

CHANGE IN JUNE MEETING DATE TO MONDAY, JUNE 13 to accommodate VIM Team travel dates of June 16- July 7. Please keep the team in your prayers during this busy time of preparation for their trip.

Prayers for Dr. Larry Tanyanyiwa as he continues to recover at home in Harare after suffering a stroke.

### **In-Reach, Debbie Little**

- Dutilh sponsor drive held over Mother's Day and the following weekend was a huge success. See HOH/HOHO/Scholarships for details. Thanks to everyone who worked to bring this about.
- Continue to brainstorm on ways to increase participation by network churches and potential partners. With summer nearly here, targeting new campaigns for September.
- St. Paul's already sponsors a large number of HOHO children; Christ Church sponsors both HOH and HOHO children and Mt. Lebanon is active with the GEP program.

### **Communications Tim Wesley**

- Sent annual TNC report to Western PA Conference
- Published May newsletter
- Updating website and Facebook
  - \* Posted "Kaps for Kids", Dutilh orphan sponsorship
- Updating, finalizing brochures

### **Hospital, Pharmacy Mark LaRosa, Dr. Larry Tanyanyiwa**

- Several open issues regarding various repairs - June VIM team will follow up.
- Concerns about degrading wiring at the hospital.

### **Eyeglasses Natalie Geer, Dr. Larry Tanyanyiwas**

- Possible eyeglasses clinic in July
- Gashi will organize and help with local logistics; he will be the main contact
- \$3,500 less the \$850 in cash held at Nyadire Hospital requested for July clinic
  - \*Leadership team awaiting written budget.
- Reminder that TNC received notice in March from Jeanna-Mar Simmons at CUMC that their July Vacation Bible Experience (VBX) will collect donations for the Eyeglasses Program, which CUMC's Mission & Outreach will match up to \$750. Request for donated glasses, sunglasses will be included for their VBX.

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- Open question regarding shipment of additional glasses at this time. 70 cartons (200 glasses per carton = 14,000) were shipped in last container -  
\*Don to clarify an inventory of those cartons - how many prescription glasses, readers, non-prescription sunglasses, glasses cases? No glasses to be carried in VIM team suitcases as there are other items taking precedence for this trip.  
\*Don and Natalie to confirm whether there is a need to send glasses in a future container (June?)
- Molly, Karen and/or Ralph are asked to meet with Paul and/or Primrose to review program.
- Nurse Paul Chibanda works in Nyahuku but lives in Nyadire; visits Nyadire once or twice a month
- Head Nurse Primrose Chidziva lives in Dendera with her family but attends school in Harare during the week
- Ralph and Sandy have both emailed Christopher Kumora, Zimbabwean optometrist, requesting a meeting with Hannah Mafunda, Health Coordinator, but no response.
- Natalie to ask Gashi for help in contacting Dr. Kumora.
- Cataract services are not currently available; is this someone that could help with services and/or get them connected for available services? Suggested that Gashi and/or Greater, who arranges ophthalmologist appointments for the HOH children, investigate possibilities.
- Glasses were added/requested for collection during the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference (Thanks, Ralph!!)
- Final leadership transitions are occurring - contact will be to formally transition Natalie into the role of communicating with the Zimbabwean counterparts

### **Girl Empowerment Pads Bonnie Lawson, Charity Horiro**

- Boxes are packed and labelled for the potential shipment of GEP supplies. Packing spreadsheets provided to Drew Harvey.
- Wonderful photos from the waiting mothers' program have been provided and have been shared. The popularity of the GEP program and the baby blankets/hats is evident in the smiles.
- Critical supplies for the GEP program are packed in suitcases and are with MaryBeth to be carried over by the June VIM team.

