

Communications: Tim Wesley

Moon Shot for Chindenga

- Writing story for Post-Gazette
- Dutilh VBS week video/promotion
- Presentations to various groups/churches

Program support

Updated brochures with new information and posted on website Clinics, GEP, HOH, HOHO, VIM, Sister Rut, Eyeglasses, HI...remaining 3 in process

Website/Facebook

- Website: Updated email contact link Facebook: Focus only on programs or allow items such as "daily motivation" posts?

Network churches

- Christ Church video update

TNC Fall social: Date/location TB

Christmas Cards: Marie Hunt - Signed inserts due by August 27

- The inserts for the Christmas cards are at Christ Church and are ready to be signed.
- Marie needs to have the signed insert back no later than August 27.
- Please be sure to get to one of these signing locations during the designated dates:

CUMC: June 26 - July 10 Cards inserts and special signing pens (various color gel pens so signatures copy well) will be on the volunteer desk inside door # 2
NOTE: Mt. Leb and Baldwin folks please get to CUMC to sign the cards during this period

*Drew on or around July 10 will mail arrange transport of inserts (Please insure they are not bent) to St. Paul's, Attn: Carla Porterfield/TNC 1965 Ferguson Rd, Allison Park 15101

St. Paul's: July 13 - July 24 Sandy will get inserts to Dutilh

Dutilh: July 27 - August 20 Ralph or staff at Dutilh to mail insert to Marie Hunt

Secretary Merit Award Received by Nyadire Primary! (Drew)

Nyadire Primary received the prestigious "Secretary Merit Award", a national award which the Ministry gives in recognition of excellence in the provision of education services. Several TNC-supported programs were instrumental in receipt of the award. According to Tendayi Mushapaidze states that the digester was an important contributor, but other factors include the coding club, the Girls Empowerment Pad program, as well as the COVID response and distribution of masks. The ceremony visitors from the ministry interviewed students in the coding club about the programming of the robots and were very impressed with their comprehensive responses. (see pictures at the end of the minutes).

Engineers Without Borders: Kevin Riley, Christopher Kuwana

- Biogas Digester: (From Drew) No data sheets on operation of the digester have been received, but we did receive messages & photos from Tendayi Mushapaidze stating that the digester is "performing very well". Cattle have died from "January disease" throughout the mission, including the Primary School, which has limited where cow waste can be collected. The primary school is currently collecting waste from cattle at the teachers college for operation of the digester.
- Next Project: The CMU Chapter has been addressing EWB National's feedback on the Biogas Digester and continuing research on potential next projects.

Eyeglasses Program: Natalie Geer, Gashii Chikonyora

No updates; waiting on firm election date before setting next clinic dates

Rural Clinic Renovations: Ralph Duckworth, Rev. Austern Chepiri

- The total project budget is \$350 680.58.
- Through the end of the month, TNC has wired a total of \$87,801 to project vendors.
- During the month, TNC received contributions totaling \$1,874 and have raised \$196,336 so far. The current account balance is \$78,535.
- Including the GBGM grant for the borehole, an additional \$154,345 is needed to complete the project.
- The United Methodist Foundation awarded a grant of slightly more than \$5,000 in June. This is not a matching grant.

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- Work at Chindenga continued during the month and mostly concentrated on painting internal & external walls and the electrical 2nd fix to Quadruple House 1. In addition, the fabrication of timber trusses, roof covering, concrete slab, electrical 1st fix, plumbing 1st fix and plastering to internal & external walls was done to the Maternity Delivery & Observation Ward building.
- The Outpatient Department is approximately 70% completed, the Quadruple Staff House is 85% complete, and the Maternity Ward is approximately 65% complete. Phase 2 is approximately 75% completed.
- To date, the local communities have delivered 130,000 farm bricks, 50 cubic meters of river sand, 40 cubic meters of stones, 200 cubic meters of gravel, and 130 cubic meters of pitsand to the project.
- Work planned for next month includes:
 - Floor and wall tiling, electrical work, and plumbing of the quadruple staff house
 - Roof completion, painting, floor and wall tiling, and electrical work for the out patients building
 - Skimming of walls and ceiling, painting, and plumbing for the maternity ward

Agriculture Program Scott Sanford & Committee

- No meeting held in June
- Drafting letter to the Agricultural Director for Africa to see how we might work together.
- Current conditions at Nyadire Farm Department:
 1. Concrete slab has been constructed at the Farm Department to handle grain
 2. Chicken house under construction: Roofing in progress, to be completed by the end of June
 3. Electricity and water supplies are still not resolved; borehole needed to feed the poultry house

