



The Nyadire Connection

The Nyadire Connection (TNC), based in Pittsburgh, PA, is a faith-based non-profit volunteer organization that seeks to support and sustain the United Methodist Mission in Nyadire, Zimbabwe.

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NYADIRE LEADERS ON THE MOVE

- **Rev. Lancelot Mukundu** has been assigned the new Nyadire Station Chair, administrative and operational leader of the Mission, replacing **Rev. Julius Tsiga**.
- **Rev. Tsiga's** new assignment is in Mutoko, a nearby village to Nyadire. Joyce and Julius consistently and lovingly cared for mission teams from the time they arrived until they departed. **For those who would like to write to them, their address is Box 19, Mutoko, Zimbabwe.**



- **Violet Mutasa**, Nyadire primary school teacher, is back home after a whirlwind three months stay in Pittsburgh. She spoke at churches, schools, circles, and many other groups that support TNC programs, and generally spread awareness of her culture as well as Nyadire's gratitude for TNC's help.



- **Emmanuel Chiimba**, administrator of the Home of Hope, returned to Nyadire after completing a nine-month course at the **Rural Asian Institute in Japan**. He and other grass roots leaders were trained in sustainable and organic methods of farming. He plans to create a demonstration plot at the **Home of Hope** and initiate servant leadership where all take part in the work. The demonstration plot will provide evidence of healthier and safer crops that do not fail. (Commercial fertilizers and pesticides don't appear to be working.)



SAVE THE DATE

TNC will celebrate its **10th Anniversary** on **Sept. 16**. The event will include dinner at Christ United Church. **STAY TUNED!**

HOME OF HOPE RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, May 28, 9 am – 1 pm
ALL PROCEEDS go to **THE HOME OF HOPE**
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NEW BORE HOLE (WELL) DUG- WATER STORAGE INCREASED

First-hand account by resident Jimmy VanderShuur



"The big water project that was completed here three years ago gave us enough storage (the reservoirs) to store just about 1 million liters of water. We never had enough supply (the bore holes) to fill the reservoirs. That is why the mission residents are so excited by this project that we had a lot of spectators. If the amount of water that came out of the hole as we were drilling is any indication, then we drilled a very good bore hole. At 10 meters the soil was coming up wet. At 20 meters, water was pouring out of the top of the hole. At 26 meters, the water was

shooting out the top of the mast, which is 7 meters high. So much water was pouring back down the hole that the driller was afraid that the sides would cave in. At that depth they stopped drilling to put in the casing and change to a smaller drill bit so they could continue drilling through the center of the casing. By 35 meters the water was shooting 10 meters in the air. The only reason we didn't stop there is because the ground was very loose, like gravel. The driller said it would be better if it was in solid rock, so we would not have to put casing at the very bottom as the casing may hinder the flow of water. Our prayers were answered. We hit rock at 40 meters and drilled to 47 meters. The pump is in and the piping is completed. We are anxious to start using it. With this water, we hope to fill and keep two reservoirs full. MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU, JIMMY"

Trip in Review: JULY 2015 to NYADIRE

The Eyeglass Project conducted by the **July Mission Trip** was made possible through a partnership with **Mission Vision**, a Pittsburgh-based non-profit. Mission Vision partners with providers who deliver free eye exams and eyeglasses to those without homes and the working poor. VIM team members **Faith Geer, Molly Michael, Natalie Geer, Mark Boyer and son, Logan** were trained to screen a person's vision, then fit them with eyeglasses. Team leader Faith Geer recounts, "Although an optometrist does visit Nyadire, many cannot afford the services. We registered 332 people whose wait time in the sun could be 2 ½ - 3 hours. Many came from all around, including an elderly man who had walked 30 km. (18.5 miles) for the service. We carried over 2,000 donated eyeglasses packed in four suitcases for the project which will continue after our departure. Surgical nurse Elizabeth Muvi was trained in the screening and fitting processes."



Mark testing vision.

Volunteer in Mission Trips 2016

May 17 – May 30 led by Sue Bower (jsbow125@aol.com)

June 23 – July 12 led by Molly Michael (mollyalice.michael@gmail.com)

July 21 – Aug.5 led by Mark LaRosa (marklarosa@comcast.net)

Want to go?? Contact the leaders.

The Guest House has been repainted and awaits the teams. Dedication of the Nyahuku Clinic by Bishop Nihwatiwa is tentatively scheduled for Aug. 2. Mark LaRosa will be the TNC representative.



