

Communications Tim Wesley

Website and Facebook :

- Posted "Meet the Match" for clinics and the story was included in on-line UM News
- Developing social media policy
- Update programs listed on website. TNC has consolidated two programs (Doctor Support and Pharmacy are now Medical Support), removed the Container Shipment program and added the Agriculture Program, to be lead by Scott Sanford. Current 11 programs:

1. Medical Support
2. Rural Clinics
3. Girl Empowerment -GEP
4. Eyeglasses
5. Home of Hope Orphanage - HOH
6. Home of Hope Outreach - HOHO
7. Engineers without Borders - EWB
8. Hearing Innovations - HI
9. Volunteers in Mission VIM
10. Scholarships
11. Agriculture

- NOTE: A new VIM team leader is still needed
- New Home of Hope photo guidelines: no photos of kids
- PayPal and credit card fees for donations. Tim and Noel are looking into whether donors/ sponsors using these platforms can be given the option of covering the associated fees rather than passing these onto TNC
- November newsletter - Tim requests story ideas and photos
- Brochures

Should we print in advance? Printing at FedEx can be \$1 per brochure. Tim to see if ordering ahead of time through FedEx corporate site as a non-profit can save fees. Otherwise, we should utilize church printers when possible.

In-Reach, Debbie Little

- Meeting planned with Sarah Roncolato, a UMC pastor in Meadville PA and who is the chaplain at Allegheny College (AC). Goal to connect with AC's Global Health faculty, ultimately leading to an event for the 2 UMC churches in Meadville in conjunction with AC faculty & staff.

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- Inspired Women to hold six chapter meetings in January at which TNC should be represented and hopefully have an opportunity to present the Girl Empowerment Pad program as a candidate for donations.
- Organizing October 9 Dutilh celebration of sponsors - old and new (May drive)
- Kevin Riley to present at St. Paul's morning services October 30; Ralph and Kevin will be present at TNC craft/ brochures table that morning
- Deborah Swineford scheduled presentations this fall - TNC and HI

### Volunteers In Mission (VIM) Molly Michael

- New leader for this program is needed

### Hearing Innovations (HI) Molly Michael, Tendai Mushapaidze

- Deborah Swineford has been announced as new program leader, US-side
- Karen Cahall confirms that term 3 funds have been sent, even though this was not reflected in the September preliminary statements

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

- Using the funds transferred for the purchase of materials, a group of three teachers traveled to Harare by bus to purchase supplies. Details of this purchasing trip will help in the development of a budget for the upcoming year.
- The Waiting Mother's program continues to operate (Nyadire and Dendera). This program reaches beyond the mission complex by providing information that can be taking back to villages and shared with women and children.
- An inventory of existing supplies has been requested.
- With the discontinuation of the container program and related shipping issues, donated kits have been distributed to other charities including Brother's Brothers Foundation.
- A suitcase full of Polyurethane Laminate fabric, the critical soft moisture barrier, is available for transport to Zimbabwe. This material is not available in Zimbabwe and our efforts to source continue. Options for shipments were discussed. Natalie Geer to investigate potential reduced rate shipping via FedEx contact. Other options such as transportation by the VIM/EWB team as well as sale of this material to recoup funds were discussed. The price for this material in the United States ~ 40 percent.

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- As the GEP program transitions from a hands-on approach to a more traditional fundraising approach, the goal of continued visibility within our church network for GEP and other TNC programs needs to be incorporated into the new fundraising model. A giving tree format is in development, networking at women's group, and Lenten calendar options were in support. Ralph suggested that contact be made with the board of global ministries and at the conference level.

### Agriculture Program Scott Sanford

- Newly formed Ag Committee:  
John Sperry  
John Hartung (retired USDA citrus expert)  
Larry Kies (Africa U)  
Scott Sanford, Chair.
- A representative from Nyadire Mission has not yet been appointed. As such, Scott proposes that the Ag Committee initially work with Emmanuel on HOH farm projects.
- First Committee meeting held September 7 covered:
  - The history of Ag Production at Nyadire Mission farm department and Home of Hope
  - The status of GBGM grant projects (broiler barns and field equipment) at Nyadire and potential future projects.
  - Discussion of other potential crops that could be grown requiring less water or that would provide higher profit.
  - Committee to establish parameters for consideration when evaluating future projects for support.
  - Committee to establish guidelines on how financial support is to be provided.

