

Communications: Tim Wesley

- March newsletter published, includes
  - January VIM trip
  - "Moon Shot" for Chindenga - Raising balance needed of apex. \$200,000
  - Leadership profile: Natalie Geer
  - Program updates
- "Moon Shot" for Chindenga
  - Posted on website, Facebook
  - Distributed to master email list (400+ names)
  - Highlighted by UM News Daily Digest
  - Distributed to district/conference contacts, and to TNC network churches
  - Reaching out to local media
  - CUMC Easter offering to be divided between Chindenga and a local charity
- Website
  - Posted link to UM News biogas story o Updating "overview presentation"

Clinics: Ralph Duckworth, Rev. Austern Chepiri

- Total estimated project cost: \$350 680
- Total raised to date: \$143,978.
- Remainder to be raised: \$176,703
- TNC has wired a total of \$78,351.
  
- Monthly Financial Activity:
  - \$99,498 Beginning February
  - \$ 4,919 Contributions for the month
  - \$38,790 Disbursements for the month
  - \$65,627 Balance end of the month
  
- Pastor Jim Gascoine of DUMC submitted a grant application for \$25,000 to the United Methodist Foundation for the new Out Patient Department. This will likely be a matching grant.
  
- Work at Chindenga resumed during February primarily concentrated on plastering of internal & external walls, ceiling board installation, and electrical and plumbing work to the Out Patient Department and Quadruple House. In addition, excavation of foundation trenches, concrete footing, foundation brickwork and part superstructure brickwork to lintel level was done to the Maternity Ward.

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- The Out Patient Department is approximately 65% completed, as is the Quadruple Staff House. The Maternity Ward is approximately 20% complete.
- Work planned for March includes: Skimming to internal walls, Concrete slab, Plumbing, Electrical, and Internal painting of the Quadruple Staff House; Brickwork to lintel level, Casting ring beam and lintels, Brickwork to wall plate / gable level for the Maternity Ward.

### Treasurer's Report, Karen Cahall

### Agriculture Committee, Scott Sanford

#### GBGM projects

- Poultry barn

March 13-16, Esnath sent photo showing steel structure for roof partially up

- Crops

Per Esnath on March, 24, 2023, they have cleared the front area of the farm for maize storage, but they are unable to transport the cobs from the field to the farm/ GBGM is unable to repair the farm truck.

Scott has suggested these options: 1. Find a trailer to pull behind the tractor  
2. Get a loan from the Conference or Mission to be paid back after crop sales  
3. Submit formal request to TNC for funding.

#### Equipment sharing agreement

Rev. Mukundu, on 3-22-2023, reported that no progress has been made in completing the proposed agreement

- Need an agreement between Emmanuel and Esnath at a minimum before purchasing any new equipment so we know how costs (maintenance and replacement) will be divided and scheduling of use will be done.
- Various options for the purchase of a tractor or planter are being considered
- Actions: Ag Committee suggests getting a price on a 2-3 row planter to see if the cost is less so there are funds available for tractor and sprayer repair.

#### Butchery

- Esnath to submit a proposal. She has been provided 2 publications on business planning for a meat processing business

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### Grant Funding

- Difficulties receiving grants as a religious organization
- o Possible Nyadire Agricultural Training Center
- Could help with getting Agricultural grants as many are looking that you are helping more than one entity.
- Outreach / ag training program
- Do we want to manage another entity?
- How to staff?
- Not our core mission
- List of potential grant funding sources for Ag projects provided

### Medical Support Mark LaRosa, Dr. Larry Tanyanyiwa

No updates regarding Ralph, Drew and Sandy's conversation with Kathleen Griffith in February. Ralph to follow up with K. Griffith/

Per Karen Cahall, Second Quarter, 2023 PCD payment of \$3,000 was wired week of March 20, 2023.

### Eyeglasses Program Natalie Geer, Gashirai Chikonyora

- Next clinic possibly in June or July (need to fundraise):
  - Who will be the certified technician? Communicating with Dr. Tanyanyiwa
  - Dr. Larry to meet with Dr. Kumora about future collaboration in conducting clinics
  - If Dr. Kumora is not available, who are we comfortable working with?
  - Natalie has contacted Nurse Paul at Nyahuku and Christine to see if they would be interested in leading clinics.
- Storage: Still waiting for the old pharmacy to move into the new building
- Nat to meet with Don for in-depth review of the January, 2022 clinic
- Working with Sandy and St. Paul's for a potential update on Geer life/Fundraise for clinics
- Kathy Belcastro's team continues to clean and process glasses; they met up with Marie's team to share strategies and info.

Hearing Innovations Deborah Swineford, Simbarashe Mushapaidze

- Deborah continues to engage with Wellington Chiomadzi, leader of the who Indiana Conference VIM. They are open to future partnership with TNC.
- Email received from Baldwin UMC with inquiry about fulfilling 2022 obligation of 3 sponsorships.
- Designed an HI logo with Molly
- Drafted sponsorship renewal letter and updated form. Ready to mail this week
- Deborah contacted the UM Committee on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministries (UM-DHM). Response received from Tom Hudspeth, consultant for UM-DHM, which is part of the Health Unit within GBGM. There is a grant for which the work with HI at Nyadire may be applicable. Applications accepted Jan1-March1.
- Deborah scheduled to speak at Saegertown UMC April 23rd. Waiting on dates for Bakerstown UMC and possibly for Jenny Gordon's 3-point charge.
- Deborah met with Rev. Dr. Tapiwa and Bertha Mucherera, possible new HI sponsors. They also had questions about GEP.
- Deborah scheduled to meet with Dr. Rick McClain, retired pastor and professor at Deaf Missions Training Center, on Wed. 3/29 to discuss possible funding options from the Deaf communities or organizations.
- First term ends March 31st. Second term begins May 8th.