HOME OF HOPE

Home of Hope and **Fairfield Children's Homes** got an early Christmas boost valued at \$20,000 US courtesy of State Lotteries of Zimbabwe. As part of the package Home of Hope received: a 4-plate stove; 340 liter upright refrigerator; a 420 liter deep freezer, two wheelbarrows, and many foodstuffs.

*Bishop Nhiwatiwa presented the goods to **Lovemore Manuwere** from the **Home of Hope** and a representative from Fairfield Children's Home in Harare*

Check out the latest news from the Home Of Hope: [Click here!](#)

RUMMAGE SALE for the HOME OF HOPE at Christ United Methodist Church

Saturday, May 28, 9am-1pm, Christian Life Center. 100% of the proceeds from the rummage sale will go directly to the Home of Hope for education, food, care and medical needs of the children. Donations of household & kitchen items, furniture, exercise equipment, jewelry, books, etc. may be dropped off in the B-wing Thursday, May 26th, 3-7, and in the CLC on Friday, May 27th, 10-7, CLC. No clothing or TV's, please. Questions? Call or email Mary Beth Zollars, mbzollars@aol.com (412.498.2281). All unsold items will be given to the City Mission.

ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS - AUGUST 2015



An assessment team from the **Carnegie Mellon** chapter of **Engineers Without Borders (EWB)** visited Nyadire in August to assess their problems from intermittent electricity. ZESA, the national power company cannot meet the demand, and droughts further limit hydroelectric power generation. The student team, **Maddie Gioffre** (who visited Nyadire twice before), **Kavin Sanghavi**, **Allison Fisher**, and mentors **Matt Bovee** and **Drew Harvey** visited department heads and interviewed community leaders and individuals about power problems. Departments endorsed the importance of campus and pathway lighting, especially for students and incoming patients to the hospital. The team will analyze energy and street lighting options for Nyadire, evaluate technologies, and work with Nyadire to finalize a system design. EWB will then raise funds and return to Nyadire for implementation.

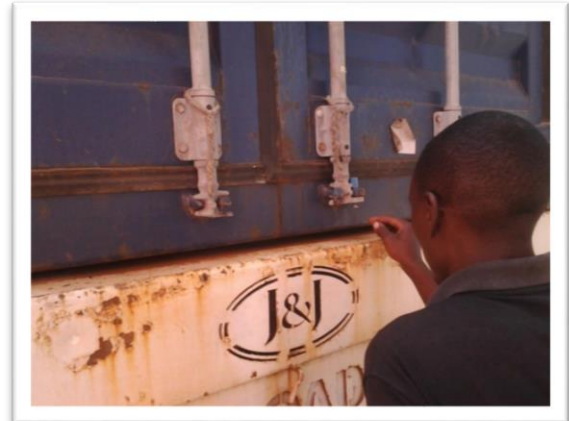
OCEAN CONTAINER LOADS- Arrived at Nyadire!

Beds and furnishings for **Nyahuku Clinic**, school supplies and textbooks for seven **Outreach Schools**, backpacks for ~ 300 kids, sewing machines for the **Girls Empowerment Program**, vinyl rolls to cover hospital mattresses, medical supplies, choir robes, and two “Multi-Use vehicles” all came together and loaded into an ocean container at **Brother's Brother Foundation** in November for the first leg of a long journey.



Violet Mutasa at BBF after TNC goods are loaded in a container

To read **'PARTNERSHIPS THAT WORK'** in Brother's Brother November 2015 Newsletter about BBF and TNC, click on <http://www.brothersbrother.org/pdf/15-106.pdf>



The container arrived at Nyadire on February 7, 2016.



Primary school kids receiving toothbrushes & toothpaste that a local Pittsburgh school donated.



Also included were beds and mattresses for the boarders in the Hearing Impaired Program at Nyadire. Here the children are signing their love and thanks!

Many thanks to BBF for your typical fine job of managing this shipment and providing so many of the materials. Items have all been distributed now including sending the 15 beds and all furnishings for Nyahuku Clinic.

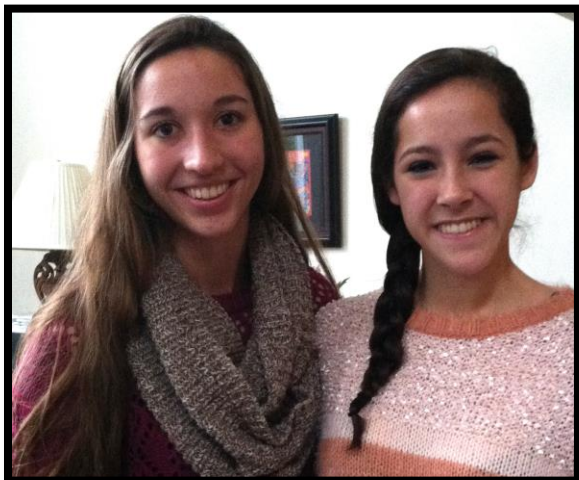
Nyahuku Clinic - Building Again!