### Agriculture History

In 2001 Larry Kies was the farm manager at Nyadire, row-cropping about 60 Ha (150 acres) growing corn and cotton. They had a dairy, beef cattle, butchery and a produce garden. The dairy sold milk and yogurt. The butchery was very profitable. The total farm turnover was approximately \$132,000 USD in 2001.

Larry indicated that many of the fields that were cultivated during that time have been given to other mission departments.

### Ag at the Home of Hope

Per Emmanuel, when the HOH moved, there was an agreement giving 50 hectares to the HOH without cost to HOH. The 7 departments in the mission: the college, high school, primary school, hospital, workshop and the Hope of Hope all own the pieces of land that have been allocated to them.

### Current Projects:

1) HOH Aquaculture Awaiting cost estimates and proposal from Emmanuel for getting one pond in production. He has modified the pond walls on pond #1.

2) Future Potential Projects:

Field equipment for HOH

Irrigation water pumping system from Nyadire River

3) Discussed at the 26 September 2022 TNC meeting: Projects that Emmanuel has indicated are a priority to TNC (via Mary Beth Zollars) that should be considered as a whole with other HOH ag projects. Scott, Mary Beth and Emmanuel to collaborate on the below outstanding items. To consider: ways in which HOH can safely (ie, inflation-proof) save for future repairs and expansions - ie, either holding at TNC in the US or purchasing small amounts of materials over time for later use.

- Need of a tractor
- Flexible irrigation piping (old piping reaching 4 years old and needs replacing plus additional piping to expand irrigation)
- Storage for maize
- Solar powered bore hole that is inoperable (in front of dorm duplex), possibly due to borehole collapse
- Grinding mill

### Travel

John Sperry will travel to Africa University for their 30th anniversary at the end of October.

Medical Support: Mark LaRosa, Dr. Larry Tanyanyiwa/ Dr. Gerald Chirenga

- Chemical Analyzer repair complete. Wire for balance of fees, \$695 to be sent to service provider
- Mortuary Repairs: Ralph confirmed need for repairs during his July, 2022 trip. Total cost: \$1,390. Mark will confirm that estimate is current and request that 50% deposit be sent to vendor. TNC will hold remaining 50% in reserve for completion of project.
- Hospital vehicle fleet repairs: Inoperable vehicles continue to be a burden for Nyadire and especially in providing access to healthcare. After reviewing vehicle fleet information and maintenance needs with Christopher Kuwana in July, Kevin Riley provided a thorough assessment of the situation and noted in his findings that a lack of ongoing maintenance renders vehicles inoperable. He recommended procedures that need to be in place to ensure proper maintenance of vehicles. TNC would like to collaborate with Nyadire on a vehicle maintenance program before committing to additional funding for repairs in the future.
- Solar panel repairs at the hospital: Both the smaller system, installed around 2015, and the larger solar panel system require new batteries to operate. Consideration has been given to upgrading current batteries from lead acid batteries to lithium batteries, and also installing a new inverter in the larger system, in total costing in excess of \$20,000. Lithium batteries should hold up better than lead acid batteries, however, do there need to be safeguards in place so that batteries are not over depleted and weakened over time?

Before TNC can consider funding for solar system repairs, further conversations with Nyadire are needed to better understand the usefulness of the solar panels for hospital operations, such as:

1. Does the hospital rely primarily on ZESA?
2. What are the solar panels used for today (when operational)?
3. What does the hospital use for primary emergency back-up when ZESA electricity is unavailable?
4. Is solar power used only when ZESA is unavailable?
5. Are the solar panels adequate to replace the purchase of ZESA electricity? If so, how often?
6. Lincoln Garikai also notes that the wiring at the hospital has degraded due to problems with insulation of wires. It is not thought that this impacts the operation of the solar panels.

