

Review of TNC Financials: Karen Cahall, Treasurer

Karen was unavailable for the meeting, but had forwarded the August Final and September Preliminary financials plus the expenditures made in August and to date in September.

Rutendo Mavunga, a Zimbabwean college student studying economics at Allegheny College (north of Pittsburgh, PA) was introduced at the meeting. Bishop Cynthia Moore Koi-Koi had suggested she contact TNC.

While at Allegheny College, Rutendo formed Batanai, a non-profit organization focused on helping girls and women deal with the adverse effects of climate change. The organization has raised approximately \$15,000 in funding so far and seeks additional funds from three sources: donations through a yet-to-be completed website, grants, and proceeds from handmade bags made in Zimbabwe.

Ways in which Batanai and TNC can work together will be explored.

Clinic Renovation Program Ralph Duckworth, Rev. Austern Chepiri

Report through August 2023:

- The total project budget is \$350 680.58.
- \$1,130 was paid to the consultant for supervisory services.
- A total of \$157,310 has been wired to project vendors.
- Contributions for the month totaled \$13,141.
- Although the amounts are not yet final, we believe that as a result of our "Moonshot" efforts, we have raised enough funds to complete the clinic.
- Work at Chindenga continued during the month and concentrated on completing the final components of the Quadruple House (100% complete), the OPD building (100% complete), and the Maternity Delivery & Observation Ward building (93% complete.)
- Conference officials provided a detailed budget plan for Phase 3 of the project for review.
- To date, local communities have delivered 145,000 farm bricks, 75 cubic meters of river sand, 65 cubic meters of stones, 250 cubic meters of gravel, and 165 cubic meters of pitsand to the project.
- Work planned for next September includes completion of the Maternity Ward and commencement of work on the MCH Waiting Area, the second Staff House, and the Toilet Block Building.

- Financial Activity for August:
  - o Balance beginning of the month \$23,484
  - o Contributions for the month \$13,141
  - o Disbursements for the month \$ 1,130
  - o Balance end of the month \$35,495

#### Volunteers in Mission Molly Michael, Rev. L. Mukundu

Plans continue to come together for the VIM team traveling from Pittsburgh plus Jim Gourley and Sue McCann in late October into November.

#### Communications Tim Wesley

- Update on "Moon Shot" for Chindenga
  - o Mission accomplished!
  - o Post-Gazette featured story on Aug. 6
- October newsletter
- Program support
  - o Updating Hospital Support brochure...all others completed and posted on website
- Website/Facebook
  - o Facebook: Drafting guidelines for posts
- Network churches
  - o Christ Church video on Oct. 7-8
  - o Dutilh ministry fair
  - o St. Paul's ministry fair
- TNC Fall social: Date/location TBD

#### Eyeglasses Program: Natalie Geer, Gashi Chikonyora

Zim side:

1. Drafted a potential clinic for November while the US team is there
  - Transportation is a challenge: Land cruiser expenses estimated \$4,495.00. Nyahuku, Dendera, and Chikwizo.

The group discussed alternatively holding the eyeglasses clinic just at Nyadire, but it would seem to defeat the purpose of the program bringing glasses to rural areas where there is the most need.

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TNC will likely put forth an application to St. Paul's Conaway Munden fund for money to fix the vehicle.

Discussions to continue about how TNC can help Nyadire maintain its vehicle fleet.

- The team is tentatively available, Christine is due in November & Nurse Primrose is waiting on a placement for her career (she finished school!!)

2. Storage: The new Pharmacy is completed and they have moved out! a. Waiting on follow up about moving the eyeglasses into the old pharmacy. November VIM team please follow up on the storage of eyeglasses.

US Side: Volunteers at both CUMC and St. Paul's continue to diligently process glasses for use in eyeglasses clinics through TNC and other groups.

Natalie has requested that TNC find a replacement for her position as program leader as she has many other obligations.

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

- Article submitted to UWF Newsletter highlighting program updates. This was also published in MLUMC Window and made available to Tim for TNC newsletter.
- Import Order from China (PUL and other supplies) due to arrive in Beira mid-October.
- Growing Up in School Booklets (funded by GBGM grant) printed and distribution planning underway. Focus on reporting structure is next.
- Follow up on UWF grant and Rotary continues. Article sent to both organizations.
- First set of inventory and distribution reports received.

#### October Focus

- Reporting for grant requirements
- Distribution of Imported items.

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- GEP Garden Project: Meeting requested to review the educational material. Scott Sanford to lead. (thank you!)
- Grant/Funding Development: Request for photos and updates. Thank you to Mary Beth (thank you!)
- Donor Management

Medical Support Mark LaRosa, Dr. Larry Tanyanyiwa

Request made to Karen Cahall for the PCD wire of \$3,0000 to be sent.