Construction of the Nyahuku clinic began in March, 2015 with the demolition of the old clinic and construction of the inpatient and outpatient wards, staff housing, waiting mothers shelter, cooking area, patient waiting area, fencing, and toilet block. Some finishing and site work remain as well as final furnishings and upgrade to the solar system. However, the major outstanding item is a new borehole. Siting a productive water well in this extremely dry region is a challenge! Funds are still needed to provide additional staff housing, solar power, and furnishings.

But - step by step - the Lord has Taken us this Far!





BETHEL PARK HS SENIORS EXPAND AN ASSIGNMENT

Inspired by an English assignment to write a paper that would “get people to get out there to do something,” **Bethel Park High School seniors, Emily Russell and Karissa Coffeld** pushed the envelope. The girls joined forces in a common interest to do something globally involving children. Through the Bethel Park School Administration, they got in touch with **TNC Children’s Sponsorship Coordinator, Mary Beth Zollars**, who introduced them to the **Home of Hope School Sponsorship Program (HOHO)**. Their school

assignment behind them, Emily and Karissa decided to target those orphans who had never received school supplies and letters. They approached different age groups in the Bethel Park Schools and solicited letters. The results were great! Fifty letters were given to **Violet Mutasa** to personally deliver to the orphans. **Congratulations, girls, for a job well done!**

NYADIRE HOSPITAL

<http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/health-care-in-rural-zimbabwe-at-nyadire>

An excellent story on Nyadire Hospital just released in the [United Methodist News](#). Be sure to click through the photos and specifically watch the video on midwives and later the Home of Hope - All informative, personal, and emotional.

Drugs & Medicines

When the doctors at **Nyadire Hospital** are asked - “Of all the things needed, what is your Top Priority?”, doctors reply they must have drugs and medicines. BUT - these are now in short supply throughout Zimbabwe.

Nyadire tracks consumption. The most common drugs can now be purchased in-country. Funds were recently sent to distributor “PCD” for drugs to restock Nyadire’s pharmacy.



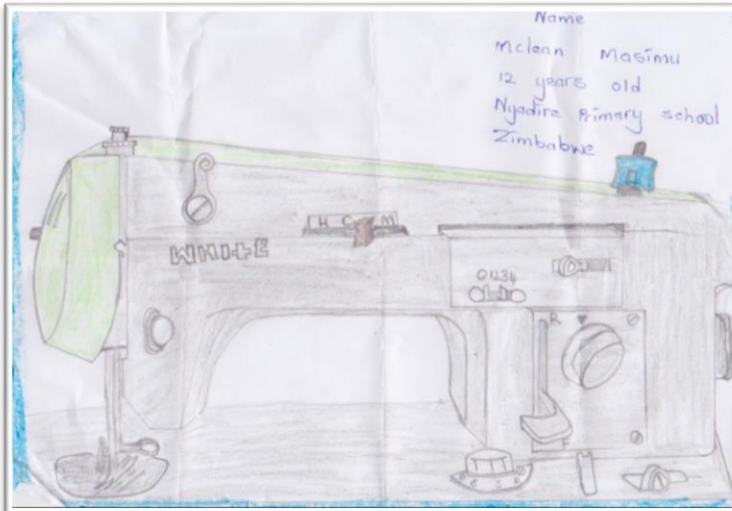
TNC adds new program – GIRL EMPOWERMENT PADS

Bonnie Lawson and **Kathy Surma** are coordinating the newly formed **Girl Empowerment Pads** program whose goal is to provide women and girls with the materials to sew their own reusable sanitary pads. Mt. Lebanon UMC hosted a **Sewing Party** on Sept. 27 and drew over 80 Pittsburgh area girls and women. They cut and assembled kits that will enable girls to sew their own reusable cotton sanitary napkins, so that they do not have to miss school for lack of protection. The kits consist of enough material and linings to make two pads, a pamphlet on personal hygiene, a pair of underwear, a bar of soap. Not only was the event a time for work and fellowship, **Violet Mutasa** spoke and shared a video about Nyadire. The **Mt. Lebanon UMW** recently assembled hygiene kits to complement the pads, and the kits are already packed and ready to go with the next



September Sewing Party

mission trip. The container shipment that was just received contained the first round of supplies for this program. The photo is of girls holding up panties and showing how excited everyone was to receive them. Below is a drawing by one of the students:



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