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4. Intend to start a garden project with 1,000 cabbages and 1,000 tomato plants by August 1
 5. Massey Ferguson working but currently needs servicing
 6. Nursery of mango and lemon trees we intend to do budding and grafting of 900 plants – 100 mangos and 100 lemons will be planted for Mission Farm and the remainder sold.
 7. No activity at the butchery
 8. Harvesting maize crop
- Home of Hope Farm
 1. Shelling maize
 2. Trenched and set on the poly pipes to insert the drip lines
 3. Will plant sugar beans, tomatoes, watermelons and cabbages
 4. The solar system has greatly enhanced water capacity. The water supply is very good and Emmanuel is confident the plants they are about to plant will "sail through".
 - Equipment Sharing agreement.
 - Draft document revised and sent to Rev. Mukundu, Esnath and Emmanuel for further revisions/questions. Emmanuel states that he has reviewed in person with Esnath and they agreed with the document contents. Together with Rev. Mukundu their "pulled opinion" is favorable and they will sign the document.
 - Email received from from Rev. Mukundu: "Greetings. Sorry for the delayed response but this is great development, thank you! I think the whole idea will work out fine and I'm really in support of everything. Successful farming today calls for a mechanized farm program which I think will go a long way if these proposals are implemented."
 - Emmanuel states that he/they are working on getting answers to questions as to how to equitably fund or cover maintenance, repair and ownership costs.
 - Agricultural equipment purchase – on hold until equipment sharing agreement is finished.
 - GEP School Gardens – Working with Casper Jembere, Ag Instructor at Nyadire Teachers College

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- GBGM - Kathleen Griffin introduced Scott to Kepi Lakoh, who is the Director of Agricultural Programs for Africa and based in Sierra Leone. Sent a letter to Kepi inquiring about the availability of funds for unfinished projects at Nyadire. Included in the letter is our long term vision of 400 hectares of cultivated land and asked if GBGM could be a funding partner to make the first center pivot irrigation system a reality.

Hospital Support Mark LaRosa, Dr. Larry Tanyanyiwa

- A very informative meeting was held on June 23, 2023 with Kathleen Griffith , Ralph Duckworth, Mark LaRossa, Sandy McKnight, Deborah Swineford and Leah Swineford in attendance.
- It was agreed that TNC and GBGM should work more closely together to support Nyadire. GBGM can provide material resources, while TNC, through our relationship with folks at Nyadire, can provide a lens of sustainability and implementation.
- Another meeting will be scheduled after some follow up work to be completed by Kathy.

Girl Empowerment Program: Bonnie Lawson, Charity Horiro

Pittsburgh Based Activities:

- GBGM Wash Grant: Application for the printing of the Growing Up in School Booklet was completed using the portal system (May 31 submission). This was a joint effort between team members in Zimbabwe and Pittsburgh. Pending review
- Fundraising: Presentations to local rotary and District 33/34 Girl Empowerment Office Hours (recorded for district clubs). Waiting on spreadsheets to track any personal or rotary donations.
- Thank you notes to churches that participated in the Lenten Calendar sent.
- Thank you notes to Hilltop UMW, and other identified donors sent .
- \$368.99 for sewing supplies received June 17
- Awaiting UMF invitation to apply for a grant (has been postponed)
- Inventory Sheet/Planning developed and sent to Charity and Crescencia.
- In coordination with Charity and Scott, a potential pilot program is under consideration for Nyamhara Primary. Dorothy is developing a proposal.

Zimbabwe Based Activities

- PUL and Underwear from China were delivered to Nyadire on June 10. Production of kits at the Waiting Mother's clinic in Nyadire has begun. Facebook update planned as well as an update for the Western PA UMF newsletter.
- Charity plans a distribution to the teachers of the "China Shipment" during the week of June 26th.
- The GEP program was acknowledged during the recent of school officials.
- Knowledge Lindgren Murisa successfully delivered all orders from China and some local supplies. We are currently investigation importing the KamSnap system in the next order from China and we are reviewing specifications.

