

Next Meeting Date: Monday, July 18, 2022

Communications: Tim Wesley

Finalizing Facebook policy and and program guidelines.

In Reach Debbie Little

Debbie will find contact information for the pastor of Fox Chapel UMC, whom Sandy met at Annual Conference. A suggestion was made to expand TNC network churches by working our way out to churches geographically close to the current 7 network churches. Debbie will also reach out to Paradise UMC, whose women's group has been very receptive to talks by Bonnie Lawson and Molly Michael. Paradise provided all or most of the HI boarding kits for the June VIM team.

Treasury Report Karen Cahall

Thanks to the Dutilh sponsorship drive over two weekends in May, a large amount of funds were received. Karen to sort through the one time gifts and on-going sponsorships upon her return from Zimbabwe. Waynesburg and Paradise UMC's also made one time gifts.

The craft table at Annual Conference in Erie, PA was successful, selling \$1,283 in crafts and collecting \$630 in donated "buy a brick" funds for the building of Chindenga.

May also saw a large outflow of funds, primarily for HOH, HOHO and Scholarship sponsorships.

Girl Empowerment Pads Bonnie Lawson, Charity Horiro No updates

Hospital & Pharmacy Mark LarRosa & Dr. Larry Tanyanyiwa

Ralph and others from the June VIM team are hoping to be able to visit Dr. Larry Tanyanyiwa

Rural Medical Clinics Ralph Duckworth, Rev. Austern Chepiri

- Seven members of the June ZIM Team will visit Chindenga on June 30. The team will meet with DS Heather, officials from Harare as well as the nursing staff and the local community. Rebuilding plans to be reviewed.
- Jim Gourley, Sue McCann and Ralph Duckworth will also visit the Chikwizo, Dendera and Nyahuku clinics to evaluate how well they are being maintained.

- TNC awarded a \$25,000 grant from the UM Foundation of PA for Chindenga.
- No word yet on the requested \$25,000 for Chindenga from the Conference Zimbabwe Partnership Team. Also requested: \$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 Zimbabwe Partnership team.

Eyeglasses Program Natalie Geer, Dr. Larry Tanyanyiwa

- Possible clinic in July
 - Final dates and budget will be announced once Nurse Paul's absence is approved.
 - Gashi is point of contact in Nyadire for July clinic
- Natalie meeting with Paul and Christine via Zoom during June
- Natalie meeting with Terry Snider and Don Ziegler during June. Don continues to mentor Natalie in leadership of this program.
- Molly, Ralph, Kevin Riley, Hannah Mafunda and possibly Gashi and Dr. Gerald Chirenga meeting with Dr. Kumora on July 2 at Nyadire
- Natalie to provide Ralph with a list of questions for follow up in Zim with Dr. Kumora. What additional services can Dr. Kumora provide? Cataracts? People could be given his business card at clinics if need further treatment? What level of involvement is he looking for? What are his ophthalmologist qualifications in the eyes of the Zimbabwean government, ie, can he be responsible for the eyeglasses teams in the event that one of the nurses (Primrose, Paul) are unavailable?
- Don sent in last container: Glasses, reading glasses, sun glasses and cases.
- Team does inventory before each clinic
- Lens meter update for Marie coming in June (at the latest at Terry/Don/Nat meeting).

VIM Molly Michael, Rev. Lancelot Mukundu

- TNC VIM Team June 16 - July 7, 2022

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- Team members: Molly Michael, Mary Beth Zollars, Marie Hunt, Deborah Swineford, Karen Cahall and Kevin Riley.
- SySTEM: Angela Ng, Kim Kleiven, Rohan Varma
- Ralph Duckworth, Jim Gourley, and Sue McCann

- Thanks to the many volunteers who made the packing party for the trip run smoothly! Donations received include school supplies, health supplies (2 fetal dopplers), tons of mail for students, 40 HI Kits, Solar Lights, over 350 "Kaps for Kids", recreational items, hearing aids, several laptops, essentials, and more! Thank you letters have been sent to donors.

- Fees for extra suitcases. The team has at least four extra suitcases. One is for HI boarding kits. Another is for the PUL for the GEP. HOH and HOHO items also required extra space. Suggestion for the extra baggage fees to be taken from the individual accounts to which the bags correspond. To consider when team returns and extra baggage fees have been determined. Other option is to clear out the "trips" account so that funds are no longer tied up in this restricted account.

- First aid/health items were purchased for this and future VIM trips.

