

Weekly Lenten Calendar 2021 The Nyadire Connection The Beginning



Kelly teaching how donated sonogram machine works to a



18 Pittsburghers who traveled to Nyadire United Methodist Mission in 2006



Bible School program



Working together on construction project

Follow along each week to learn about TNC's varied programs; maybe you will become a TNC volunteer, too!
Each day, read what is written on the calendar for that day and learn something new while you help support TNC's programs!

Ash Wednesday 2/17	Thursday 2/18	Friday 2/19	Saturday 2/20
<p>Have you ever gone to Bible School?</p> <p><i>Give a quarter if you have. Give 2 quarters if you have not.</i></p>	<p>What country is Zimbabwe in?</p> <p><i>If you said Africa, 2 quarters please. Zimbabwe is a country. Africa is a continent.</i></p>	<p>What does the word Tatenda mean?</p> <p><i>Give a dime if you said "Thank You". Give a quarter if you didn't.</i></p>	<p>How many countries touch Zimbabwe's borders?</p> <p><i>Give a dime if you said 4. Give a quarter if you didn't..</i></p>

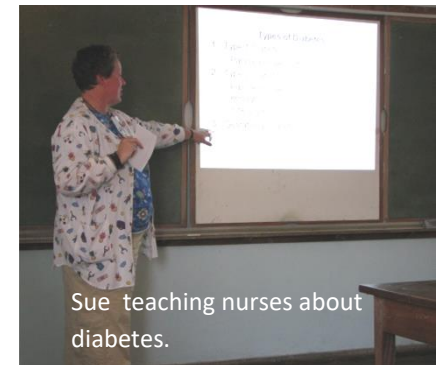
IN THE BEGINNING In 2006, 18 enthusiastic Pittsburghers visited the Nyadire United Methodist Mission in Zimbabwe, in the far southern part of Africa. At the time, no one knew what an incredible and enduring impact this encounter would have on both the community and its current and future visitors. While the folks living in the Nyadire region, an extremely remote rural area, were hard working, circumstances aligned against their attempts to improve their living conditions. The country's economic woes and lack of infrastructure left the mission without dependable water or electrical supply, while the pharmacy shelves were empty. Determined to make a difference, this initial group of travelers formed The Nyadire Connection (TNC) with the goal of supporting the mission as it provides assistance to the tens of thousands of people who depend on its life-sustaining services.

Today, TNC comprises six network churches, coordinates 12 programs focused on health, orphans and education, and provides more than \$250,000 of financial aid annually, in addition to funding the rebuilding of six rural medical clinics. TNC relies extensively on a wide network of sponsors, financial donors and organizations that contribute everything from hospital beds and operating equipment to shipping services for large, ocean-going containers of supplies.

TNC is 100% volunteer, meaning that no one is paid for the hundreds of hours spent administering these programs, and everyone funds their own overseas trips. Central to the TNC mission is Volunteers In Mission (VIM) trips. TNC has organized nearly 50, with more than 130 people making the 8,400 mile journey, most of them multiple times. With so many visits, the breadth and depth of relationships with our friends in Zimbabwe have grown, enabling important collaboration to achieve our goals. Jim Gascoine, pastor of Dutilh UMC made his first trip in 2019. He observed, "(The Zimbabweans) work hard daily to overcome the scarcity, economic problems and lack of resources they face, and they do so with grace, deep joy and a ton of resourcefulness". The travelers from America have much to learn from their host country, even as they reach out to help their friends in Zimbabwe.

Our Goals

- To enter into a long term committed relationship, not a one time "project" with Zimbabwean people. We will learn from each other in order to truly help.
- To enable connections - person to person, church to church, school to school, hospital to hospital.
- To be a partner, dedicated to enabling Nyadire to assist the people of Zimbabwe while enriching the spiritual lives of the people and churches of Western Pennsylvania.
- To focus geographically on Nyadire.
- To support Nyadire's priorities, not our ideas. Nyadire & the Zimbabwe United Methodist Church lead and TNC enables.
- To provide feedback to keep our supporters informed.



TATENDA!