### **Hearing Innovation Molly Michael & Tendayi Mushapaidze**

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### Updates/Event

- After speaking at Paradise UMC two groups there have decided to sponsor an HI Student.
- The HI Program is being highlighted at Dutilh for the sponsorship event.
- Mail call has been sent out to all HI Sponsors. Letters & gifts are due on June 1st
- BCUMC is currently coordinating a Boarding Kit donation through May with the lead of Myra Mann
  - o Goal: collect an additional 20 Boarding Kits (40 total)
  - o Some items were put on an Amazon wish list

### VIM Team Goals HI:

- ENT & Hearing Testing Clinic
- Afternoon trip/picnic if time allows
- Visit Emerald Hill/Beatrice Vocational Center
- Conferences with students that leveled out
- Evaluate impact of Solar Powered Hearing Aids
- Update sponsorship roster
- Explore financial assistance options

### **Mutoko Special Education Program Molly Michael & Joseph Muzondo**

- To be designed as an outreach sponsorship program serving students with varying disabilities, including intellectual disability.
- Annual sponsorship cost estimate: \$50 and will partially cover student tuition. Students do not board on-site.

### VIM Team Goals Special Ed Program

- Meet with Joseph at Mutoko Primary to discuss how TNC can assist
- Deliver school supplies

### **Volunteers in Mission Molly Michael & Reverend Mukundu**

- June/July VIM Team Dates: June 16 - July 7
- Team includes:
  - Mary Beth Zollars, Marie Hunt, Deborah Swineford, Karen Cahall and Kevin Riley.
  - 3 volunteers will travel through STEM at overlapping times (Kim, Angela, & Rohan).
  - Ralph Duckworth, Jim Gourley, and Sue McCann will travel to Nyadire June 29.

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- A Cultural Awareness Training will be conducted on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 via Zoom.
- Packing Party will be held at CUMC on Sunday, June 5 from 1-4pm (entrance #17)  
\*Needed: scissors, large ziplock bags, sharpies, packing tape, boxes, labels, sturdy packing bags (ie, comforter/sheet storage bags)
- Donations to be organized and prioritized. Due to limited space, leftover donations will be stored for future teams. Some items may be boxed for a potential container shipment.

### VIM Updates:

- Robin Abel has volunteered to assume the TNC VIM Program Leader role. Robin and Molly will collaborate to move forward during this transition.
- If you are interested in leading or co-leading a future team, please let Robin or Molly know. Upcoming VIM Leader Trainings (<https://www.wpaumc.org/VIMTraining>)

### **HOH/HOHO/Scholarship Mary Beth Zollars & Emmanuel Chiimba**

- Sponsorship campaign at Dutilh UMC May 8 and May 15, 2022 was hugely successful. All of the HOH orphans are now fully sponsored, adding approximately 23 to HOHO, 9 to H-I, and 6 to Scholarship. Some additional sponsorships are expected from this event.
- This is a great response as we only had 17 students sponsored before starting this adventure! Some of our new sponsors are sponsoring multiple students at once which also helped our numbers climb.
- CUMC-UMW will be hosting a golf outing on September 10, 2022 at Ponderosa Golf Course. 50% of the proceeds will benefit the HOH.
- ZIM-Partnership meeting has been postponed to: Thursday, May 26, 6:30pm.
- Kaps for Kids: an all call has been sent out for knitted or donated beanie caps to distribute to the HOHO children. Response has been amazing so far!
- Mail Calls have been sent out to all sponsors for letters and small gifts to carry over with the June VIM Team.

## **HOHO**

- Tinashe Chiimba and Lindarose Chibinge have been named as the people responsible for the pricing, purchasing, and distributing of the backpacks and school supplies in Zimbabwe. Tinashe has made a proposal based on the ages of the children and their particular needs. Marie is in discussion with him.
- We have not received an update on the secondary school uniforms (Winnet's project).
- School fees have been sent for the 2nd term.

Chairperson: Noreen Chitengu (Manhemba Primary)

Vice Chair: Tawanda Muswe (Rudawiro Primary)

Secretary: Esnath Zimbira (Nyadire Primary)

Treasurer: Nicodemus Bandira (Nyadire High School)

Finance Secretary: Fiona Chiroroma (Nyakabau Primary)

- O-Level Exam and A-Level Exam fees are being prepared for wire transfer.

