made an appearance.

**ZIM-Partnership:** Could the ZIM-Partnership consider supporting the Scholarship Program?

**Rutendo Mupfawa**, accepted at the University of Zimbabwe, Honours Program for Accounting and Finance; 1.2 student

**Blessing Mabii**, accepted at Midland States University, Business Studies, 1.2; began September 2021.

**Tinashe Mapfumbidze**, (MSU) 3.1 student; decided on an attachment in Gweru; Business Management

**Campion Mujuru** (University of Zimbabwe; medicine; 3.2 student) doing his clinicals.

**Lovemore Mbozvi** finished his attachment with Mashava Mines near Gweru. He is studying Mining Engineering. He is now back in Mutare as a 5.1 student. His program is 5 years.

**Bernard Madyauta** University of Great Zimbabwe, 3:2 student; doing attachment at the Harare City Council.

**Fungai Chigumbura** MSU, Human Resource Management, 3:2 student, found attachment at the Ministry of Agriculture.

**Lorraine Kapembeza:** Africa University, Accounting. 2:2 student. **Ruth Makoni:** HOHO/O-Levels/A-Levels: Catholic University, Business

Management and Information Technology; 2:2 student.

**Takunda Pedzayi:** Midland States University, Human Resources Management; 2.1 student.

**Raymond Chimbwanda:** HOHO/O-levels/A-levels: University of Zimbabwe; Financial Economics and Trade; 2:2 student.

**Stephen Chadamoyo:** O-levels/A-Levels: University of Zimbabwe, (tuition only); Physiotherapy; 2.2 student.

**Panashe Mafemera:** O-levels/A-levels: Bindura University, Peace and Governance (tuition only) – 1:2 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. 1:4 student.

### **WORK/STUDY:**

**Lindarose Chibinge:** Lindarose is enrolled in Social Work at Midland States University for a master's degree specializing in **Children's Rights and Protection**. She has completed her second semester (out of 3). Her thesis has been accepted. She has agreed to work at the HOH throughout her studies.

### **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 revisited a year from now.

**Candidate: Praise Mushamba**, provisionally accepted for 2022 intake, but we are asking for postponement due to funds.

### **TABUDIRIRA VOCATIONAL CENTRE:**

**Leeroy Nyamukapa** (O-levels Nyadire High School); Tabudirira Vocational Centre, Building Studies, began September 2021

**Angeline Mujuru** (Campion's sister) (HOHO): O-levels: Tabudirira Vocational Centre, Hotel and Catering, found attachment at **Nyadire Teachers College**.

**Lorraine Chipembere** (Fradreck's daughter) (HOHO): O-levels: Tabudirira Vocational Centre, Hotel and Catering, doing attachment at **Nyadire High School Dining Hall**.

**Yeukai Gwati** (HOHO) is enrolled at Tabudirira Vocational Centre for Hotel and Catering.

**AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP:**

**Elvis Mtandwa** will began his 2<sup>nd</sup> term at Tabudirira Vocational Centre in agriculture.

**Kurirai Rodney Matonga** (Rev. Forbes and Nyaradzai's son) has begun his attachment for his agriculture diploma from Blackfordby Agricultural Institute in Agribusiness and Farm Management.

**Tinashe Katsuro** will start his studies in agriculture at Africa University in August 2022.

**Delight Katsata**, graduate of Katsukunya Secondary (O-levels) and Nyadire High School (A-levels) will begin his studies in the BSC Honours Program in Crop Improvement and Seed Systems at the University of Zimbabwe in August.

**Update:**

**Precious Muripo** (HOH) started her Prison Officer Training Program 3 July 2022.

We visited 2 former HOH children at their places of employment in Mutoko: **Godknows Mapika** is employed at Chicken Colay and **Beauty Tsinzi** at Suskwe Lodges.

**Eyeglasses Program Natalie Geer**

- Planning a clinic for August or September; at the latest, December which could have higher attendance due to people traveling home for the holiday
  - Unable to conduct clinics this summer because Nurse Paul is busy giving immunizations.
  - Nurse Primrose suggested the December dates and would be able to run it then
- Nat connected with the team established by Don in Zimbabwe- leadership transition is nearly complete.
- VIM Team reported that glasses were stacked in boxes haphazardly outside the cages in the storage area. Some 14,000 glasses were delivered in the last

container shipment in addition to the glasses already in storage. An inventory of the glasses should be carried out and glasses organized and properly stored as soon as possible. In the past, inventory was taken at the start of each clinic.