Home of Hope, HOHO, Scholarships Mary Beth Zollars, Emmanuel Chiimba

HOHO – 20 schools in all

- Marie Hunt and the HOHO coordinators are sending out an update, letters, and photos of the children enrolled. The rollout was delayed due to photos being sent via WhatsApp. However, this is the most complete update ever achieved at this critical time of year! Thank you to the HOH Team that visited the schools and carried out the work.
- O-Level and A-Level Exam Fees have been sent to Emmanuel Chiimba. There was a selection process this year to find the best candidates for the exams. All Form 4 and 6 students were eligible, but were selected based upon their grade reports.
- 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)

- 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), and Maria (ECD teacher at PS). The issue of WiFi will need to be addressed in order to supply the Coding Club with the necessary next steps. Tinashe Chiimba is to clarify the quotations.

The follow-up meeting with Angela Ng on 1 March determined that the visit with Petronella Mlambo was not as fruitful as had been hoped due to staff not being present on the day she visited Nyadire. Power cuts in Zimbabwe have been severe, so the Coding Club is hampered by lack of power. TNC has offered to send a small monthly payment for fuel to run the generator.

HOH

- Need for storage of maize (shed/farmhouse)
- MB contacted Charity Shumba (dental therapist at Nyadire) to set up dental checks for the HOH children.
- Dutilh's Preschool will hold its Hop for Hope fundraiser April 3-4
- The proceeds will go towards school books for the HOH.
- Makanaka Chapfika is the new intern at the Home of Hope for 3 months. She is doing her diploma in social work at Womens University.
- Tinashe Chiimba has received a proposal for WiFi from TelOne. It is for 3 departments: HOH, Workshop, and the Primary School. (Total cost about \$3,700)
- Elina Nyabote, HOH administrative assistant, is leading the GEP program for the HOH. 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.
- SISTER RUT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:
- MBZ sent out a follow-up of Scholarship Committee Meeting held on 21 February, covering projection of costs and breakdown of tasks. MBZ has offered an example student as a template for finding funding from churches or organizations.
- MBZ applied for the USC/BP Rotary Grant. Phil Himmler's efforts have paid off. We have heard through the grapevine that a \$5,000 grant has been awarded!
- MBZ applied for another Conaway-Munden Grant (deadline April 1st).

Sister Rut Scholarship:

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- Rutendo Mupfawa, accepted at the University of Zimbabwe, Honors Program for Accounting and Finance; 2.2 student
- Blessing Mabii, accepted at Midland States University, Business Studies, 2.2.
- Tinashe Mapfumbidze, (MSU) 4.2 student; Midland States University; Business Management
- Campion Mujuru University of Zimbabwe; medicine; 4.1 student; doing attachment at Chivhu Hospital.
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- Lovemore Mbozvi; Manicaland State University, Mining Engineering; needs to re- take one course and re-submit his dissertation.
- Bernard Madyauta University of Great Zimbabwe, Regional and Urban Planning; 4.2 student.
- Fungai Chigumbura MSU, Human Resource Management, 4.2 student, found attachment at the Ministry of Agriculture.
- Lorraine Kapembeza: Africa University, Accounting. 3.2 student. 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.
- 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; one term only 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); Tabudirira Vocational Centre, Building Studies, doing attachment

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- Angeline Mujuru (Campion's sister) (HOHO): O-levels: Tabudirira Vocational Centre, Hotel and Catering, found attachment at Nyadire Teachers College, successfully passed all exams! CONGRATULATIONS!
- Yeukai Gwati (HOHO) is enrolled at Tabudirira Vocational Centre for Hotel and Catering, 1.3
- Last Chindoto, sponsored by Pittsburgh District, carpentry, 1.1. Bright Mumanyi (HOH); building, 1.1.
- AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP:
- Elvis Mtandwa Tabudirira Vocational Centre in agriculture, starting attachment in March.
- 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, will complete his attachment in May.
- 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, 1.1
  
- New Candidate for 2023: Praise Tsurai, agricultural engineering CUT (Chinoyi University of Technology); tuition sent to get registration going.

### Girl Empowerment Program, Bonnie Lawson, Charity Horiro

- Fundraising efforts continue. Purchasing plan developed.
- Followed up with Tina Fischlin of Rotary District 33/34. Provided an action plan/packet for Tina to review that tells the GEP story. Presentation to Mt Lebanon/Castle Shannon/ Dormont scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Followed up with Kathy Griffit at GBGM. Proposed that funding be provided for the Growing Up in School Booklet in Shona. These would be used at the Waiting Mothers Clinic. Micha at GBGM WASH to respond.
- Donor Management: Asbury Heights has invited us to give an update. Angela Fabrian, Activities Coordinator, will organize the publicity and transportation from the Embassy to the main campus. This will be a small informal gathering and is scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- In coordination with Charity and Scott, a potential pilot program is under consideration for Nyamhara Primary. Reports have been shared and will be used to develop a project proposal for funding. The teacher/leader at Nyamhara is Dorothy Muwidzi.

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- Knowledge reports that the order from China was placed March 22. Delivery expected in two to three months. This purchase of PUL and underwear will be used to support the schools and waiting mother's program.
- Local purchasing plan for the immediate needs developed. Waiting on posting of funds from BBF grant to GEP account.

### Engineers Without Borders, Drew Harvey

The EWB team awaits data from the primary school on Biogas digester use.

VIM Molly Michael, Rev. L. Mukundu - No updates at this time.