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- \$7,888.71 Wired to Halsted Brothers to cover labor charges for the School of Nursing repairs was not received by Halsted. Ralph is communicating with Halsted to sort this out and resend funds.
- Mark will communicate with Dr. Gerald regarding need for fourth quarter PCD funds of \$3,000, and follow up on additional hospital items

### Eyeglasses Natalie Geer, Gashi Chickonyora

- Considering December clinic, or perhaps another time to avoid volunteers working over Christmas holiday. Waiting for approval from Dr. Chirenga and Nurse Paul's availability to finalize dates.
- Reached out to Dr. Chirenga to see what dreams he has for this program
- Reaching out to Gashi as our new point person on the mission to plan next clinics
- Kathy Belcastro's team is working hard at cleaning and getting more glasses to Mission Vision
- Marie Hunt and CUMC finally got a lens meter!! Marie and her team are trained and getting glasses processed. They are hoping to train others next month

### HOH & HOHO Emmanuel Chiimba, Administrator, HOH Report

#### Children

- Our children are in good health and all attending school except Wayne and Kelvin.
- Fiona Mikiri was integrated with a relative, though her prospects look gloomy as it is likely she will not attend school.
- 13 year-old Anesu Chibanda (male) joined the Home end of August. He is in grade 6.
- Bright and Shelton are all preparing for their O'Level exams.

#### Mishaps

- On 17th of September the roof of one of our duplex houses was blown off by a strong whirl wind. We are happy we utilized TNC funds left over from the swings to purchase the damaged IBR chromadech sheets. The engaged contractor then purchased the remaining necessary replies and fixed the roof

in promise that he will be paid after securing the safety of children. We are happy that our friends from Finland have promised to pay in this regard.

### Projects

We are so happy we have a number of projects. We have a very good potato crop now flowering. Watermelons are also at flowering stage so as our tomato crop. We also planted a small portion of butternut and have lettuce, rape and onions. We were limited by our drip lines which are now few and also needing replacement.

- We have 8 female pigs expecting and soon we will have a highly increased herd.
- We will soon be filling with water the one fish pond we have been working on.

### Staff Issues

- Two (2) of our members Elina and Ndaiziwei are on annual leave.
- Received instruction from Social Service Department that by 01.12.2022 all Homes in Zimbabwe should have a Social Worker on the employee list.

### HOHO

- On 22 September, HOHO students received uniforms from Winnet.
- Angeline did very well in her exams with 4 merits. That was awesome.
- Lorraine and Tinotenda are still to collect their results though I am not excited about their outcome.
- We still await 3rd term school fees for all our students.
- We need to make another physical check on numbers for our schools as our enrollment continue to decline for reasons we are not yet aware.

### HOH, HOHO, Scholarships Mary Beth Zollars, Emmanuel Chiimba

Exchange rates continue to change quickly, requiring continual adjustments to funds being sent. The official bank rate and the street rate are nearing one another.

The University of Zimbabwe increased fees from 300% to 700% leading to student outcries. Adjustments are being made. Ancillary fees in USD are being charged – new, mandatory fee.

### HOHO – 22 schools in all

Marie Hunt and her sponsor coordinators have sent out all the updates and renewal forms.

Request for school fees for Term 3 has been submitted.

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Winnet called schools to the HOH for distribution of secondary school uniforms. Schools included: Katsukunya, Musanhi, and Manhamba. Schools remaining: Nyamhara, Rudawiro, Gadaga, and Nyadire.

Additional Exam Fees were sent for the O-level and A-level exams. Even though the funds were deemed to be in excess, when the window opened for paying the exams the fee structures changed dramatically.

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

Maddie Gioffre and Angela Ng presented the ZIM-Coding Club to CUMC's Seminar Class. SYStem Zoom video presentation link to copy and paste in browser:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IzCZHTQSAiQNTk5uXq\\_3vEL5idfRzuai/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IzCZHTQSAiQNTk5uXq_3vEL5idfRzuai/view)

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

Plus: Bruce (mathematics teacher HS), Mabel (computer teacher HS), and Maria (ECD teacher at PS). When Mrs. Jambwere, the PS computer teacher, returns from maternity leave, she will be trained. Long-term plans for the Coding Club are being discussed. The issue of WiFi will need to be addressed in order to supply the Coding Club with the necessary next steps. (See note under HOH from Tinashe Chiimba.)

HOH

Extensive roof damage occurred during high winds on Sunday, 18 September to the second duplex where the boys stayed. No one was hurt. Catarina advised us that the Finnish Church will take a special offering to cover the repair costs, estimated to be \$3500. Special thanks to the UMC of Finland. On 21 September,

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Emmanuel transported the iron roofing from Harare to Nyadire. The carpenters were nearly complete with the work by 6:30 p.m. The HOH Board has not responded to requests for assistance.

Updates to all sponsors have been sent, including a HOH album, individual photos, letters, drawings, notes about each child, newsletter, and contribution form.