Mark is working with Kathleen Griffith, GBGM to better coordinate efforts between TNC and GBGM at Nyadire.

See Eyeglasses Program regarding hospital vehicle maintenance and repairs.

Engineers Without Borders Kevin Riley w/ CMU EWB and Christopher Kuwana No Updates

Home of Hope, HOHO, Scholarship Programs Mary Beth Zollars, Emmanuel Chiimba

MB's Report for HOH/HOHO/Scholarship: 9/25/2023

HOHO – 22 schools in all

Marie Hunt and her team of Sponsor Coordinators have delivered all of the renewal forms with an update.

Outreach Committee:

Chairperson: Noreen Chitengu (Manhembra Primary)

Vice Chair: Tawanda Muswe (Rudawiro Primary)

Secretary: Esnath Zimbira (Nyadire Primary)

Treasurer: Nicodemus Bandira (Nyadire High School)

Finance Secretary: Fiona Chiroroma (Nyakabau Primary)

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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

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order to supply the Coding Club with the necessary next steps. Tinashe Chiimba is working on clarifying the quotations.

HOH

August funds were sent via wire transfer.

Funds were sent via WR for repairs to the single-cab pickup truck.

Photos were sent of the beautiful bean crop with the drip line irrigation.

MB contacted Charity Shumba (dental therapist now at Murewa) to set up dental checks for the HOH children. No word yet.

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)

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. No update.

**SISTER RUT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** Will need funding to keep all of our commitments to students through their graduation.

All students have been reminded of Community Service requirement.

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.

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

Campion 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; passed both; **GRADUATION SET FOR 27 OCTOBER!!!!**

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.

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.

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.

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; 2.1 student.

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; found attachment at The Pumpkin Hotel.

Last Chindoto, sponsored by Pittsburgh District, carpentry, 1.3.

Bright Mumanyi (HOH); building, 1.3.

**AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP:**

Tinashe Katsuro: agriculture at Africa University, 2.1.

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.

Shelton Chitewe (HOH); Tabudirira Vocational Centre, agriculture, 1.3

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Praise Tsaurai, agricultural engineering CUT (Chinoyi University of Technology); 1.1 student.

Yvette Mutize, Agriculture; Kashinga Phikelela Agricultural College; already completed horticulture at Kashinga Phikelela Polytechnic School; 1.1 student.

Hearing Innovations: Deborah Swineford, Tendai Mushapaidze  
August 3<sup>rd</sup> term school fees have been sent

Third term began Sept 4<sup>th</sup> with all Deaf learners in good health  
There has been no request for funding for an educational tour, nor any further mention of it

Deborah is making preparations for the November VIM trip

Deborah is meeting with a Deaf teacher from WPSD to develop lesson plans. Working on Bible lessons and a game day

Discussed with Simbarashe a possible visit with our learners at Danhiko and Emerald Hill.

Simbarashe requested some donations

VIM team discussion about electrical outlet installation and chalkboards for H-I classrooms

Deborah made presentations in September to:

- Wesbury United Methodist Retirement Community's United Women of Faith group
- Wesley Woods for the Erie-Meadville District UWF's Day Apart

Email letter sent to all sponsors for a Mail Call requesting cards/letters/small gifts to be sent to Deborah by October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Contact made with Tonderayi Makaya, the sign language interpreter for the first Deaf graduate of Africa University with plans to meet during the time at Nyadire.

Agriculture Program Scott Sanford, Emmanuel Chiimba

Current conditions at Nyadire:

Farm Department:

Poultry barn – Poultry barn is finished but without funds to provide well and electric so it is not stocked

Home of Hope farm:

5000L Water reservoir tank has a leak – Emmanuel has been shopping for a replacement

Sugar bean crop looks good

1) Agricultural equipment purchase – Equipment has been purchased from Radzim equipment - Vence Tudo PA- 3000 2-row planter and Lancer 900 MDPO Broadcast Spreader for delivery in November.

2) Repair of Farm Department Tractor: \$1,480 wired to vendor for repairs

3) Repair of Boom Sprayer – Sent Esnath a list of parts based on my assessment and asked her to verify parts are needed and find local sources.

4) Butchery at Farm Department – on hold. Need to determine if there are enough cattle with the die-off from January Disease to support a butchery.

5) Livestock Dip Tank – Considering installation of dip tank at Nyadire for use by the local community.

6) GEP School Gardens – Received an 86-page bulletin from Casper Jembere, Ag Instructor at Nyadire Teachers College. Reviewed 5 chapters and returned comments to Casper for consideration. Plan to meet with Dorothy (teacher), Charity and Casper during my visit in November.

7) Zimbabwe Visitors – Arranging a meeting and possible tours of some farms in the area for Rev. Alan Gurupira to visit.

Below: HOH sugar bean crop



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