## **S.Y.STEM Coding Workshop Mary Beth Zollars, Drew Harvey, Violet Mutasa & Nyadire STEM Committee:**

- Plans continue for SYStem Coalition to travel with the June TNC team and conduct 2 weeks of coding workshops at Nyadire. Workshops will be conducted together with Nyadire High Schools and Primary School. The "Pop-Up Classrooms" provided by TNC and sent in the recent container shipment will be used.
- Three instructors ( Angela Ng, Kim Kleiven, Rohan Varma) will travel to Zimbabwe to lead the Nyadire Coding Workshops.
- Maddie Gioffre and D. Harvey reviewed SYStem Coalition's overall mission and Zimbabwe plans with Ozzy Samad, president of Brothers Brother Foundation. Subsequently BBF approved a \$5600 grant request which SYStem Coalition will utilize on the Zimbabwe project.
- A small generator has been donated by Generac to SYStem Coalition which they plan to carry over.

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- S.Y.Stem has decided on a teaching approach that won't depend on WiFi. The workshops will be held at the primary school, since there are 2 pop-up classrooms there. No WiFi proposal has been received, however, the primary school has the capability of using data bundles. The STEM Committee in Nyadire has been very responsible in setting up meetings and communicating with S.Y.STEM and with organizing the workshops for the various Outreach schools.

### Nyadire 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

### **HOH**

- May/June funds have been sent, along with funds for formula for the orphaned babies.
- Dutilh UMC's preschool's Hop for Hope funds for swings will be carried over and Emmanuel is pursuing the plans.
- Emmanuel is scouting a good source for the purchase of goats (donation from Christ Kids).
- Two of 3 HOH children that were re-integrated, are now enrolled in school.
- The UMW-CUMC will be hosting a Golf Outing in September at Ponderosa Golf Course. 50% of the earnings will go to the Home of Hope.

### **SISTER RUT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:**

Mary Beth and Karen attended the Night of Giving by the BP-USC Breakfast Rotary Club on April 27th to accept the \$5,000 awarded to the Scholarship Program.

Conaway-Munden (St. Paul's UMC) granted Scholarship \$2500.

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Rutendo Mupfawa, accepted at the University of Zimbabwe, Honours Program for Accounting and Finance; 1.2 student

Blessing Mabii, accepted at Midland States University, Business Studies, 1.2; began September 2021.

Tinashe Mapfumbidze, (MSU) 3.1 student; decided on an attachment in Gweru; Business Management

Campion Mujuru (University of Zimbabwe; medicine; 3.1 student) doing his clinicals.

Lovemore Mbozvi finished his attachment with Mashava Mines near Gweru. He is studying Mining Engineering. He is now back in Mutare as a 5.1 student. His program is 5 years.

Bernard Madyauta University of Great Zimbabwe, 3:1 student; doing attachment at the Harare City Council.

Fungai Chigumbura MSU, Human Resource Management, 3:1 student, found attachment at the Ministry of Agriculture.

Lorraine Kapembeza: Africa University, Accounting. 2:2 student.

Ruth Makoni: HOHO/O-Levels/A-Levels: Catholic University, Business Management and Information Technology; 2:2 student.

Takunda Pedzai: Midland States University, Human Resources Management; 2.1 student.

Raymond Chimbwanda: HOHO/O-levels/A-levels: University of Zimbabwe; Financial Economics and Trade; 1:2 student.

Stephen Chadamoyo: O-levels/A-Levels: University of Zimbabwe, (tuition only); Physiotherapy; 2.1 student.

Panashe Mafemera: O-levels/A-levels: Bindura University, Peace and Governance (tuition only) – 1:1 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. 1:2 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 is completing her second semester (out of 3). She has agreed to work at the HOH throughout her studies.

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 a year from now.

Candidate: Praise Mushamba, provisionally accepted for 2022 intake, but we are asking for postponement due to lack of funds.

### TABUDIRIRA VOCATIONAL CENTRE CANDIDATES:

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, looking for attachment

Yeukai Gwati (HOHO) has applied for a scholarship to attend Tabudirira Vocational Centre in Hotel and Catering.