Main Projects:

- Update HOHO/HOH/HI Programs
- Scholarship Event in Harare with students current and past, and special guests
- Meet w/ Dr. Kumora (optometrist)
- Inventory eyeglasses/meet with Zimbabwean team, if possible
- Highly desirable to have an eyeglasses clinic take place while the June team is in place. Dependent on Nurse Paul's schedule.
- Meet to discuss BioGas Digester
- Visit Emerald Hill
- ENT/Hearing Testing for HI
- Visit Chindenga
- SySTEM Coding Workshops
- Visit Mutoko Primary
- Imire Safari Park for 2 nights
- Small World Lodge Avondale for 1 night/craft shopping
- Ralph has a separate and sometimes overlapping agenda

Updates

- Molly looks forward to helping transition Robin Abel into the position of VIM Program leader upon her return from Zimbabwe.
- If you are interested in leading or co-leading a future team, please let Robin or Molly know. Upcoming VIM Leader Trainings (<https://www.wpaumc.org/VIMTraining>)

Hearing Innovation Molly Michael & Tendayi Mushapaidze

- The boarding kits are great! Thank you to everyone who contributed.
- The HI program has received 10 new sponsors over the past few months.
- HI fees will need to be sent soon.
- Molly to meet in-person with Tendayi to discuss ways in which they can better communicate and share fees documentation. Especially important is understanding funding needs in advance of payment dates.
- Molly to re-evaluate how we determine the amount of fees TNC provides.

Mutoko Special Education Program Molly Michael & Joseph Muzondo

To be designed as an outreach sponsorship program serving students with varying disabilities, including intellectual disability. The sponsorship cost estimated at \$50 annually will partially cover student tuition. Students do not board on-site.

HOH/HOHO/Scholarship Mary Beth Zollars, Emmanuel Chiimba

Overall:

Kaps for Kids: Estimated total at the packing party 500+. A few thank you notes to known knitters have been sent. Some caps held for future carry-over.

Dutilh sponsors who gave "in honor of/in memory of..." have received email thank you's from Debbie Little and handwritten ones from MB.

HOHO

Tinashe Chiimba and Lindarose Chibinge have been named as the people responsible for the pricing, purchase, and distribution of the backpacks and school supplies in Zimbabwe. Funds were sent via WR to cover the items.

We have not received an update on the secondary school uniforms (Winnet's project).

Exam Fees have been sent for the O-level and A-level exams. The funds were taken from HOH.

Outreach Committee:

Chairperson: Noreen Chitengu (Manhemba Primary)

Vice Chair: Tawanda Muswe (Rudawiro Primary)

Secretary: Esnath Zimbira (Nyadire Primary)

Treasurer: Nicodemus Bandira (Nyadire High School)

Finance Secretary: Fiona Chiroroma (Nyakabau Primary)

S.Y.STEM has decided on a teaching approach that won't necessarily depend on WiFi. The workshops will be held at the primary school, since there are 2 pop-up classrooms there. If WiFi is needed, it will be accessed through hotspots/data bundles. Three S.Y.STEM teachers will be joining the June Team. Kim will stay 2 weeks, Angela for the first, and Rohan for the second. The robots are packed!

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

HOH

Dutilh UMC's preschool's Hop for Hope funds for swings have been sent over via WR. Kevin Riley on the June Team will coordinate this project.

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.

Bishop Nhiwatiwa was in Nyadire for several dedications, including the HOH Administrator's House.

SISTER RUT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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A large gathering of the Scholarship Students is planned for Saturday, June 25, 2022 at the UM Conference Center in Harare. Former recipients and a few guests are invited. Scholarship students are required to give a 5-minute presentation. Tea and lunch will be served.

Rutendo Mupfawa, accepted at the University of Zimbabwe, Honors 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; 3.1 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, 3:1 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 Pedzai: Midland States University, Human Resources Management; 2.1 student.

Raymond Chimbwanda: HOHO/O-levels/A-levels: University of Zimbabwe; Financial Economics and Trade; 1:2 student.

Stephen Chadamoyo: O-levels/A-Levels: University of Zimbabwe, (tuition only); Physiotherapy; 2.1 student.

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

Precious Muripo (HOH) has been accepted into the Prison Officer Training Program. Training begins July 3, 2022

WORK/STUDY:

Lindarose Chibinge: Enrolled in Social Work at Midland States University for a master's degree specializing in Children's Rights and Protection. She is completing her second semester (out of 3). 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 re-visited a year from now.

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

TABUDIRIRA VOCATIONAL CENTRE CANDIDATES:

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, looking for attachment

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

Now out: Tinotenda Kadyautumbe (HOH): O-levels: Tabudirira Vocational Centre, Hotel and Catering, was looking for attachment

AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP:

Elvis Mtandwa will begin his 2nd term at Tabudirira Vocational Centre in agriculture.