A written Monthly Report has been received from the HOH (see below). Financial reports have been sent.

Children: Fiona has been placed with her grandmother (re-integrated). A new boy, Anesu is now at the Home of Hope. It is unclear at this point whether it is temporary or long-term.

The two interns completing their Honours in Child Counseling have completed their time at the Home of Hope. They have been of great assistance to the children with their homework and also in the HOHO program. Many thanks to Valentine and Tinotenda.

National Standards for basic qualifications for the hired staff include O-level exams. The concern is that some of the staff is not qualified, although they may be grandfathered-in. Alternatives to achieving good academic help for the children is to foster the intern program with small monthly wages with shift requirements that would cover 2pm-7pm.

Priorities for HOH: 1. Tractor; 2. Budget Review; 3. Funds to install granite countertops (6 bags of cement - \$10 each, \$40 for bricks, \$400labor) TNC approved \$500 for this expenditure at the meeting ; 4. Flexible irrigation piping – rough estimate \$4100 - (will need to replace some, as it is reaching age of 4 years and add some for increased irrigation); 5. Need for supplies for kids' school projects (\$30 per month); 6. Need for storage of maize (shed/farmhouse); 7. Need of Administrator's Block once the HOH is fully registered. To coordinate with Scott Sanford and the Ag committee regarding items 1 and 4 through 6

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.

Dutilh UMC's preschool's Hop for Hope funds were used for tire swings and repair of existing HOH swings and ECD playground swings. Kevin Riley coordinated this project with the workshop. Total cost was \$356 USD. Discussions are ongoing regarding best use of remaining funds.

Emmanuel is scouting a good source for the purchase of goats (donation from Christ Kids).

The UMW-CUMC hosted a Golf Outing in September at Ponderosa Golf Course. 50% of the earnings will go to the Home of Hope. Totals will be available in October.

Sister Rut Scholarship Program Mary Beth Zollars

Thank you to Phil Himmler! She again led the effort to sell 540 BP-USC Rotary tickets for the Scholarship Program. 337 tickets were gifted to SHIM (food pantry clients). The grant writing process will begin in a few months.

Updates sent to all sponsors, including enhanced videos, PowerPoint presentations, photos, newsletter, and contribution form.

Rutendo Mupfawa, accepted at the University of Zimbabwe, Honours Program for Accounting and Finance; 2.1 student

Blessing Mabii, accepted at Midland States University, Business Studies, 2.1; began September 2021.

Tinashe Mapfumbidze, (MSU) 4.1 student; Midland States University; Business Management

Campion Mujuru (University of Zimbabwe; medicine; 3.2 student) doing his clinicals.

Lovemore Mbozvi; Manicaland State University, Mining Engineering. He is a now back in Mutare as a 5.2 student. His program is 5 years.

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Bernard Madyauta University of Great Zimbabwe, Regional and Urban Planning; 4.1 student.

Fungai Chigumbura MSU, Human Resource Mangagement, 4.1 student, found attachment at the Ministry of Agriculture.

Lorraine Kapembeza: Africa University, Accounting. 3.1 student.

Ruth Makoni: HOHO/O-Levels/A-Levels: Catholic University, Business Management and Information Technology; 3.1 student, starting attachment.

Takunda Pedzayi: Midland States University, Human Resources Management; 3.1 student, will soon start attachment.

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

Stephen Chadamoyo: O-levels/A-Levels: University of Zimbabwe, (tuition only); Physiotherapy; 2.2 student.

Panashe Mafemera: O-levels/A-levels: Bindura University, Peace and Governance (tuition only) – 1:2 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. 1:5 student.

Praise Mushamba, accepted for 2022 September intake, Midland States University, Human Resources Management, tuition only. 1.1 student.

**WORK/STUDY:**

Lindarose Chibinge: Lindarose is enrolled in Social Work at Midland States University for a master's degree specializing in Children's Rights and Protection. She has completed her second semester (out of 3). Her thesis has been accepted. She has agreed to work at the HOH throughout her studies.

On hold:

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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.

TABUDIRIRA VOCATIONAL CENTRE:

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, doing attachment at Nyadire High School Dining Hall.

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

Agricultural Scholarship:

Elvis Mtandwa will began his 3rd term at Tabudirira Vocational Centre in agriculture.

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.