Now out: Tinotenda Kadyautumbe (HOH): O-levels: Tabudirira Vocational Centre, Hotel and Catering, was looking for attachment

### AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP:



Elvis Mtandwa will begin his 2nd term at Tabudirira Vocational Centre in agriculture.

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 has been accepted for an Agricultural Scholarship. He is looking forward to starting his studies in August 2022.

NEW CANDIDATE: Delight Katsata, graduate of Katsukunya Secondary (O-levels) and Nyadire High School (A-levels) has applied for an AG Scholarship to study in the BSC Honours Program in Crop Improvement and Seed Systems at the University of Zimbabwe.

Update:

Precious Muripo (HOH) has been accepted into the Prison Officer Training Program. Training begins 3 July 2022.

### **Container Shipments - D. Harvey / Rev L. Mukundu**

- After sending to a newly provided bank address, the clearing agent confirmed receipt of \$1405 sent as final payment for services required to clear the last container shipment.
- BBF plans to send a container of medical supplies to ZACH in Harare, and TNC hopes to include specific items. The list of TNC items has been sent to ZACH for customs review and BBF awaits their decision. If ZACH approves, we will then organize transport of items to BBF for loading.
- Items TNC plans to include:
  - Boxes of GEP kits, one sewing machine, and baby blankets as provided by B. Lawson
  - Boxes of Hearing Innovation supplies and educational materials as provided by M. Michael
  - Eyeglass cases as provided by M. Hunt
  - Eyeglasses as provided by Natalie Geer
  - Medical supplies as requested by Nyadire if BBF has them available.

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- At this time, the amount of container space required for TNC items is not known. As an estimate, if we use 20% of a container, our share of the shipping cost would be \$2000.

### **Engineers Without Borders - CMU D. Harvey / Christopher Kuwana**

- The students of the EWB CMU chapter are just now completing finals for this term. The leaders will continue to follow the project thru the summer and plan to place the digester purchase order in June. The contractor has been alerted of this schedule.
- A presentation to Nyadire is prepared and a video call will be scheduled for review.
- The national EWB organization requires the community to pay at least 5% of total project cost. The students advised Nyadire that their expected contribution will be \$890.
- Students will not be able to travel to Nyadire this summer, but are planning to travel in December, 2022.
- Cara Yi, one of the 3 project leads, is graduating and has been replaced by Shiyu Zhu.
- Scott Sanford has not yet defined a plan for a high efficiency wood burning stove to be used for the 60% of meals that will not be cooked with bio-gas. We therefore do not have an expected cost, but \$5000 would be a generous estimate.
- **MBF (Medical Benevolence Fund )** is a non-profit organization that works with Faith Based organizations that provide health care services around the world. Planning is in progress on how they might work with the Zimbabwe UMC, with a possible first project at Nyadire. D. Harvey will attend an event on May 24 where Andy Mao, CEO of BBF, will present their programs. The Zimbabwe opportunity will be discussed.

D. Harvey presented an overview of TNC to the Dormont/Mt Lebanon Rotary Club on May 9, 2022.

### **Rural Medical Clinics Ralph Duckworth, Rev. Lancelot Mukundu**

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- Funds collected from St. Paul's 2022 Lenten Calendar, Brick by Brick Two for Chindenga total \$1,011.41 Funds collected throughout 2021 as a response to last year's TNC overview Lenten Calendar, total \$3,498.37. Total of \$4,509.78 to be applied to the Chindenga clinic building.
- Expect word on grant application to the UM Foundation of PA in early June
- Requested \$25,000 for Chindenga from the Conference Zimbabwe Partnership Team – and also \$5,000 for Scholarships, \$5,000 for HI boarding and fees, and \$5,000 for School of nursing ceiling repairs – Sandra Matoushaya said that she would have Michael Beightley get back to Ralph as TNC has gotten no response regarding the request.
- Seven members of the June ZIM Team will visit Chindenga on June 30 – we will meet with officials from Harare as well as the nursing staff and the local community to review the plans for rebuilding the clinic.
- Jim Gourley, Sue McCann and Ralph will also visit the Chikwizo, Dendera and Nyahuku clinics to see how well they are being maintained.