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 has been accepted for an Agricultural Scholarship. He is looking forward to starting his studies in August 2022.

NEW CANDIDATE: Delight Katsata, graduate of Katsukunya Secondary (O-levels) and Nyadire High School (A-levels) has applied for an AG Scholarship to study in the BSC Honours Program in Crop Improvement and Seed Systems at the University of Zimbabwe.

Container Shipments Drew Harvey & Rev L. Mukundu

- Possibility of sharing space with a BBF container shipment to ZACH is unknown. BBF has requested that ZACH confirm that TNC items could be included under their duty free certification, but has not received a response. BBF believes a shipment will go sometime this year, but timing is unknown. TNC will send smaller priority items in the suitcases of the June ViM team, and will store remaining items until something is defined.
- Items TNC hopes to eventually include with a container:
 - Boxes of GEP kits, one sewing machine, and baby blankets as provided by B. Lawson
 - Boxes of Hearing Innovation supplies and educational materials as provided by M. Michael
 - Eyeglass cases as provided by M. Hunt
 - Eyeglasses as provided by Natalie Geer
 - Medical supplies as requested by Nyadire if BBF has them available.
 - Excess items received by TNC but are not being carried over by the June ViM team because of space limitations.

Engineers Without Borders-CMU Drew Harvey & Christopher Kuwana

- The students of the EWB CMU chapter are now on summer break. However the leadership team will continue to move the project forward
 - Placement of the purchase order for the digester continues to be delayed as “EWB National” reviews the implementation report (now over 60 pages). Questions and requests for additional information must be satisfactorily answered before EWB National grants approval. The hope is to place the purchase order by September with implementation to follow. A student team would then travel to Nyadire in December to assess operation and sustainability.
 - As required by EWB National, Nyadire has confirmed they will pay 5% of total project funds.
 - EWB held a ZOOM call on June 7 with Kevin Riley of the TNC June VIM team to provide a project overview. Kevin will meet with Nyadire leaders during his trip to present the program, review plans, and understand any questions or concerns from Nyadire. If it can be scheduled, Kevin will also meet in Harare with the proposed contractor for the digester.
 - Sean Pearson, an engineer from Dutilh UMC, has expressed interest in the EWB program. Along with Drew Harvey, Sean will join future EWB meetings as we complete the current project and make plans for the next project.
 - Students will not travel to Nyadire this summer, but plan to travel in December, 2022.
 - Scott Sanford will be placing an order for a high efficiency wood burning stove from company “IES Stoves”. The stove will be sent to Zimbabwe from Uganda and the purchase cost will be approximately \$500. Hopefully the stove can arrive during the June/July trip of Ralph Duckworth. Christopher Kuwana will also purchase appropriately sized cooking pots in Harare to be used with the stove. This stove is expected to use approximately half the amount of firewood as the current system. Two stoves may eventually be required to cook all the Primary School meals that cannot be prepared with available biogas.
- *** Shipping cost estimates for the new high efficiency stove from Uganda are extremely high. Drew suggested that Scott contact Liam Carstens at Brother’s Brother Foundation for suggestions/ help in shipping.

SYStem Coalition - Coding Workshop

- Plans continue for SYStem Coalition to conduct 2 weeks of coding workshops at Nyadire in June/July when TNC's VIM team is there. Workshops will be held at Nyadire high school and Nyadire primary school. The objective is to provide introductory coding skills to students, but also to enable Nyadire teachers to continue ongoing programs.
- Three instructors (Angela Ng, Kim Kleiven, Rohan Varma) will travel to Zimbabwe to lead the Nyadire Coding Workshops.
- SYStem Coalition is working with CMU to rework the curriculum allowing it to be used if an internet connection is not available.
- SYStem Coalition has made an initial connection with the organization Ishango (<https://ishango.ai/n>). Ishango works with employers in the US to connect them with coders in Africa.

General

- D. Harvey attended a local presentation on May 24 by MBF (Medical Benevolence Fund) describing their work with faith based organizations that provide health care services around the world. MBF hopes to expand into Zimbabwe and has held initial conversations with Hannah Mafunda. MBF has offered free access to online advanced nursing education which Hannah is coordinating.
- On June 1, D. Harvey presented a Zoom program to TNC's leadership team reviewing the concepts of Toxic Charity along with the possibility for Nyadire to become self supporting and sustainable. TNC will continue to structure & assess our programs, provide support, and educate our members on these concepts. A summary document is being prepared to help evaluate future funding requests. During his upcoming trip, R. Duckworth will have initial discussions with Nyadire & UMC leadership about a future strategic plan to move Nyadire toward becoming self supporting and sustaining.