Tinashe Katsuro will start his studies in agriculture at Africa University in August 2022.

Delight Katsata, graduate of Katsukunya Secondary (O-levels) and Nyadire High School (A-levels) began his studies in the BSC Honours Program in Crop Improvement and Seed Systems at the University of Zimbabwe in August, 1.1 student.

Precious Muripo (HOH) started her Prison Officer Training Program 3 July 2022.

Additional student approved by ZIM-Partnership/Pittsburgh District: a student who lives with albinism to attend Tabudirira Vocational Centre as of January 2023.

Engineers Without Borders Drew Harvey, CMU, Christopher Kuwana

- Installation of the biogas digester near the Nyadire Primary School is scheduled to begin September 26. The operational unit should be turned over to Nyadire by late October.
- Feedstock for the digester will be primarily cow waste and a controlled amount of pig waste. Nyadire is responsible for collecting the cow/pig waste each day and delivering it to the digester. Firewood usage will be significantly reduced as the biogas produced will be used to cook meals on a new 3 burner stove located in the kitchen area of the Primary School dining hall.
- Contractors Blessing Jonga and Lewis Makurumure (B&L) will manage construction/ implementation, operator training, and performance testing with a warranty of one year for proper performance. Nyadire will provide a UMC engineer to monitor proper installation. Christopher Kuwana (project liaison ) and the contractor will provide daily progress updates to EWB throughout implementation.
- Total cost of the project is approximately \$20,000. EWB has sent the initial payment of \$7900 against a payment plan of 40% initially, 40% upon completion, and the final 20% after 30 days of commissioning. Nyadire must pay 5%, or \$1,000 and EWB funds the remainder
- Plans are for an EWB student team to visit Nyadire during the first two weeks of January, 2023. Drew expects to join this team and perhaps other TNC members could also go at that time?? EWB's objective for the trip is to assess operation and sustainability of the cooking system, and also to discuss possible next projects.
- Suggestions of possible projects that EWB might consider are welcome. Please let Drew Harvey know of any ideas. Violet Mutasa McFadden will also be communicating with the EWB students about possibilities.
- The initial meeting for the new term of the EWB student chapter was held Sept 21. The student leaders (Shivank, Kacy, Judy) presented an overview of the program and welcomed new members. Thirteen students attended. Meetings will be at 5pm each Wednesday.

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- Mary Kay Miller was a member of the initial TNC trip to Nyadire in 2006. Her granddaughter, Ella, is now a freshman engineering major at CMU and will be active with EWB. Quite a coincidence!  
3. SYStem Coalition - Nyadire Coding Workshop

- Video distributed of the presentation made by System Coalition to the CUMC Seminar Class on Sept 11. Zoom presentation video link to copy and paste in browser:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IzCZHTQSAiQNTk5uXq\\_3vEL5idfRzuai/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IzCZHTQSAiQNTk5uXq_3vEL5idfRzuai/view)

Rural Medical Clinics Ralph Duckworth, Rev. Austern Chepiri

- TNC remitted \$40,000.03 for engineering services and building materials during August. Halsted Brothers did not receive funds on their end, apparently due to changes in their account information. Ralph Duckworth is communicating with Halsted to sort this out so that funds can be re-sent.
- Construction of Phase I of the Chindenga Clinic to begin in the near future. This will include construction of new male and female out patient ward and one staff housing unit. The existing building will be transformed into a maternity ward.
- The Zimbabwe Partnership has awarded us a \$10,000 grant for Chindenga from its funds. These monies will be received in monthly checks over the remainder of the year.
- \$25,000 challenge grant received from a couple in the Pittsburgh District. DS Deborah Ackley Killian will encourage all Pittsburgh District churches to participate in the challenge when she presides over each church's annual charge conference. Those conferences will take place over the remainder of the year. Plan to conclude the challenge before year-end.
- TNC has issued an email blast encouraging people to support the challenge by making a contribution. We have already received responses to our request indicating more than \$5,000 of contributions will be forthcoming.
- Submitted an application to St Paul's UMC for a \$5,000 grant from the Conaway Munden Fund to be used for the Chindenga Clinic Project.

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- Monthly Financial Activity, Clinics restricted account:

Balance beginning of August, 2022: \$58,810.66

Contributions August and preliminary statement, September: \$4,135

Disbursements August: \$40,000.03

Ending Balance, Preliminary September Statement: \$22,942.02