Upcoming Actions:

- Inspired Women Funding Cycle (July 11, 12)
- Review craft fair schedules: November 4, December 9.
- Solar Dehydration Project
- Inventory Management follow up.
- Donor Management

Hearing Innovation: Deborah Swineford, Tendai Mushapaidze

- Simbarashe hopes to have an educational tour at the end of this term.
- Emerald Hill to interview Plaxcedes and Felistas for Form 1 placement later this week.
- Tapiwa Mucherera, Asbury Seminary professor, has notified us that Mt. Zion UMC in Kentucky has donated \$700 for the Nyadire HI program. Rev. Mukundu to pick up the donation. Assessing best use for the funds.
- Deborah met with Kathy Griffith, Leah Swineford, Ralph and Sandy on June 23. Discussed mission opportunities for Leah and necessary steps to investigate the possibility of her being assigned to work with the HI program at Nyadire. Kathy to follow up with her contacts.
- Whatsapp video connection made with learners at Danhiko and Emerald Hill.

Home of Hope, HOH Outreach, Scholarships Mary Beth Zollars, Emmanuel Chiimba

S.Y.STEM The issue of WiFi will need to be addressed in order to supply the Coding Club with the necessary next steps. Tinashe Chiimba is working on clarifying the quotations.

The updated computer room and the Coding Club were part of the recognition the Primary School received from the government.

HOH

Due to bank uncertainties, July funds were sent via WR.

HOH has received its portion of underwear through the GEP program.

Tinashe Chiimba will be featured in the next TNC Newsletter.

School books will be purchased from the proceeds from Dutilh's Preschool Hop-A-Thon.

Tinashe Chiimba has received a proposal for WiFi from TelOne. It is for 3 departments: HOH, Workshop, and the Primary School. (Total cost about \$3700).

Sister Rut Scholarship Program:

- Rutendo Mupfawa, accepted at the University of Zimbabwe, Honours Program for Accounting and Finance; 2.2 student; found an attachment at a small accounting firm.
- Blessing Mabii, accepted at Midland States University, Business Studies, 2.2. Tinashe Mapfumbidze, (MSU) 4.2 student; Midland States University; Business
- Management; needs to retake 3 modules next semester.
- Champion Mujuru University of Zimbabwe; medicine; 4.1 student; doing attachment at Chivhu Hospital.
- Lovemore Mbozvi; Manicaland State University, Mining Engineering; has taken his final examination and has submitted his dissertation; awaiting results.
- Bernard Madyauta University of Great Zimbabwe, Regional and Urban Planning; 4.2 student.

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- Fungai Chigumbura MSU, Human Resource Management, 4.2 student.
Lorraine Kapembeza: Africa University, Accounting. 3.2 student. Passed all classes.
- Ruth Makoni: HOHO/O-Levels/A-Levels: Catholic University, Business Management and Information Technology; 3.2 student, doing attachment.
- Takunda Pedzayi: Midland States University, Human Resources Management; 3.2 student, attachment.
- Raymond Chimbwanda: HOHO/O-levels/A-levels: University of Zimbabwe; Financial Economics and Trade; Real Estate; 3.2 student.
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- Stephen Chadamoyo: O-levels/A-Levels: University of Zimbabwe, (tuition only); Physiotherapy; 3.1 student, received certificate of excellence for group presentation on community health.
- Panashe Mafemera: O-levels/A-levels: Bindura University, Peace and Governance (tuition only) – 2.2 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.
- Praise Mushamba, accepted for 2022 September intake, Midland States University, Human Resources Management, tuition only; 1.2 student.
- Tinotenda Nyaumba; Harare Polytechnic; hospitality; COMPLETED. 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 in 2023.

Tabudirira Vocational Centre:

- Leeroy Nyamukapa (O-levels Nyadire High School); Building Studies, doing attachment; perhaps in Harare; no communication
- Yeukai Gwati (HOHO) has applied to various lodges for her attachment for Hotel and Catering; passed all of her classes and exams.
- Last Chindoto, sponsored by Pittsburgh District, carpentry, 1.2. Bright Mumanyi (HOH); building, 1.2.

Agricultural Scholarship:

- Elvis Mtandwa Tabudirira Vocational Centre in agriculture, completed attachment at family farm. Elvis has completed all of his requirements!
- 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, has completed his attachment and has finished his studies.

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- Tinashe Katsuro: agriculture at Africa University, 1.2.
- 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, 1.2 student.
- Shelton Chitewe (HOH); Tabudirira Vocational Centre, agriculture, 1.2
- New Candidate for 2023: Praise Tsaurai, agricultural engineering CUT (Chinoyi University of Technology); first semester starts in September.

Volunteers In Mission: Molly Michael, Rev. L. Mukundu: No updates.

Secretary Merit Award Presentation photos:

