

TNC Meeting Minutes October 23, 2023

Reverse Immersion, October 2023: Zimbabwe Partnership initiative

Among other visitors, TNC welcomed our friends Rev. Alan Guripira, assistant to Bishop Nhiwatiwa and Dr. Rosemary Nyarugwe, head of the Nyadire College of Education.

Volunteers in Mission: Molly Michael, Rev. Lance Mukundu

- Team to travel to Nyadire late October, returning second week of November
- Team members: Ralph Duckworth, Mary Beth Zollars, Marjorie Dold, Scott Sanford, Deborah Swineford and Robb Montgomery. Sue McCann and Jim Gourley are already in Zim and will rendezvous with the team.
- Molly reports that it was great to have Rev. Guripira and Dr. Nyarugwe join the cultural training meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Cahall

Ingomar Living Waters

- Andy Fraley and Marianne Chatham from Ingomar Living Waters met via zoom with TNC leadership regarding their non-profit that funds boreholes.
- Their main criteria is that they work in places where lives are at risk due to lack of clean water.
- They raise funds through a Christmas offering at Ingomar UMC and also at an annual fundraiser held in April, "Turning Wine into Water" where borehole projects are "auctioned" and donors can bid on funding the project.
- TNC November VIM team to evaluate water needs at rural clinics and outreach school locations.

Eyeglasses Program Natalie Geer, Gashirai Chikonyora

ZIM Side:

- Eyeglasses clinic was being planned to coincide with November VIM trip, but was postponed due to the need to repair the hospital vehicle and because of uncertainty in staff member's availability.
- VIM Trip Team: The Nyadire Hospital pharmacy has been moved to the new, free standing pharmacy building next to the hospital. Please follow up with Dr. Larry and Gashi Chikonyora about moving the eyeglasses storage into the old pharmacy space. Shelving and some sort of storage containers may need to be procured. Please assess the space and what is needed. Can this be purchased in Zimbabwe? Imported through Knowledge?

US Side:

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- In search of a new US leader to replace Natalie for this program. Kathy Belcastro is considering options for new leaders at St. Paul's
- Kathy and Marie's teams continue to process glasses.

Engineers Without Borders Kevin Riley, Christopher Kuwana

- CMU EWB students awaiting updates from Tendayi Mushapaidze. They have requested that Scott Sanford will collect the appropriate data in November to use to conclude the program.
- CMU EWB does not plan travel to Nyadire in January as previously thought.
- The CMU EWB team leaders are evaluating whether their next project will be in conjunction with CMU Rwanda or continue with Nyadire. Significant financial incentives have been proposed by CMU (but not finalized) for team travel & project expenses should they pivot to Rwanda.
- Dr. Rosemary Nyarugwe and Kevin Riley attended the October CMU EWB meeting. She suggested the EWB team do some remote teaching segments for the Nyadire College of Education. The EWB team leaders reacted favorably to this suggestion. Sometime in March is the target.
- Kevin and others to discuss whether/ how there should be any coordination with the S.Y.STEM leaders (CMU grads) & Nyadire Coding Club.
- Kevin to explore a relationship with the EWB student chapter at the University of Pittsburgh, the adult chapter in Pittsburgh or possibly the School of Engineering at Grove City College. Please let Kevin know if anyone has connections with any of those groups. Molly Michael has contacted GCC in the past - she will follow up with Kevin.

Medical Support Mark LaRosa, Dr. Larry Tanyanyiwa

- An application has been submitted to St. Paul's Conaway Munden fund for \$5,000 for repairs and maintenance of hospital and Home of Hope vehicles. Response expected in early November.

Hearing Innovations Program Deborah Swineford, Tendai Mushapaidze

- Amazon Wishlist successful for educational items for HI
- Deborah's bookclub donated paperback storybooks for HI learners
- Will purchase chalkboards, and other items while in Zim
- Electrical outlets to be installed in HI room - Robb Montgomery to work with Lincoln on this during November VIM trip
- Simbarashe and Deborah to visit with learners at Danhiko and Emerald Hill schools in Harare during November VIM trip
- Will teach Bible lessons (parables of Jesus) and other school lessons

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- Preliminary plans made for Deborah too meet with Tonderayi, Zim sign language interpreter

Agriculture Committee: Scott Sanford

- Met with Rev. Alan Guripira during his Pittsburgh visit: John Hartung, Scott Sanford and Robb Montgomery. Wide ranging discussion in reference to Agricultural Development at the missions. Focused mainly on Nyadire, finishing current projects, grant writing, use of profits, land use planning.
- \$1480.03 was sent via World Remit to Emmanuel for Christopher's repair of the Farm Department Tractor. This includes oil and filter change, new air filter, seal for PTO shaft, tie rod end, fuel injector pump and rebuilt injectors.
- \$570 was sent via World Remit for the purchase of a new 5,000 liter water tank at the HOH. The current water tank has developed a crack and is leaking.
- Plans for VIM Trip to Nyadire:
 - a. HOH Grain Storage
 - b. Delivery of Planter and Broadcast Spreader – Nov 7
 - c. Nutrient management & crop rotation for next crop – Esnath and Emmanuel
 - d. Needs to complete poultry barn – water source, electricity, backup power
 - e. Drip Tank for Nyadire Mission:
 - Installation and operation costs
 - Will surrounding community use it?
 - Possible TNC subsidy for a few years for chemicals and operation?
 - f. Discuss possible rebuilding of field sprayer
 - g. GEP garden meeting with Casper, Charity & Dorothy from Nyamhsra

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

Home of Hope Outreach – 22 schools. Marie Hunt's team has delivered renewal forms with updates.

S.Y.Stem: The issue of WiFi must be addressed in order to supply the Coding Club with the necessary next steps. Tinashe Chiimba is clarifying the quotes - see HOH below.

Home of Hope

- Single-cab pickup truck is now repaired and functioning.
- MB contacted Charity Shumba (dental therapist now at Murewa) to set up dental checks for the HOH children. Charity will visit Nyadire while November team is there. The VIM team will work on repairing dental chair.
- 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:

The BP-USC Breakfast Rotary Club is holding its annual BBQ Chicken Dinner on Saturday, 28 October. Many thanks to Phil Himmler, Scott Churchill, and the supporting churches.

Scholarship Meeting is set for 4 November at Head Office (Harare).

Students finishing in 2023:

Lovemore Mbozvi; Manicaland State University, Mining Engineering; has taken his final examination and has submitted his dissertation; passed both; GRADUATION SET FOR DECEMBER!!!!

Bernard Madyauta University of Great Zimbabwe, Regional and Urban Planning; 4.2 student, has passed all requirements!!! GRADUATION SET FOR 27 OCTOBER!!!!

Fungai Chigumbura MSU, Human Resource Management, 4.2 student. GRADUATION SET FOR 24 NOVEMBER!!!

Finishing in June 2024:

Tinashe Mapfumbidze, (MSU) 4.2 student; Midland States University; Business Management; needs to retake 3 modules next semester.

- Lorraine Kapembeza: Africa University, Accounting, 4.1, has found attachment.
- Ruth Makoni: HOHO/O-Levels/A-Levels: Catholic University, Business Management and Information Technology; 4.1.
- Takunda Pedzayi: Midland States University, Human Resources Management; 4.1 student.
- Raymond Chimbwanda: HOHO/O-levels/A-levels: University of Zimbabwe; Financial Economics and Trade; Real Estate; 4.1 student.

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- 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. second-year student.
- Third Year students:
- Rutendo Mupfawa, accepted at the University of Zimbabwe, Honours Program for Accounting and Finance; 3.1 student; found an attachment at a small accounting firm.
- Blessing Mabii, accepted at Midland States University, Business Studies, 3.1, has found an attachment.
- 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) – 3.1 student.
- Second Year:
 - Praise Mushamba, accepted for 2022 September intake, Midland States University, Human Resources Management, tuition only; 2.1 student.
 - Champion Mujuru University of Zimbabwe - Medical Student (5-year program): 4.1 student; doing attachment at Chivhu Hospital.

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 in 2023.
- TABUDIRIRA VOCATIONAL CENTRE:
 - Leeroy Nyamukapa (O-levels Nyadire High School); Building Studies, doing attachment; perhaps in Harare; no communication
 - Finishing in 2024:
 - Yeukai Gwati (HOHO) has applied to various lodges for her attachment for Hotel and Catering; found attachment at The Pumpkin Hotel. Last Chindoto, sponsored by Pittsburgh District, carpentry, 1.3. Bright Mumanyi (HOH); building, 1.3.
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- AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP:
 - Tinashe Katsuro: agriculture at Africa University, 2.1.

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- 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, 2.1 student.
- Praise Tsaurai, agricultural engineering CUT (Chinoyi University of Technology); 1.1 student.
- Shelton Chitewe (HOH); Tabudirira Vocational Centre, agriculture, 1.3
- Yvette Mutize, Kashinga Phikelela Agricultural College; already completed horticulture at ashinga Phikelela Polytechnic School; 1.1 student. (3-year program)

Rural Clinic Program Ralph Duckworth, Rev. Austern Chepiri

Report through September, 2023:

- The total project budget is \$350 680.58
- Year to date, \$162,495 (preliminary) wired to project vendors.
- We believe that as a result of our "Moonshot" efforts, we have raised enough funds to complete the clinic - awaiting confirmation of receipt of pledged funds.

Preliminary September financial data:

- Balance beginning of the month \$35,495
 - Contributions for the month \$ 1,216
 - Disbursements for the month \$ 5,185 (contractor labor costs)
 - Balance end of the month \$31,526
- Work at Chindenga continued during the month and included finalizing Phase 2.3. The Quadruple Staff House and the OPD Building are 100% complete and the Maternity Delivery & Observation Ward building is 98% complete. Work on Phase 3.1 began during the month: the MCH Building, the Borehole and the Toilet Block are 50% complete and the Two-Family Staff House is 15% complete.
- Reviewed and approved a detailed budget plan for Phase 3.1 of the project as prepared by Conference Officers. Phase 3.1 is slated to be completed by 30th December at a budgeted cost of \$66,000 exclusive of the borehole, which is being funded by GBGM. Phase 3.1 will focus on the MCH Waiting Area, Toilet Block, Two-Family Staff Housing, and the Borehole.
- Work planned for October includes completion of the Maternity Ward and continuation of Phase 3.1 work:

MCH Waiting Area: Plastering to internal & external walls

Toilet Block: Plastering to internal & external walls

Duplex Two-Bedroomed House: Pouring concrete footing and sub-structure brickwork

Borehole Drilling and Equipping: Construction of borehole pump room, fabrication of solar panel stand structure and excavation of trenches for water pipework reticulation

· The local communities have delivered 150,000 farm bricks, 75 cubic meters of river sand, 65 cubic meters of stones, 250 cubic meters of gravel, and 170 cubic meters of pit sand to the project.

Girl Empowerment Program Bonnie Lawson, Charity Horiro

- Imported items due to arrive shortly in Beria. Knowledge managing final invoice and distribution.
- Local purchase will take place before the year-end will be based on inventory at schools
- Booklets arrived in Nyadire. Updates required by the grant have been completed
- GEP team to provide photos for grant reports and an article for BBF.
- The Lenten Calendar prompted donations from several churches last year (and in previous years?). Bonnie to consider creating the GEP calendar herself this year.
- MLUMC rummage sale is November 4th. This is the major funding source for all missions. Donations and assistance welcome. I will be working on Friday and Saturday clean up
- Working at CUMC craft fair with Kathleen Kennedy. We have a joint booth and will be selling pottery for GEP
- There is another MLUMC cookie and tea room on December 9th. Bonnie will sell pottery there
- UMF grant results due in a couple of weeks

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Communications Tim Wesley

- September newsletter posted and distributed.
Send stories/photos for December issue by Nov. 30

- Drafting guidelines for posts on TNC Facebook page

- Network churches
Christ Church video/handout on Oct. 7-8 - Thanks to all volunteers!

- TNC Winter social at Tim and Maria Wesley's scheduled for January 14, 2024
from 1-5pm. Details to follow