- Suggestion was made that eyeglasses clinics should be held at the Nyadire and outreach schools. Natalie will follow up.
- Meeting with Dr. Kumora
  - The VIM team met with Dr. Christopher Kumora, a Zimbabwean ophthalmologist who had contacted TNC. Dr. Kumora runs camps with doctors who perform cataracts. Natalie was updated on their meetings.
  - Dr. Christopher Kumora connected with Nat and Don about what is already on the mission and ways to work together in the future- will connect with him once we establish a new clinic date
- St. Paul's Update:
  - Still processing the glasses and delivering them to Terry Snider at Mission Vision. The lens meter is sensitive to natural and artificial light, which has created problems. The manufacturer advises that the device cannot be repaired because the pieces are no longer manufactured. A new lens meter is needed. Terry is aware of this need
  - Kathy Belcastro has requested \$100 reimbursement for labels.
- CUMC Update:
  - Marie Hunt is awaiting the receipt of a lens meter and is waiting for a training date from Terry Snider of Mission Vision.

### **Hospital Support & Pharmacy Mark LaRosa, Dr. Larry**

- Mark to follow up with VIM members

### **Container Shipments - D. Harvey / Rev L. Mukundu**

- No plans for a container shipment at this time. Await decision between BBF and ZACH as to the possibility of a future shipment

### **Engineers Without Borders - CMU D. Harvey / Christopher Kuwana**

- The students of the EWB CMU chapter are now on summer break. However the leadership team continues to correspond and move the project forward.

- During the recent TNC VIM team trip to Nyadire, Kevin Riley met with both Nyadire leadership and also the digester contractor to review project plans. The meetings were very helpful and Kevin has provided excellent written reports.

Highlights:

- The amount of available animal waste has increased since last assessed which means more meals can now be cooked with biogas. The dung from 134 pigs is available which was not previously there. Pig waste and chicken waste can be used, but must be mixed as a percentage of the cow waste

- Cost of the project has increased to approximately \$20,000 meaning that Nyadire portion of 5% increases to \$1000. They have agreed to this payment.

- Local Nyadire labor will be used as much as feasible.

- A three burner stove will be provided by the contractor and installed inside the dining hall.

- Contractor has agreed to comply with all Nyadire and government required procedures.

- The target is to issue a purchase order in August with installation in September. This depends on first receiving approvals from EWB National.

- The students would manage the installation remotely with daily updates from the contractor and inspectors. A student team would then travel to Nyadire in December to assess operation and sustainability.

- Scott Sanford continues to investigate provision of a high efficiency wood burning stove for cooking the meals not prepared using biogas. The initial stove identified is only available out of Uganda and the freight charges to Zimbabwe are excessive. Scott is looking for other sources and is also discussing the possibility of fabricating the stoves at Nyadire.

### **SYStem Coalition - Coding Workshop**

- Feedback from the team recently at Nyadire is that the Coding Workshops went extremely well.

### **General Drew Harvey**

- Agriculture Development - Ralph Duckworth met with the Agricultural Committee and other leaders during his recent trip to Zimbabwe. Work is active on the poultry facility but plans for dry land farming were delayed because of extensive drought. The committee recommends that irrigation must be installed for successful production. A quotation of \$187,000 was provided for an initial center pivot irrigation system but it is not yet clear if this amount includes all necessary items. TNC would like to identify a long range, strategic plan for agricultural development that would generate enough funds to allow Nyadire mission to be largely self supporting. Although implementation would be done in phases, each step would move toward this strategic goal.
- Kevin Riley also met with Nyadire leaders to review the status of vehicles and what is required to keep critical mission vehicles operational. Insuring that required maintenance is consistently performed is of course a foundational requirement. Action planning is needed to determine how to act on the information Kevin reported.

#### **GEP Program Bonnie Lawson, Charity Horiro**

- PUL and snaps were received by the school and waiting mother's program. Balance of the PUL purchased is packed and ready for shipment.
- School program assessing inventory of materials. Based on these results a purchasing plan will be developed.
- In conjunction with partners in Zimbabwe, the program will be updated. The focus on local purchasing and shift to a fundraising/ sponsorship/grant approach will be developed.
- Contacted by Jean Dob, Ingomar UMC about connecting their newly formed United Women of Faith with the GEP.

#### **In-Reach Debbie Little**

- In contact with Rev. Sarah Roncolato (contact from Drew) at Allegheny College about potential partnership
- Potential for members of any Inspiring Women chapter to nominate TNC for one of the quarterly grants of \$5,000. There is a random drawing to choose potential candidates for the grant, followed by brief presentations about those non-profits that were drawn. A vote is taken to choose the final recipient.

**Communications Tim Wesley**

- Website and Facebook
  - Posted Christ Church golf outing info
  - VIM trip photos posted
  - Developing social media policy
  - Video call upcoming with BBF
- August newsletter
  - Will highlight VIM trip, scholarship students